



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 21 February, 2007

1. The House met at 2.35 p.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 Tuesday, 20 February, 2007.
By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. Presentation of Reports
 - (i) **Committee on Electoral Matters:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Electoral Act, No.2 of 2006, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007" (Hon. Hamisu Shim).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid. -
 - (ii) **-Committee on Information:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to make Public Records and Information more freely available, - Provide for Public Access to Public Records and Information, Protect Public Records and Information to the Extent consistent with the Public Interest and the Protection of Personal Privacy, Protect Serving Public Officers from adverse consequences for disclosing certain kinds of Official Information without Authorisation and Establish procedures for the achievement of those Purposes and Related Purposes Thereof" (Hon. Halims Agoda),

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid.
 - (iii) **Committee on Appropriations:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do receive the Report of the Committee on Appropriations on Ekiti State Appropriations Bill, 2007" (Hon. Ita Enang).

Question put and agreed to.

Report Laid. .

4. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Charged with Powers of Assessment, Collection of, and Accounting for Revenues Accruable to the Government of the Federation; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007:** *Motion made and Question proposed,*

The House, on Tuesday February 20-, 2007 laid the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Inland Revenue Service, Charged with Powers of Assessment, Collection of, and Accounting for Revenues Accruable to the Government of the Federation; and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007;

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

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Federal Inland Revenue Service (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2007 (*Bon. Idris Umar Abdullahi*).

Question put and agreed to.

5. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007:** —
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House, on Tuesday February 20, 2007 laid the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Companies Income Tax Act 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007; —

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

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Companies Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (*Hon. Idris Umar Abdullahi*).

Question put and agreed to.

6. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act 2004 and for Matters Connected Therewith 2007:** —
Motion made and Question proposed, —

The House, on Tuesday February 20, 2007 laid the Conference Report a Bill for an Act to Amend the Value Added Tax Act 2004 and for Matter Connected Therewith 2007;

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

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the Value Added Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (*Hon. Idris Omar Abdullahi*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. **Adoption of Conference Committee Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Automotive Council Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007:**—
Motion made and Question proposed,

The House, on Tuesday February 20, 2007 laid the Conference Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the — "National Automotive Council Act and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2007;

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

Resolves, to adopt the Conference Report on the National Automotive Council Act (Amendment) Bill, 2007 (*Hon. Idris Umar Abdullahi*).

Question put and agreed to.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Business of Equipment Leasing in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes, 2006 (SB. 76) — Second Reading;**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Business of Equipment Leasing in Nigeria and for Connected Purposes, 2006 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and committed to the Committee of Whole

9. A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition against Discrimination of Physically Challenged Persons, and their development, 2006 (HB. 284) — Second Reading:

Order read; deferred.

10. Consideration of Reports:

(i) Committee on Justice;

Motion made" and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given to the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria Bill, 2007 and approve the Recommendations therein" (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 Enable Effect to be Given to the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2006. - - - - -

Committee Recommendation: —

Clause 1: Approval of the Revised Edition of the LFN, 2004.

The Laws of the Federation of Nigeria compiled and published in 2004 under the authority of the Attorney General of the Federation..and Minister of Justice are hereby approved by - the National Assembly (Hon. Alex Nwofe) — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation: —

Clause 1A Existing Statutes unaffected by inadvertent omission, etc.

Any inadvertent omission, alteration or amendment of any existing statute shall not affect the — " validity and applicability of the statute (Hon. Alex Nwofe) —Agreed Jo.

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

Committee Recommendation: -

Clause 3: Repeal, etc.

The Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Act 1990 is hereby repealed (Hon. - Alex Nwofe) — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation: .

Clause 4: Interpretation.

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Existing statutes" mean any enactment, subsidiary instrument, legislation in force before the _ giving of effect to the provisions of this Act (Hon. Alex Nwofe) — Agreed to.

Question that clause 4 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to. —

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Short Title and Citation.

This Act may be cited as the Revised Edition (Laws of the Federation of Nigeria) Bill, 2007 (Hon. Alex Nwofe) — Agreed to.

Question that clause 5 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 the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Enable Effect to be given to the Revised Edition of the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria Bill, 2007 and approved Clauses 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

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

- (ii) *Joint Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice:*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do Consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies, 2006 and approve the Recommendations therein (Hon. Solomon Agidani).

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

AMEND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LABOUR STUDIES ACT, 1990

Amendment of Principal Act:

Committee Recommendation:

- The National Institute for Labour Studies Act, 1990 (referred to as the "Principal Act") is hereby amended
 ■ as set out herein (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Amendment of Title:

Committee Recommendation:

The title of the Act is amended by *inserting* the name "Michael Imodu" before the word "National" and substituting the word "Director" with the words "Director-General" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 1 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 2:

Committee Recommendation:

Section 2 (a) is amended by *inserting* the word "Labour" in between the words "workers education" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 2 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 3:

Committee Recommendation:

Section 3 is amended by deleting paragraph 3 (a), (e), (d) and (e) thereof and paragraph 3 if) by substituting "two" with "three and the words "Nigeria Labour Congress" with the words "organized Labour". In paragraph (0 substitute the word "Director" with the words "Director-General". In paragraph (h) *insert* the words "academia of the" before the words "Nigerian Universities" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 3 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 4:

Committee Recommendation:

Section 4 is amended by deleting thereof all the words immediately after the word "responsibility" in line 2 and substituting with "for the broad policy formulation and direction of the institute" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 4 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 5:*Committee Recommendation:*

Paragraph 5 (d) is amended by deleting all the words immediately after the word "appropriate" in line 5 and substituting with the words "Government Agencies and or Departments responsible for Establishment, Management Services and Pension" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 5 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 8:*Committee Recommendation:*

The word "Director" is substituted where applicable with the words "Director-General" therein (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 8 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 11:*Committee Recommendation:*

Subsection (1) is deleted and substituted with a new subsection (1) as follows:

"The funds of the institute shall consist of grant by the stakeholders as well as international agencies viz;

(a) The Federal Government of Nigeria

* (b) Other stakeholders such as registered Labour centre and senior staff associations and employers association;

∴ (c) National/International Development Agencies;

' (d) States and Local Government in Nigeria (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 11 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Amendment of Section 12:*Committee Recommendation:*

Subsection (2) is amended by deleting the words "the functions of the Institute" and inserting the words "the Laws of the Federation and" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Section 12 as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Consequential Amendment:*Committee Recommendation:*

Insert the Name "Michael Imodu" before the word "National" as applicable in the Act (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Amendment of Schedule 3 (4):*Committee Recommendation:*

Schedule 3 is amended by deleting section (4) and substituting with the words "Chairman, Director General and three other members shall form a quorum at any meeting" (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*) — *Agreed to.*

Schedule 3 (4) as amended, ordered to stand part of the Act.

Short Title: —" *Committee**Recommendation:*

This Act may be cited as the Michael Imodu National Institute for Labour Studies (Amendment) Act, 2007 (*Hon. Solomon Agidani*), — *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 the Report of the Joint Committee on Labour, Employment and Productivity and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Labour Studies. It approved the Recommendations therein.

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

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourna till Thursday, 22 February, 2007 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Abdul Ningi*).

_ Adjourned accordingly at 3.24 p.m.

Austin Opara
Deputy Speaker _

CORRIGENDUM

In the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 20 February, 2006:

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On page 625 (HOUSE IN COMMITTEE — Amendment Proposed):

In line 2, *leave out* words "Committee on Public Petitions" and *insert* the words "Leadership of the House" "instead thereof.

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