



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 1 February, 2007

1. **The House met at 11:10 a.m. Mr. Deputy Speaker read Prayers.**
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday 31, January, 2007.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Petition:**
A petition was received and referred to the House Committee on Public Petitions:
Hon. Umar El - Yakub, from CSP Lawan Ado, praying the House to prevail on the Inspector-General of Police to cause his re-instatement and grant the other reliefs sought in his petition.
4. **Presentation of Report:**
Joint Committee on Marine Transport and Justice:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Joint Committee on Marine Transport and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Promotion of Maritime Safety and Security, Protection of the Marine Environment, Shipping Registration and Commercial Shipping, Maritime Labour, the Establishment of National Maritime Administration and Safety Agency and to Provide for Matters Connected Therewith, 2006" {Hon. Emeka Ihedioha}.

Question put and agreed to. Report

Laid.
5. **Presentation of the Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigerian Act 1990 and Re - Enact the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act, 2005 and Matters Connected Therewith, 2005 (HB. 161):**
Motion made and Question proposed,

On 4 October, 2006 the House passed the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act, 1990 and Re-Enact the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria Act 2005 and Matters Connected Therewith, 2005;

The Senate has passed the same Bill with some differences;

The Conference Committee of the two Chambers met on January 23, 2007; resolved the differences arising therefrom and accepted a harmonized version of the Bill;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for presentation {Hon. Clever Jkisikpo}.

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.

6. Adoption of the Conference Committee Report on a **Bill for an Act to repeal the Minerals and Mining Act, No. 34 of 1999 and Re-Enact the Minerals and Mining Act for the Purposes of Regulating all Aspects of the Exploration and Exploitation of Solid Minerals in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes, 2006" (HB. 87).**

On 7 June, 2006, the House passed the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Minerals and Mining Act, No. 34 of 1999 and Re - Enact the Minerals and Mining Act for the Purposes of Regulating all Aspects of the Exploration and Exploitation of solid Minerals in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes, 2006;

The Senate has passed the same Bill with some differences;

The Conference Committee of the two Chambers met on January 30 and 31, 2007 respectively; resolved the differences arising therefrom and accepted a harmonized version of the **Bill**;

A clean copy of the Conference Report is ready for presentation and adoption;

The House hereby resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Solid Minerals and Mining Act (Repeal and Re - Enactment) Bill, 2007 (*Hon. Ogbuefi Ozomgbachi*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, 2002 by providing among Other Things, an Additional source of Funds for the Agency; and for Connected Purposes, 2007, (HB. 101) — Third Reading:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency Act, 2002 by providing among Other Things, an Additional source of Funds for the Agency; and for Connected Purposes, 2007, be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Question that the Bill be now read the Third Time, put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. **Consideration of Reports:**

(i) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Report on the Petition by Jibrin Danjuma:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Jibrin Danjuma against the Nigeria Police and approve the Recommendation Therein" (*Hon. MoroofAkinwande*).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE (*Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair*)

Debate:

Recommendation:

"Petition by Jibrin Dajuma is dismissed for lack of merit" (*Hon. Moroof Akinwande*).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Jibrin Danjuma against the Nigeria Police and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(ii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Ogbu Linda Uche:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ogbu Linda Uche against the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE *(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*

Debate:

Recommendation:

"The Committee cannot recommend her reinstatement because of her proven gross incompetence" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ogbu Linda Uche against the Federal Housing Authority (FHA) and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(iii) *Committee on Public Petitions:*

Report on the Petition by Sanusi Kawu:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sanusi Kawu against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation (i):

that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development forward Mallam Kawu's retirement documents to the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation *(Hon. Moroof Akinwande).*

Question put and agreed to.

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Recommendation (ii):

upon receipt of the said documents, the Office of the Head of Civil Service of the Federation is advised to process and commence payment of Mallam Kawu's pension benefit without delay *(Hon. Moroof Akinwande).*

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Sanusi Kawu against the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and approved the Recommendations therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Professor C. C. Nweke:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Professor C. C. Nweke against the Vice - Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE (Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation:

"The Committee recommends that Professor C. C. Nweke should await the outcome of the Court proceedings" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of whole considered the Report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Professor C. C. Nweke against the Vice-Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka and approved the Recommendation as amended therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

(v) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Genesis Miebaka:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Genesis Miebaka against the Nigeria Police and approve the Recommendation therein" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Debate:

Recommendation:

"The Committee cannot recommend the reinstatement of Genesis Miebaka into the Police Force" (Hon. Moroof Akinwande).

Question put and agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of whole considered the report of the House Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Genesis Miebaka against the Nigeria Police and approved the Recommendation therein.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide Remuneration for Former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative House and Chief Justices of the Federation and Ancillary Matters (SB. 150) — *Committee of Whole:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider a Bill for an Act to Provide Remuneration for Former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative House and Chief Justices of the Federation and Ancillary Matters" (Hon. Abdul Ningi).

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the Bill, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE (Mr

Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE REMUNERATION FOR FORMER PRESIDENTS,
HEADS OF STATE, HEADS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE HOUSE AND CHIEF JUSTICES OF THE
FEDERATION AND ANCILLARY MATTERS

Debate:

Clause 1: Remuneration of former Presidents, etc.
As from the commencement of this Act, all former—

- (a) Presidents of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "former Presidents" shall be —
 - (i) Paid such amount as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission and approved by the Senate as up keep allowance in addition to the Pension entitlement under section 84 (5) of the 1999 Constitution; and (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Amendments Proposed:

In subclause (a) (i) line 2, *leave out* the word "Senate" and *insert* the words "National Assembly" instead thereof (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

- (ii) Entitled to the perquisites of office as shall be recommended by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*)—*Agreed to.*
- (b) Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "former Vice Presidents) shall be —
 - (i) Paid such amount as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission and approved by the National Assembly as up keep allowance in addition to the Pension entitlement under section 84 (5) of the 1999 Constitution; and (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) —*Agreed to.*
 - (ii) Entitled to the perquisites of office as shall be recommended by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*)—*Agreed to.*

- (c) Presidents of the Senate of the Federal of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "former Senate President" shall be —
- (i) Paid an upkeep allowance as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (ii) Entitled to the prerequisites of office shall be recommendation by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
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- (d) Speaker of House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "former Speaker" shall be —
- (i) Paid an upkeep allowance as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (ii) Entitled to the prerequisites of office shall be recommendation by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (e) Chief Justice of the Federation, Presidents of the Senate of the Federation of Nigeria in this Act referred to as "former Senate President" shall be —
- (i) Paid an upkeep allowance as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) ~ *Agreed to.*
- (ii) Entitled to the prerequisites of office shall be recommendation by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (f) Deputy Senate Presidents or Deputy Speakers of the House of Representatives (in this Act referred to as "former Deputy Senate President" or former Deputy Speaker" respectively) shall be —
- (i) Paid an upkeep allowance as shall be recommended from time to time by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (ii) Entitled to the prerequisites of office shall be recommendation by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission from time to time for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

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

- Clause 2: Allowances to members of families of deceased former Presidents, etc.
- (1) The members of the families of the deceased former Presidents and vice president shall be entitle to annual payments as shall be recommended by Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission and approved by the Senate and in a manner as shall be prescribed by the Senate.
- (2) The allowance specified in sub section (1) of this section shall be applied for the upkeep of the spouse and education of the children of the deceased former presidents and deceased former vice president p to the university level or its equivalent.

- (3) For the avoidance of doubt, the allowance specified in the sub section (1) of the section shall be cease upon the death of the last spouse of the office holder {*Hon. Abdul Ningi*}

Debate:

Amendment proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 2 (Hon. Celestine Ughanze).

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

Clause 3: Annual budget to provide for the remuneration, etc.

The Federal Government of Nigeria shall in its annual budget make provision for the remuneration of the former holders of the offices referred to in this Act (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*)—*Agreed to.*

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

Clause 4: Interpretation.

- (1) **In** this Act unless the context otherwise requires —

"Former Presidents" include former Presidents and Prime Ministers and Heads of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

"Offices referred to in this Act" include the offices of the President, Prime Minister and Vice President, President of Senate, Speaker House of Representatives, Chief Justice, Deputy Senate President and Deputy Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

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Amendment Proposed:

In the interpretation to "Former Presidents" *leave out* the following words "include former Presidents and Prime Ministers and Heads of Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria" and *insert* the following instead thereof "Former Presidents" refer to "all former democratically elected Prime Ministers and Presidents" (*Hon. Abdul Oroh*).

Question put;

The House divided.

Question deferred — 1.26p.m

Resumption of consideration of Question — 2.00p.m.

Resolved nemine contradicente, that pursuant to Section 84(4) and (5) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999, Bill restricted to "Former Heads of Federal Legislative Houses". Consequently, Clause 1(a),(b) and (e) as approved accordingly deleted and the marginal title to read "Remuneration of Former Heads of Federal Legislative Houses "; Clause 3 as approved to read "the Federal Government of Nigeria shall in its annual budget make provision for the remuneration of former Heads of Federal Legislative Houses referred to in this Act".

- (2) , For the avoidance of doubt, the benefits stated in this Act shall not apply to persons removed from any of the offices referred to in this Act by the process of impeachment (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*
- (3) Any person who has held two or more public offices shall be entitled to only the benefits accruing under this Act to the highest of those offices which he has held in order of national precedence (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 5: Repeal of Act No. 32, 1999.

The Remuneration of Former Presidents, and Heads of States (and Other Ancillary Matters) Act No. 32 of 1999 is hereby repealed (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 6: Citation.
This Act may be cited as the Remuneration of Former Federal Legislative Houses and (and Other Ancillary matters) Act, 2007 (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Long Title: A Bill for an Act to Provide Remuneration for Former Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Ancillary Matters 2007.

Question that the Long Title as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

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PERQUISITES OF OFFICE OF FORMER HEADS OF FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE HOUSES ETC.

The Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission shall from time to time recommend appropriate level of perquisites for approval by the National Assembly (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that the Schedule as amended stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Provide Remuneration for Former Presidents, Heads of State, Heads of Federal Legislative Houses and Chief Justices of the Federation and Ancillary Matters. It approved Clause 1 as amended, deleted Clause 2, amended Clauses 3 and 4, approved Clause 5, amended Clause 6, and approved the Long Title to the Bill as amended and the Schedule as amended.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

10. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Periodic Revision of the Law of the Federation of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2004 (HB. Ill) — *Committee of Whole:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Periodic Revision of the Law of the Federation of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith" {Hon. Alex Nwofe}.

Question put and agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of Whole to consider the report, put and agreed to.

HOUSE IN COMMITTEE (*Mr*

Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PERIODIC REVISION OF THE LAW OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

Clause 1: Power of the Attorney-General of the Federation to Periodically revise Laws of the Federation of Nigeria.

(1) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall, at the expiration of a period of 10 years after the last revision of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria or such earlier period as he may deem necessary, cause a revision exercise of the Laws of the Federation or any part thereof to be carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Act.

(2) For the purposes of this section, the Attorney-General of the Federation shall, from time to time, by Order published in the Federal Gazette, appoint a Law Revision Committee (in this Act referred to as "the Committee") which shall consist of a Chairman and such other specified number of members to revise the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria in accordance with the provisions of this Act (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 1 — Agreed to.

- Clause 2: Contents of the revised edition, etc.
- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Section and Section 3 of this Act, the revised edition shall contain —
 - (a) all Federal enactments in force on the appointed day, and all subsidiary instruments made thereunder and in force on the appointed day;
 - (b) all Federal enactments which have been enacted or promulgated but not yet brought into operation on the appointed day and all subsidiary instruments made thereunder; and
 - (c) a table of contents, a chronological table of enactments and an index.
 - (2) The Committee may in its discretion retain, as if it were part of a Federal enactment, any portion of any enactment which is included in the revised edition, if, in its opinion, such portion (in this Act referred to as "the State Law") cannot conveniently be omitted from the revised edition or if, in its opinion, the retention of such portion would be of utility to the Government of any State, notwithstanding that such portion of the enactment does not have effect as a Federal enactment.
 - (3) The Committee shall, in the preparation of the revised edition, take no account of any earlier revised edition of the Law of the Federation including the revised edition prepared under the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation) Act, 1990 but the Committee shall proceed as if no such edition had ever been prepared.
 - (4) The Committee may cause a different form of printing to be used including any electronic or digital form so far as it is practicable, in respect of those enactments included in the revised edition which in its opinion are —
 - (a) Federal enactments;
 - (b) State Laws.
 - (5) Nothing in this section shall empower the Committee to make any alteration or amendment in the matter or in the substance of any Federal enactment, without the approval of the National Assembly (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 2 — Agreed to.

- Clause 3: Power of the Attorney-General of the Federation to authorise omission of certain enactment.
- (1) The Attorney-Genera of the Federation may by Order specify a Schedule of enactments which it shall not be necessary for the Committee to include in the revised edition upon the grounds that such enactments are —
 - (a) obsolescent; or
 - (b) of a temporary nature; or
 - (c) under revision with a view to replacement; or
 - * *id*) of restricted or personal application.
 - (2) Enactments, omitted in accordance with Subsection (1) of this section, shall have the same force and validity as if they had not been omitted in the revised edition (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 3 — Agreed to.

- Clause 4: Powers of the Committee Schedule
- In the preparation of the revised edition, the Committee shall have the powers set out in the Schedule to this Act (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 4 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 5: Validity and operation of the revised edition.

- (1) The revised edition when brought into force in accordance with Section 6 of this Act shall be and be taken by all courts and for all purposes whatsoever to be the authentic edition of Federal enactments enacted on or before the appointed day.
- (2) Nothing in this section shall be constructed to imply the validity of any enactment included in the revised edition where such enactment is inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 5 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 6: Bringing into force of the revised edition.

- (1) Each volume of the revised edition shall be submitted to the Federal Executive Council as and when completed for its consideration and approval.
- (2) When the revised edition has been printed and bound, the Attorney-General may by Order direct that the revised edition come into force on such date as he thinks fit.
- (3) One copy of each volume of the revised edition shall be dated and signed by the members of the Committee and shall be sealed with the public seal of the Federation and the copy shall be transmitted to the Chief Justice of Nigeria who shall deposit the same among, the records of the Supreme Court of Nigeria (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 6 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 7: Expenses.

The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, upon warrant addressed to him by the Minister of Finance, make payment of all expenses for and incidental to the preparation, printing and publication of the revised edition (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provision in the Clause 7 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 8: Act to be reprinted as introduction to the revised edition.

This Act or any Order for the appointment of the Committee shall be reprinted as an introduction to any of the revised edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provision in the Clause 8 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 9: Repeal, etc.

- (1) The Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Act, 1990 is hereby repealed.
- (2) The repeat of the enactment referred to in Subsection (1) of this section shall not affect anything done or purported to have done under the repealed enactment (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 9 — *Agreed to.*

Clause 10: Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires - "appointment day" means 31st day of December, 2002 for the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2002 and in respect of subsequent revisions any day as the Attorney-General of the Federation may appoint by Order published in the Federal Gazette;

"Committee" means the Law Revision Committee established under Section 1 of this Act;

"enactment" means any provision of an Act and includes any subsidiary instrument made under such Act;

"Federal enactment" means —

- (a) any enactment which is or has effect as if it were a law enacted by any Federal legislature in Nigeria with respect to any matter within its competence, and
- (b) any Decree promulgated by any Military Government with respect to any matter whatever;

"the revised edition" means the revised edition of Federal enactments to be prepared under the authority of this Act;

"subsidiary instrument" means any order, rules, regulations, notices, rules of court or by-laws;

"State" means a State as provided under Section 318 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 10 — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Short Title and commencement.

This Act may be cited as the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2004 and shall be deemed to have come into force on the 10th day of September, 2001 (*Hon. Alex Nwofe*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out all the provisions in the Clause 11 — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Periodic Revision of the Law of the Federation of Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith and rejected all the Recommendations.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Whole, put and agreed to.

11. Approval of Votes and proceedings:

Motion made, "That this House do adopt the Votes and Proceedings of This Day, Wednesday, 31 January, 2007 (Hon. Ita Enang)

Question put and agreed to.

12. Adjournment:

And it being 2.21 p.m. the House adjourned till Tuesday, 6 February, 2007 at 10.00 a.m.