



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 20th September, 2006

1. The Senate met at 10: 10 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 19th September, 2006 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were adopted.

3. **Announcement:**
The Senate President read a letter from the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) as follows:



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EFCC/EC/NASS/06/12

*The Clerk,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.*

**RE: COLLAPSE OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AT THE LOCAL
GOVERNMENT LEVEL IN ENUGU AND MANY OTHER STATES:
INVITATION TO BRIEF THE SENATE**

I write to thank you for the kind invitation to the Executive Chairman of the Commission, Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, to brief your August body.

Mallam Nuhu Ribadu is excited at your invitation but regrets that because he is officially out of the country until Monday, 25th September, 2006, he will not be able to honour the call.

He has asked me to explore any future date that would be agreeable to you before September 30th, 2006 when he is due to be out of the country again.

Mallam Ribadu looks forward with enthusiasm to meeting you and wishes to thank you for the priceless job you are doing in the service of Nigeria's democratic consolidation.

Yours faithfully,

Signed:
DAPO OLORUNYOMI
Chief of Staff to the Executive Chairman
EFCC.

Resolved: That the Executive Chairman, Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) brief the Senate on Wednesday, 27th September, 2006 at 12.00 noon.

4. Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters:

Report on the Screening of Nominees:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Screening of the following nominees as Members of the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC), and approve the recommendations:

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| (i) | Mr. Sunday Olufemi IGE | — | (Ekiti State) |
| (ii) | Barrister Henry Udenze OFUEBE | — | (Anambra State) and |
| (iii) | Jones Nwene OGBONDA Esq. | — | (Rivers State) (Senator Felix O. Ibru). |

Question put and agreed to.

Report Presented and Laid.

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the Screening of nominees as Members of the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC)

Debate:

Nominee Awaiting Consideration:

Jones Nwene **OGBONDA Esq.** (Rivers State) — *Agreed to.*

Nominees Not Recommended for Confirmation:

1. Sunday Olufemi **IGE** (Ekiti State) — *Agreed to.*
2. Barrister Henry Udenze **OFUEBE** (Anambra State) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report Progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Supplementary Report of the Committee on Establishment and Public Service Matters on the screening of three (3) nominees for appointment as Commissioners in the National Assembly Service Commission (NASC) and approved **the** recommendations of the Committee.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved — Resolved in the Affirmative.

5. Committee on National Identity Card and National Population Commission:

Report on the Screening of Nominee:

Consideration of the Report stood down.

6. Committee on Health:

Report on the Federal Medical Centres (Constitution of Board, etc) Bill 2006 (SB. 93): (Presented and Laid on Tuesday, 19th September, 2006)

Motion made and Question Proposed; That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Senate Majority Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRES AND TO PROVIDE FOR UNIFORM ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE, COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARDS THEREOF AND PROVIDE FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Clause 1: Establishment of Federal Medical Centres:

- (1) There are hereby established Federal Medical Centres to be known by the names in Schedule 1 to this Act for the purpose of providing:
 - (a) Secondary health care facilities to complement such as are provided by the governments of the States in which they are situated; and
 - (b) Such facilities for the training of medical and other students as are usually provided by teaching hospitals of nationally and internationally high repute
- (2) For the purposes of the provision of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of this section, each of the Medical Centres shall relate to an associate University, whose medical students may receive aspects of their training from the Medical Centre.
- (3) Such relationship shall be as set out in Schedule 2 to this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Subclause 1 and insert a new Subclause I as follows:

- (1) There are hereby established Federal Medical Centres (in this Act referred to as "Medical Centres") to be known and called by the names assigned in the Schedule to this Act.
- (2) Each of the Medical Centres established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The objects of each Medical Centre shall be to provide tertiary health care
 - services to support such primary health care services as are provided by the government of the state in which they are situated.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "provided by the government of the State and insert the words "available within the catchment area" instead thereof (Senator Oserheimen A. Osunbor) — Agreed to.

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (4) for the purpose of coordination of health services in its medical catchment area, the Federal Medical Centre, may participate in group practice involving other hospitals within the environment." (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2:

Establishment of Management Boards:

- (1) There is hereby established for the management of each Medical Centres a body to be known as the Management Board of the Centre (in this Act hereafter referred to as "the Board") which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal.
- (2) The President may, from time to time, by proclamation published in the Gazette of the Federal Government of Nigeria:
 - (a) Increase, vary or delete the Medical Centres specified in Schedule 1 to this Act; apply the provisions of the Act **to** other Medical Centres that may be created by or come under the control of the Federal Government.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 2 and inserts new Clause 2 as follows: "2(1) There shall be established for each of the Medical Centres to which this Act relates a Management Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board") which shall have responsibility for the management and control of the relevant Medical Centre.

- (2) The President may, from time to time, by a direction, order or declaration published in the Federal Government Gazette -
 - (a) increase, vary or decrease the number of Medical Centres listed in the First Schedule to this Act; **and**
 - (b) apply the provisions of this Act to other Medical Centres that may be established by or come under the control or ownership of the Government of the Federation."(*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3:

Membership of Board:

- (1) Each Board shall consist of a Chairman, who shall be a person of proven integrity and with considerable experience and outstanding ability in administration or in professional or technical education, and shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister.
- (2) Other members of the Board shall include:
 - (a) the Chief Medical Director of the Medical Centre;
 - (b) **the** Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee of the Medical Centre;
 - * (c) **a** representative of the Dean of the Medical School or Provost, College of Medicine of the associate University (schedule 2) by whatever other name called;
 - (d) a representative of the Vice Chancellor of the associate University;
 - (e) a representative of the Senate of the associate University;
 - (f) one representative of the Federal Ministry of Health not lower than the rank of Assistant Director;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the words "lower than" and insert the word "below" instead thereof (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) ~ *Agreed to.*

(g) a representative of the Ministry of Health of the State in which the Medical Centre is situated;

(h) four persons nominated by the Minister representing a wide variety of community interests in health matters, one of whom shall be a medical practitioner not being a person who is a member of the teaching staff of any University.

Committee's Recommendation:

Consequential amendment of certain words: *Leave out* the word "Chief" wherever "Chief Medical Director" appears, and replace the word "centres" wherever the word "hospital" appears (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4:**Tenure of office of members:**

(1) **The** Chairman and any member of the Board other than an ex-officio member shall:

(a) hold office for such period, not exceeding four years, and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "such period, not exceeding" in line 1 and *insert* the words "a period of" (*Senator Patrick Osakwe*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

(b) unless he previously vacates his office, be eligible for re-appointment for one further term of four years:

Provided that nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as entitling any person who has held office as Chairman for a term and who is being re-appointed under this paragraph to be appointed again as Chairman;

(c) be paid out of money at the disposal of the Board such remuneration and allowances in accordance with scales approved in that behalf by the Minister.

(2) The office of a member of the Board shall become vacant if:-

(a) he resigns his office by notice in writing addressed to the Minister;

(b) the period of his appointment has expired; or

(c) there is passed by the Board a resolution declaring:-

(i) that he has become incapable, by reason of mental or bodily infirmity, of discharging his duties,

(ii) that he has become unfit for membership of the Board by reason of the fact that he has an interest in a contract entered into by the Board and has not disclosed that fact;

(in) that he has been absent from three consecutive meetings of the Board without leave of the Board, or

(iv) that he has been convicted of an offence which involves moral turpitude.

- (3) Soon after the office of a member of the Board has become vacant, the authority by which he was appointed shall appoint another person in his place in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

Question that Clause 4 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5:

Appointment of Chief Medical Director:

- (1) There shall be appointed for each Medical Centre a Chief Medical Director who shall be appointed by the President on such terms and conditions as may be determined from time to time by the Federal Government.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the word after "appointed" in line 2 and insert One. words "in accordance with section 3 of this Act (Senator Umaru Dahiru).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

- (2) The Chief Medical Director shall be a person who is medically qualified and registered as such for a period of not less than 12 years, and has had considerable
- (a) administrative experience in matters of health and holds a postgraduate medical qualification obtained not less than five years prior to the appointment as Chief Medical Director;
 - (b) be charged with (he responsibility for the execution of the policies and matters affecting the day-to-day management of the affairs of the Medical Centre.
- (3) There shall be appointed by the Board for the Medical Centre a Director of Administration who shall-

Committee's Recommendation:

- "(3) "There shall be appointed to the Board for the Federal Medical Centre a Head of Administration who shall: *(Senator martyns Yellowe) — Agreed to.*

- (a) by virtue of that office also be the Secretary to the Board;
 - (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director for effective functioning of all the administrative divisions of the Centre;
 - (c) conduct the correspondence of the Board and keep the records of the Centre; and
 - (d) perform such other functions as the Board or the Chief Medical Director, as the case may be, may from time to time assign to him.
- (4) There shall be for each Centre a Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee who shall:-
- (a) be appointed by the Board;
 - (b) be responsible to the Chief Medical Director; and shall be responsible for all the clinical and training/teaching activities of the Centre.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Subclause 4(a) and insert a new Subclause 4(a) as follows:

- "(4) there shall be for each centre a Head of Clinical Services who shall: -
- (a) act as the Medical Director in his absence who shall be appointed by the Board on recommendation of Medical Advisory Committee on such terms and conditions as may be contained in his letter of appointment.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Subclause 5(4) (a) and renumber accordingly (Senator Ike Ekwerendmadu).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to.

Another Amendment Proposed:

Inserts, new Subclause 5(4)(b) as follows:

"act in the absence of the Chief Medical Director" (Senator Lee Maeba),

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation: Inserts

new Subclause 5(5) as follows:

"(5) There shall be appointed by the Board for each centre a Head of Finance and Account who shall -

- (a) be responsible for proper keeping of all financial records of the centre.
- (b) act as a Chief Financial Adviser to the Medical Director of the centre.
- (c) be responsible for preparing and co-ordinating budget activities of the centre.
- (d) perform such other functions as the Board or Medical Director may from time to time assign to him" (Senator Martyns Yellowe) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 5 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6:**Functions and Powers of the Board:**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Board shall have power to appoint (including power to appoint on promotion and transfer and confirmation of appointments), advance, terminate or discipline employees including consultants) holding or acting in any office of the Centre; and any such appointment shall be made having due regard to any personnel establishment approved for the Centre.
- (2) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Act to the contrary, the Board may, from time to time, appoint consultants from the associate University to perform such medical duties as the Board or the Chief Medical Director may assign to such consultants.
- (3) The Board shall have power to lay down general policies and guidelines relating to major expansion programmes of the Centre and the provision of facilities for improving general medical care as well as for the training medical students of the associate University and it shall be the duty of the Board to executive such policies and to keep within such guidelines.
- (4) The Board shall with the approval of the Minister have **power:-**
 - (a) to borrow money;
 - (b) to charge fees for any facilities provided including in particular the provision of tuition treatment, admission and accommodation;
 - (c) to do anything, which in its opinion will facilitate the execution of its functions under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 6 and inserts new Clause 6 as follows instead thereof:

"Functions and Powers of the Board:

- 6.(1) It shall be the duty of the Board -

- (3) **The** Board shall ensure that the standards of clinical practice and teaching provided at all establishments controlled by it do not fall below those of comparable establishments in the country.
- (4) Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power to discipline staff and students engaged at all establishments controlled by itself.
- (5) Subject to this Act, the Board shall have power to do anything which, in its opinion, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of its functions under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions in Clause 7 and renumber subsequent Clauses accordingly

(Senator Martyns Yellowe) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

DISCIPLINE

Clause 8:

Discipline of Clinical, Administrative and Technical Staff:

- (1) *To discipline a member of the clinical, administrative or technical staff of the Centre, other than the Chief Medical Director, whose case shall be referred by the board to the Minister, the Board shall direct the Secretary to:-*

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Director" in line 2, *insert the*, words "whose case would be referred to the Minister" *(Senator Lee L. Maeba).*

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to.

- (a) give notice of those reasons including queries to the person in question;
- (b) afford him an opportunity of making representation in person on the matter to the Board; and
- (c) if the person in question so requests within a period of one month beginning with the date of the notice, make arrangements-
 - (i) for a committee to investigate the matter and report on it to the Board, **and**
 - (ii) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigation committee with respect to the matter, and if the Board, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be disciplined as aforesaid, the Board may so do by a letter signed on the direction of the Board.
- (2) The Chief Medical Director may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Chief Medical Director is prejudicial to the interest of the Hospital, suspend any such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Board.
- (3) Any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated or he may be dismissed by the Board for:-
 - (a) a conviction for any offence which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or

- (b) any physical or mental affliction which the Board, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Board considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Board considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the function of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service.
- (4) Any person suspended shall, subject to sub-section (2) and (3) of this section be on half pay and the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to:-
 - (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so, on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him); or
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person with his full emoluments restored to him with effect from the date of suspension; or
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment person concerned with forfeiture of the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such a person (including the restoration of his emoluments that might have been withheld), as the Board may determine, and in any case where the Board, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Board shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom a disciplinary letter is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the letter to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Board from making such regulations not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act for the discipline of all the categories of employees of the Hospital, and of students in position that the Board may prescribe.
- (7) Regulations made under subsection (b) of this section need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Board shall bring them to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may from time to time determine.

Question that Clause 8 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9:

Discipline of Junior Staff:

- (1) If any junior staff is accused of misconduct or inefficiency, the Chief Medical Director may suspend him for not more than 3 months and forthwith shall direct a Committee :-
 - (a) to consider the case; and
 - (b) to make recommendations as to the appropriate action to be taken by the Chief Medical Director.

- (2) In all cases under this section, the officer shall be given reasonable opportunity to defend himself
- (3) The Chief Medical Director may, after considering the recommendation made pursuant to subsection(1)(b) of this Section, dismiss, or take such other disciplinary action against the officer concerned.
- (4) All objections and protests to the determination of the Chief Medical Director pursuant to subsection (3) above may be lodged in the form of a petition to the Board to consider the case.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellows*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10:

Discipline of Student:

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in any other enactment, where any student of the Hospital appears to the Board to be guilty of misconduct, the Board may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on it by regulations, direct:-
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the Hospital, or make use of such facilities of the Hospital as may be so specified; or
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified **in** the direction be restricted in such manner as may be specified; or
 - (c) that the student be rusticated from the Hospital for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the Hospital.
- (2) A direction under subsection (1)(a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section.
- (3) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of student's activities at any Hospital otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
- (4) In the determination of any act liable for discipline under this section, the Board may delegate its powers to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the Hospital as the Board may nominate.
- (5) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought pursuant to subsection (1)(d) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out of the provisions in Clause 10 and re-number subsequent Clauses (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 11:

Financial Provisions:

- (1) The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister not later than the 30th day of June in each financial year, an estimate of its income and expenditure during the next financial year, which estimates shall be submitted for approval by the National Assembly.

- (2) The Board shall keep proper accounts in respect of each financial year (and proper records in relation to- those accounts) and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than six months after the end of the financial year to which the accounts relate.
- (3) The Board shall with the approval of the Minister have power:-
 - (a) to borrow money; or
 - (b) to charge fees for any services provided by or by arrangement with the Board (including in particular the provision of tuition, treatment, and accommodation).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12:

Annual Report:

The Board shall prepare and submit to the National Assembly, through the Minister and the Presidency, not later than the 30th of June in each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Board during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in such report a copy of the audited accounts of the Board for that year and of the auditor's report thereon.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13:

Bye-laws regulating behaviour of the Public:

- (1) The Board may, with the approval of the Minister, make bye-laws:-
 - (a) as to the access of members of the public either generally or of a particular class to premises under to control of the Board and as to the orderly conduct of members of the public on those premises; and
 - (b) for safeguarding any property belonging to or controlled by the Board from damage by members of the public.
- (2) Bye-laws under this section shall not come into force until they are confirmed (with or without modification) by the Minister and published in the Gazette of the Federal Government.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Subclauses 13(1) and (2) be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to.*

- (3) Bye-laws made under this section may provide that a breach of the bye-laws or of a particular provision of the bye-laws shall be punishable by a specified fine and in default of payment of the fine by imprisonment for such a term as may be specified, not exceeding seven days.
- (4) Bye-laws made under this section shall not apply to any member of the Board and shall not, in their application to a particular institution, apply to an officer or servant of the Board employed in connection with the institution or to a student at the institution.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions in Subclauses 13(3) and (4) (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) *Agreed to.*

Clause 14: Inspection of Institution controlled by the Board:

- (1) The Minister, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, the Director of Medical Services and Training and (on production if so required of his authority) any persons aforesaid may at any time enter and inspect any institution controlled by the **Board**.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions in Subclauses 14(1) and insert the following instead thereof:

"(1) The Minister, the Permanent Secretary of **the** Ministry, the Director of Hospital Services and any person delegated by the Minister may at any time enter and inspect any institution controlled by the Board (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to*.

- (2) The Board shall render to the Director of Medical Services and Training at such times and in such form as he may specify, such statistical and other returns as he may from time to time require.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Subclause 14(2) be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to*.

Clause 15: Mode of giving directions etc.:

Any direction, notice, report, representation or request authorised or required to be given or made by or under this Act shall be in writing and may, without prejudice to any other method of service, be served by post.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions in Clause 15 (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to*.

Clause 16: Power of the Minister to give direction:

The Minister may give to the Board directions of a general character or relating generally to particular matters (but not to any individual person or case) with regard to exercise by the Board of its functions under this Act, and it shall be the duty of the Board to comply with the directions; but no direction shall be given which is inconsistent with the duties of the Board under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17: Savings etc:

All appointments made, or obligations entered into at any time before the date of the making of this Act in any of the Federal Medical Centres specified in the Schedule to this Act shall be deemed to have been made pursuant to the provisions of this Act, or entered into as the case may be.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Martyns Yellowe*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 17 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 18: Interpretations:

In this Act, unless context otherwise requires-

"associate university" means the University under the control of the Federal Government in whose catchment area the Federal Medical Centre is situated and whose medical students may receive aspects of their training from the Federal Medical Centre;

Question, That the words "associate university" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Board" means the Management Board of each Federal Medical Centre;

Question, That the word "Board" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board;

Question, That the word "Chairman " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Function" including powers and duties;

Question, That the word "function " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Junior Staff" means staff of such grade as may be determined from time to time by the Board;

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the words as defined in the Interpretation to this Act (Senator Martyns-Yellowe) — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to Health and teaching hospitals; and

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out all the words immediately after the word "health" (Senator Martyns-Yellowe) — Agreed to.

"Ministry" shall be construed accordingly;

Question, That the word "Ministry" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Student" means a person enrolled at an institution under the control of the Board for the purpose of pursuing a course of instruction at the institution.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the word "student" as defined in the Interpretation to this Act (Senator Martyns- Yellowe) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19:

Short title:

This Act may cited as the Federal Medical Centres (constitution of Boards etc).

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in clause 19 and insert the following instead thereof

"This Act may be cited as the Federal Medical Centres (Establishment, etc) Act, 2006 (Senator Martyns- Yellowe) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 19 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health on the Federal Medical Centres (Establishment, etc) Bill 2006 and approved as follows:

Clause 1	—	As Amended As
Clauses 2 - 3	—	recommended As
Clauses 4 - 5	—	Amended As
Clauses 6 - 7	—	recommended As
Clause 8	—	Amended As
Clauses 9 - 13	-	recommended As
Clause 14	-	Recommended As
Clauses 15 - 19	—	recommended As
Schedule	—	recommended As
Title	-	recommended

Chairman to report Bill.

Question: That the Report of the Committee of the Whole be approved *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed,

7. Adjournment:

Motion made and Question Proposed: That the Senate do suspend other items on the Order Paper and adjourn till Thursday, 21st September, 2006 at 10:00 a. m. (*Senate Majority Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 12. 55p. m.

Ken Nnamani
President of the Senate