



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 18 February, 2009

1. The House met at 2.55 p.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Tuesday, 17 February, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcement:**
Visitors:
Mr Speaker announced the presence in the Gallery, of Law Students from Delta State University, Oleh Campus.
4. **Petitions:**
The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Public Petitions:
 - (i) Hon. Terngu Tsegba (*Gboko/Tarka Federal Constituency*), from Magdalene Ajer, praying the House to investigate non-payment of the death benefits of her husband by the Nigerian Television Authority for justice to prevail;
 - (ii) Hon. Folake Olunloyo-Oshinowo (*Ibadan South West/North West Federal Constituency*), from O. Adegunwa, Esq. on behalf of 17 families alleged to have been the original owners of the farmland known as "Moor Plantation", Ibadan, praying the House to prevail on the Federal Government to pay compensation for the acquired land;
 - (iii) Hon. Onyekweli Charles Odogwu (*Ndokwa/Ukwuani Federal Constituency*), from Sunday Paul Obiosa, praying the House to investigate the alleged wrongful termination of his appointment by Stanbic Bank Nigeria Limited and grant the reliefs sought therein.
5. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance:**
 - (i) Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Mayor Eze drew the attention of the House to the reckless driving by truck drivers which had been one of the major causes of fatal road accidents in Nigeria. He urged the House to consider it as a matter of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.
 - (ii) Citing Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon. Clever Ikisikpo drew the attention of the House to the spate of kidnapping in the country, especially in the Niger Delta Region and the fears it had generated across the country. He urged the House to consider it as a matter of urgent public importance.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Matter to stand over till the next Legislative Day.

**6. Adoption of the Conference Report on the 2009 Appropriation Bill:
*Motion made and Question proposed,***

The 2009 Appropriation Bill was passed by the House on Thursday, 29 January, 2009 and transmitted to the Senate for concurrence;

The Senate passed the same Bill with some differences;

The Two Chambers met in Conference and adopted a harmonized version of the Bill;

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

And in view of the importance of this Bill to the economic development of the Country;

It is hereby resolved:

That the Conference Report of the 2009 Appropriation Bill be adopted by this Honourable House (*Hon. Ayode A. Adeseun*).

Question put and agreed to.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigrations Act, Cap. 11 LFN 2004 to provide for better control of Expatriate Quota issues in the Petroleum Industry for purposes of advancing Nigerian Content Development in the Petroleum Industry and for Others Matter Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigrations Act, Cap. 11 LFN 2004 to provide for better control of Expatriate Quota issues in the Petroleum Industry for purposes of advancing Nigerian Content Development in the Petroleum Industry and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ike Chinwo*)

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

8. A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Use of Sirens in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Use of Sirens in Nigeria and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Herman Hembe*).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

9. A Bill for an Act to repeal the Nigeria Football Association Act, Cap. N110 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resume consideration of the Bill for an Act to repeal the Nigeria Football Association Act, Cap. N110 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004" (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Question put and agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

*(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)*A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE NIGERIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ACT,
CAP. N110 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004

- Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigerian Football Association.**
The Nigeria Football Association Act is hereby repealed accordingly. The Nigerian Football Association is consequently dissolved (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*) — *Agreed to.*
- Clause 2: Objectives of the Association.**
All rights, interests, obligations, liabilities, assets and other movable and immovable property vested in the Association shall be by virtue of this Bill and without further assurance be vested in the Federal government of Nigeria for use by the Ministry of Sports (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*) — *Agreed to.*
- Clause 3: Citation.**
This Bill may be cited as the Nigerian Football Association (Repeal, etc.) Bill, 2009 (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*) — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole considered the Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigeria Football Association Act, Cap. N110 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and approved the Recommendations therein.

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 a Frame Work for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009:**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Frame Work for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standard for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo).

*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 A FRAMEWORK FOR THE REGULATION, DEVELOPMENT
AND MANAGEMENT OF A NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM AND SET STANDARDS FOR RENDERING
HEALTH SERVICES IN THE FEDERATION, AND OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITHPART I — RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH AND ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES
AND ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL HEALTH SYSTEM**Committee Recommendation:**

- Clause 1: Establishment of the National Health System.**
- (1) There is hereby established for the Federation the National Health System, which shall define and provide a framework for standards and regulation of health services, and which shall —
- (a) encompass public and private providers of health services;
- (b) promote a spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility among all providers of health services in the Federation and any part thereof;

- (c) provide for persons living in Nigeria the best possible health services within the limits of available resources;
- (d) set out the rights and duties of health care providers, health workers, health establishments and users; and
- (e) protect, promote and fulfill the rights of the people of Nigeria to have access to health care services.

(2) The National Health System shall include —

- (a) the Federal Ministry of Health;
- (b) the State Ministries of Health in every State and the Federal Capital Territory;
- (c) parastatals under the federal and state ministries of health;
- (d) all local government health authorities;
- (e) the ward health committees;
- (f) the village health committees;
- (g) the private health care providers; and
- (h) traditional and alternative health care providers (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Functions of the Federal Ministry of Health.

(1) The Federal Ministry of Health shall—

- (a) ensure the development of national health policy and issue guidelines for its implementation;
- (b) ensure the implementation of national health policy;
- (c) collaborate with national health departments in other countries and international agencies;
- (d) promote adherence to norms and standards for the training of human resources for health;
- (e) ensure the continuous monitoring, evaluation and analysis of health status and performance of the functions of all aspects of the National Health System;
- (f) co-ordinate health and medical services delivery during national disasters;
- (g) participate in inter-sectoral and inter-ministerial collaboration;
- (h) conduct and facilitate health systems research in the planning, evaluation and management of health services;
- (i) ensure the provision of tertiary and specialized hospital services;
- (j) ensure and promote the provision of Quarantine and Port Health Services;
- (k) determine the minimum data required to monitor the status and use of resources;

- (l) promote availability of good quality, safe and affordable essential drugs, medical commodities, hygienic food and water; and
 - (m) issue guidelines and ensure the continuous monitoring, analysis and good use of drugs and poisons including medicines and medical devices.
- (2) Without prejudice to the foregoing functions, the Federal Ministry of Health shall—
 - (a) prepare strategic, medium term health and human resources plans annually in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its duties under this Bill;
 - (b) ensure that the national health plans referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall form the basis of —
 - (i) the annual budget as required by the Federal Ministry of Finance; and
 - (ii) other governmental planning exercises as may be required by any other law; and
 - (c) ensure that the national health plans shall comply with national health policy.
- (3) The Federal Ministry of Health shall where necessary provide to State Ministries of Health—
 - (a) technical assistance in the development of state health policies and plans;
 - (b) commodities and technical materials, including methodologies, policies and standards for use in programme implementation including monitoring and evaluation; and
 - (c) other technical assistance as may be necessary.
- (4) The Minister shall supervise the departments and parastatals of the Ministry to enable him carry out the functions assigned to the Ministry by this or any other Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Eligibility for exemption from payment for health services in public health establishments.

- (1) The Minister, in consultation with the National Council on Health may prescribe conditions subject to which categories of persons may be eligible for exemption from payment for health care services at public health establishments.
- (2) In prescribing any condition under subsection (1), the Minister shall have regard to—
 - (a) the range of exempt health services currently available;
 - (b) the categories of persons already receiving exemption from payment for health services;
 - (c) the impact of any such condition on access to health services; and
 - (d) the needs of vulnerable groups such as women, children, older persons and persons with disabilities.

- (3) Without prejudice to the prescription by the Minister, all Nigerians shall be entitled to a guaranteed minimum package of services (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Establishment and Composition of the National Council on Health.

- (1) There is hereby established the National Council on Health (in this Bill referred to as "the National Council" or "Council") which shall consist of —
- (a) the Minister, who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Commissioners responsible for matters relating to Health in the States of the Federation;
 - (c) the Secretary of Health and Human Services in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;
 - (d) Professional Associations:
 - (i) Nigerian Medical Association.
 - (ii) Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria.
 - (iii) National Association of Nurses and Midwives of Nigeria.
- (2) The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health shall be the Secretary to the National Council.
- (3) The National Council shall meet not less than two times in a year.
- (4) The National Council shall have powers to regulate its proceedings (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Functions of the National Council.

- (1) The National Council which shall be the highest policy making body in Nigeria on matters relating to health, shall —
- (a) have responsibility for the protection, promotion, improvement and maintenance of the health of the citizens of Nigeria, and the formulation of policies and prescription of measures necessary for achieving the responsibilities specified under this paragraph;
 - (b) offer advise to the Government of the Federation, through the Minister, on matters relating to the development of national guidelines on health and the implementation and administration of the National Health Policy;
 - (c) ensure the delivery of basic health services to the people of Nigeria and prioritize other health services that may be provided within available resources;
 - (d) advise the Government of the Federation on technical matters relating to the organization, delivery and distribution of health services;
 - (e) issue, and promote adherence to, norms and standards, and provide guidelines on health matters, and any other matter that affects the health status of people;
 - (f) identify health goals and priorities for the nation as a whole and monitor the progress of their implementation;

- (g) promote health and healthy lifestyles;
 - (h) facilitate and promote the provision of health services for the management, prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases;
 - (i) ensure that children between the ages of zero and five years and pregnant women are immunized with vaccines against infectious diseases;
 - (j) coordinate health services rendered by the Federal Ministry with health services rendered by the States, Local Government, Wards, and private health care providers and provide such additional health services as may be necessary to establish a comprehensive national health system;
 - (k) integrate the health plan of the Federal Ministry of Health and State Ministries of Health annually; and
 - (l) perform such other duties as may be assigned to the Council by the Minister.
- (2) The National Council shall determine the time frames, guidelines and format for the formulation of the National and State Health Plans.
- (3) The National Council shall be advised by the Technical Committee established under this Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6:

Establishment and Composition of the Technical Committee of the National Council.

- (1) There is hereby established a Technical Committee of the National Council on Health (in this Bill referred to as "the Technical Committee").
- (2) The Technical Committee shall comprise —
 - (a) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Health who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) all Directors of the Federal Ministry of Health;
 - (c) the Legal Adviser of the Federal Ministry of Health;
 - (d) the Permanent Secretaries and any two Directors of all State Ministries of Health and FCT Department for Health and Human Services;
 - (e) one representative each of the Christian and Muslim umbrella health organizations;
 - (f) one representative each of the Armed Forces Medical Corps; that is, Army, Air Force and Navy;
 - (g) one representative of the Prisons Medical Services;
 - (h) one representative of the Police Medical Services;
 - (i) one representative each of the parastatal of the Federal Ministry of Health;
 - (j) one representative each of all statutory health regulatory agencies or councils;
 - (k) the Chairman of the Committee of Chief Executives of Teaching and Specialist Hospitals and Federal Medical Centres;
 - (l) one representative each of the registered health professional associations including trade-medical practitioners; and

(m) one representative of the private health providers.

- (3) The Federal Ministry of Health shall provide the Secretariat for the administrative activities of the Technical Committee (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Functions of the Technical Committee.

- (1) The Technical Committee shall advise the National Council on its functions as contained in section 5(1) of this Bill and any other matters that the council may refer to it.
- (2) The Technical Committee shall strive to reach its decisions by consensus but where a decision cannot be reached by consensus, the decision of the majority of the members shall prevail and be regarded as the decision of the Technical Committee.
- (3) The Technical Committee may create one or more ad hoc committees of experts in health matters to advise it on any matter with which it is concerned.
- (4) The Technical Committee shall determine the proceedings for its meetings and the quorum for its meetings shall be not less than one third of its membership, including the person presiding at any such meeting (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Establishment of the National Tertiary Hospitals Commission.

- (1) There is hereby established, a body to be known as the National Tertiary Hospitals Commission (in this Bill referred to as the Commission) which shall be a body Corporate, with perpetual succession and a common seal, and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (2) The Commission shall consist of Executive Chairman, who shall be a Medical Doctor of the status of a Professor with a minimum of ten years working experience in a Teaching Hospital set up and the following members, that is —
- (a) the Permanent Secretary or his representative of the following Federal Ministries —
- (i) Health;
- (ii) Finance;
- (iii) Establishment matters, office of the Head of Service of the Federation, and
- (iv) Education;
- (b) the Chairman of the Committee of Chief Executives of Tertiary Hospitals;
- (c) The Registrars of —
- (i) Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria;
- (ii) Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria;
- (iii) Medical Laboratory Science Council of Nigeria;
- (iv) Pharmacists Council of Nigeria;
- (v) Institute of Health Service Administrators;

- (vi) Medical Rehabilitation Board;
- (vii) Radiographers Registration Board of Nigeria;
- (d) five persons appointed on merit to represent the public interest, one of which must be a woman and one a representative of Medical and Health workers union of Nigeria;
- (e) one person to represent the organized private sector; and
- (f) the Secretary of the Commission, who shall be a member and Secretary of the Board (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Functions of the Commission.

(1) The functions of the Commission shall be to —

- (a) advise the President through the Minister on matters affecting the establishment of tertiary hospitals in Nigeria;
- (b) prepare periodic master plans for the balanced and coordinated development of hospitals in Nigeria;
- (c) establish minimum standards to be attained by the various tertiary health facilities in the nation and also to inspect and accredit such facilities;
- (d) make relevant investigations and recommendations to the Federal and State Governments on tertiary health care services in the national interest;
- (e) advise the Federal Government on the financial needs, both recurrent and capital, of tertiary health services and in particular investigate and study the financial needs for training, research, and services and ensure that adequate provisions are made for these;
- (f) set standards and criteria for allocation of funds from the Federal Government, monitor their utilization, source for grants as laid down by the Commission;
- (g) collate, analyse and publish information in relation to tertiary health care services annually;
- (h) lay down broad operational guidelines in all areas of management for use by the Hospital Management Board;
- (i) monitor and evaluate all activities and receive annual reports from the tertiary hospitals, reward performance, apply sanctions and supervise annual peer reviews; and
- (j) carry out such other activities as are conducive for the discharge of its functions under this Bill.

(2) The Minister may give the Commission directives of a general nature not relating to the particular matters with regard to the exercise by the Commission of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Establishment of Primary Healthcare Development Fund.

- (1) There is hereby established a Fund to be known as the National Primary Health Care Development Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Fund").

- (2) The Fund shall be financed from—
 - (a) the consolidated fund of the Federation, an amount not less than two per cent of its value;
 - (b) grants by international donor partners; and
 - (c) funds from any other source.
- (3) Money from the fund shall be used to finance the following—
 - (a) 50% of the fund shall be used for the provision of basic minimum package of health services to all citizens, in primary health care facilities through the National Health Insurance Scheme (NHIS);
 - (b) 25 per cent of the fund shall be used to provide essential drugs for primary healthcare;
 - (c) 15 per cent of the fund shall be used for the provision and maintenance of facilities, equipment and transport for primary healthcare; and
 - (d) 10 per cent of the fund shall be used for the development of Human Resources for Primary Health Care.
- (4) The National Primary Health Care Development Agency shall disburse the funds for items 3 (b, c, d) above through State Primary Health Care Boards for distribution to Local Government Health Authorities.
- (5) For any State or Local Government to qualify for Federal Government block grant pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, such State or Local Government shall contribute —
 - (a) in the case of a State not less than 10 per cent of the total cost of projects; and
 - (b) in the case of a Local Government not less than five per cent of the total cost of projects, as their commitments in the execution of such projects.
- (6) The National Primary Health Care Development Agency shall not disburse money to any—
 - (a) Local Government Health Authority if it is not satisfied that the money earlier disbursed was applied in accordance with the provisions of this Bill; and
 - (b) State and Local Government that fails to contribute its counterpart funding.
- (7) The National Primary Health Care Development Agency shall develop appropriate guidelines for the administration, disbursement and monitoring of the fund (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Establishment, Composition and Tenure of the Federal Capital Territory Primary Health Care Board.

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal Capital Territory Primary Health Care Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board")
- (2) The Board shall comprise —
 - (a) a part-time Chairman;

- (b) an Executive Secretary with experience in health management who shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the organisation;
 - (c) three other full-time members who shall have qualification and experience in human resources, financial management and administration;
 - (d) an Executive Secretary with experience in medical practice, who shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the organization;
 - (e) one part-time member to represent each of the area councils;
 - (f) one representative of private healthcare providers in the Federal Capital Territory; and
 - (g) one representative of the Federal Capital Territory Hospital Management Board.
- (3) The members of the Board shall be appointed by the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Human Services.
- (4) Members of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment.
- (5) The Board shall—
- (a) ensure coordination of planning, budgetary provision and monitoring of all primary healthcare services in the Federal Capital Territory.
 - (b) advise the Minister of Federal Capital Territory and Area Council health authorities in the Federal Capital Territory on any matter regarding primary healthcare services in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (c) recruit, promote, post, transfer, train and discipline staff on grade level 07 and above;
 - (d) pay salaries and allowances to primary healthcare staff;
 - (e) disburse funds provided to it by the National Primary Health Care Development Agency and other sources;
 - (f) undertake capital projects;
 - (g) ensure that annual reports are rendered by primary healthcare facilities in the area council health authorities;
 - (h) ensure annual auditing of accounts of primary healthcare facilities in the Area Council Authorities;
 - (i) consider applications for, and issue Certificate of Needs and Standards appropriate primary health care institution in its area of jurisdiction; and
 - (j) perform such functions as may be assigned to it by the Minister of the Federal Capital Territory or any other recognized authority.
- (6) The Board shall establish and maintain a separate account into which shall be paid monies from the Government of the Federation or any other source (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART II — HEALTH ESTABLISHMENTS AND TECHNOLOGIES

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 12: Classification of Health Establishment and Technologies.****(1) The Minister-in-Council shall by regulation —**

- (a) classify all health establishments and technologies into such categories as may be appropriate, based on:
 - (i) their role and function within the national health system;
 - (ii) the size and location of the communities they serve;
 - (iii) the nature and level of health services they are able to provide;
 - (iv) their geographical location and demographic reach;
 - (v) the need to structure the delivery of health services in accordance with national norms and standards within an integrated and coordinated national framework; and
 - (vi) in the case of private health establishments, whether the establishment is for profit or not; and
- (b) in the case of federally owned tertiary hospitals, determine the establishment of the hospital board and the management system of such tertiary hospital.

- (2) Nothing in the foregoing provision of this section shall preclude the House of Assembly of any State from making laws for that State for the regulation and inspection of private and non-governmental health facilities in that State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 13: Certificate of Standards.**

- (1) Without being in possession of a Certificate of Standards, a person, entity, government or organization shall not —
 - (a) establish, construct, modify or acquire a health establishment, health agency or health technology;
 - (b) increase the number of beds in, or acquire prescribed health technology at a health establishment or health agency;
 - (c) provide prescribed health services; or
 - (d) continue to operate a health establishment, health agency or health technology after the expiration of 24 months from the date this Bill took effect.
- (2) The Certificate of Standards referred to in subsection (1) of this section may be obtained by application in prescribed manner from the appropriate body of government where the facility is located. In the case of tertiary institutions the appropriate authority shall be the National Tertiary Hospital Commission (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 14: Offences and Penalties in respect of Certificate of Standards.**

Any person, entity, government or organisation which performs any Bill stated under section 13 (1) without a Certificate of Standards required by that section is guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine of ₦500,000.00 or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or both (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 15: Provision of Health Services at Public Health Establishments.**

- (1) The Federal Ministry of Health shall not operate or manage any establishment other than a tertiary establishment.
- (2) The Minister, in respect of a tertiary hospital, and the Commissioner, in respect of all other public health establishments within the State in question, may—
 - (a) determine the range of health services that may be provided at the relevant public health establishment; and
 - (b) in consultation with the relevant Treasury, determine the proportion of revenue generated by a particular public health establishment classified as a hospital that may be retained by that hospital, and how those funds may be used.
- (3) The Minister, in consultation with the National Council may prescribe conditions subject to which categories of persons may be eligible for exemption from payment for health care services rendered by public health establishments.
- (4) Without prejudice to any prescription made by the Minister, in terms of subsection (2) of this section, all citizens shall be entitled to a basic minimum package of health services (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 16: Health Services at Non-Health Establishments and at Public Health Establishment other than Hospitals.**

- (1) The Minister in Council may prescribe—
 - (a) minimum standards and requirements for the provision of health services in locations other than health establishments, including schools and other public places; and
 - (b) penalties for any contravention of or failure to comply with any such standards or requirements.
- (2) The Minister may, subject to the provisions of any other law, prescribe conditions relating to traditional health practices to ensure the health and well-being of persons who are subject to such health practices
- (3) Without prejudice to the above the House of Assembly in any State may make laws for the provision of health services at non health establishments in the State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 17: Referral from one Public Health Establishment to another.**

- (1) Subject to this Bill, a user may attend any public health establishment for the purposes of receiving health services.

- (2) If a public health establishment is not capable of providing the necessary treatment or care, the public health establishment in question must transfer the user concerned to an appropriate public health establishment which is capable of providing the necessary treatment or care (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Relationship between Public and Private Health Establishments.

- (1) The Minister shall prescribe mechanisms to ensure a co-ordinated relationship between private and public health establishments in the delivery of health services.
- (2) The Federal Ministry, any State Ministry or any Local Government may enter into an agreement with any private practitioner, private health establishment or non-governmental organisation in order to achieve any object of this Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Evaluating Services of Health Establishments.

- (1) All health establishments shall comply with the quality requirements and standards prescribed by the Minister after consultation with the National Council.
- (2) The quality requirements and standards stated in subsection (1) may relate to human resources, health technology, equipment, hygiene, premises, the delivery of health services, business practices, safety and the manner in which users are accommodated and treated.
- (3) The National Tertiary Hospital Commission shall monitor and enforce compliance with the quality requirements and standards stated in subsection (1) as it relates to Tertiary Hospitals (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

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

PART III — RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF USERS AND HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Emergency treatment.

- (1) A health care provider, health worker or health establishment shall not refuse a person emergency medical treatment for any reason.
- (2) Any person who contravenes this section is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦10,000.00 (ten thousand Naira) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding three months or to both fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Rights of Healthcare Personnel.

- (1) No healthcare personnel shall be discriminated against on account of his status and duties.
- (2) Subject to any applicable law, the head of the health establishment concerned may in accordance with any guideline determined by the Minister, Commissioner or any other appropriate authority impose conditions on the services that may be rendered by a health care provider or health worker on the basis of health status.
- (3) Subject to any applicable law, every health establishment shall implement measures to minimise—
- (a) injury or damage to the person and property of health care personnel working at that establishment; and

(b) disease transmission.

- (4) Without prejudice to section 19(1) and except for Psychiatric patients, a health care provider may refuse to treat a user who is physically or verbally abusive or who sexually harasses him or her, and in such a case the health care provider should report the incident to the appropriate authority (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Indemnity of the Health-Care provider, Office or Employee of a Health Care Establishment.

Subject to not being found negligent, a health care provider or other officers or employees of a health care establishment shall be indemnified out of the assets of the health care establishment against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal in which judgement is given in his favour or is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a health care provider, an officer or employee of a health care establishment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: User to have full knowledge.

- (1) Every health care provider shall give a user relevant information pertaining to his state of health and necessary treatment relating thereto including—
- (a) the user's health status except in circumstances where there is substantial evidence that the disclosure of the user's health status would be contrary to the best interests of the user;
 - (b) the range of diagnostic procedures and treatment options generally available to the user;
 - (c) the benefits, risks, costs and consequences generally associated with each option; and
 - (d) the user's right to refuse health services and explain the implications, risks, obligations of such refusal.
- (2) The health care provider concerned shall, where possible, inform the user in a language that the user understands and in a manner which takes into account the user's level of literacy (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Duty to Disseminate Information.

The Federal Ministry, every State Ministry of Health, every Local Government Health Authority and every private health care provider shall ensure that appropriate, adequate and comprehensive information is disseminated and displayed at facility level on the health services for which they are responsible, which shall include—

- (a) the types of health services available;
- (b) the organisation of health services;
- (c) operating schedules and timetables of visits;
- (d) procedures for laying complaints; and
- (e) the rights and duties of users and health care providers (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 25: Obligation to Keep Record.**

Subject to applicable archiving legislation, the person in charge of a health establishment shall ensure that a health record containing such information as may be prescribed is created and maintained at that health establishment for every user of health services (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 26: Confidentiality.**

- (1) All information concerning a user, including information relating to his or her health status, treatment or stay in a health establishment is confidential.
- (2) Subject to section 26, no person may disclose any information contemplated in subsection (1) unless —
 - (a) the user consents to that disclosure in writing;
 - (b) a court order or any law requires that disclosure; or
 - (c) non-disclosure of the information represents a serious threat to public health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 27: Access to Health Records.**

A health worker or any health care provider that has access to the health records of a user may disclose such personal information to any other person, health care provider or health establishment as is necessary for any legitimate purpose within the ordinary course and scope of his or her duties where such access or disclosure is in the interest of the user (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 27 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 28: Access to Health Records Health Care by Provider.**

- (1) A health care provider may examine a user's health records for the purposes of—
 - (a) treatment with the authorisation of the user; and
 - (b) study, teaching or research with the authorisation of the user, head of the health establishment concerned and the relevant health research ethics committee.
- (2) If the study, teaching or research under subsection (1)(b) of this section reflects or obtains no information as to the identity of the user concerned, it is not necessary to obtain the authorisations contemplated in that subsection (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 28 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 29: Protection of Health Records.**

- (1) The person in charge of a health establishment who is in possession of a user's health records shall set up control measures to prevent unauthorised access to those records and to the storage facility in which, or system by which, records are kept.
- (2) Any person who —
 - (a) fails to perform a duty imposed on them under subsection (1);

- (b) falsifies any record by adding to or deleting or changing any information contained in that record;
- (c) creates, changes or destroys a record without authority to do so;
- (d) fails to create or change a record when properly required to do so;
- (e) provides false information with the intent that it be included in a record;
- (f) without authority, copies any part of a record;
- (g) without authority, connects the personal identification elements of a user's record with any element of that record that concerns the user's condition, treatment or history;
- (h) gains unauthorised access to a record or record-keeping system, including intercepting information being transmitted from one person, or one part of a record-keeping system, to another;
- (i) without authority, connects any part of a computer or other electronic system on which records are kept to—
 - (i) any other computer or other electronic system; or
 - (ii) any terminal or other installation connected to or forming part of any other computer or other electronic system; or
- (j) without authority, modifies or impairs the operation of—
 - (i) any part of the operating system of a computer or other electronic system on which a user's records are kept; or
 - (ii) any part of the programme used to record, store, retrieve or display information on a computer or other electronic system on which a user's records are kept, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a period not exceeding two years or to a fine of ₦250,000.00 or both a fine and such imprisonment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 29 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 30: Laying of Complaints.

- (1) Any person may lay a complaint about the manner in which he or she was treated at a health establishment and have the complaint investigated.
- (2) The Minister, Commissioner or any other appropriate authority shall establish a procedure for the laying of complaints within the areas of the national health system for which the Federal or State ministry is responsible.
- (3) The procedures for laying complaints shall —
 - (a) be displayed by all health establishments in a manner that is visible for any person entering the establishment and the procedure shall be communicated to users on a regular basis;
 - (b) in the case of a private health establishment, allow for the laying of complaints with the head of the relevant establishment;
 - (c) include provisions for the acceptance and acknowledgment of every complaint directed to a health establishment, whether or not it falls within the jurisdiction or authority of that establishment; and
 - (d) allow for the referral of any complaint that is not within the jurisdiction or authority of the health establishment to the appropriate body or authority.

- (4) In laying a complaint, the person stated in subsection (1) shall follow the procedure established by the Minister or a Commissioner, as the case may be (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 30 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IV — NATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH AND INFORMATION SYSTEM

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 31: Establishment, Composition and Tenure of National Health Research Committee.

- (1) There shall be established by the Minister, a National Health Research Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the Research Committee").
- (2)
 - (a) The membership of the Research Committee shall consist of not more than 15 members appointed by the Minister on the recommendation of the various research institutions and other related bodies in the Federation.
 - (b) The membership of this research committee established in terms of this section shall as much as possible reflect the federal character of Nigeria.
- (3) There shall be for the committee —
 - (a) a Chairman who shall be an acknowledged health researcher and be accomplished and renowned in a health discipline.
 - (b) a secretary who shall be the Director of Health Planning and Research in the Federal Ministry of Health.
- (4) A person appointed pursuant to subsection (2) (a) of this section shall —
 - (a) hold office for a term of three years in the first instance and may be reappointed for another term of three years and no more, under such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) vacate his office if he resigns through a letter written under his hand or is requested by the Minister to do so in the public interest.
- (5) The Research Committee shall have the responsibility to —
 - (a) determine the extent of health research to be carried out by public and private health authorities;
 - (b) ensure that health research agenda and research resources focus on priority health problems;
 - (c) develop and advise the Minister on the application and implementation of an integrated national strategy for health research; and
 - (d) coordinate the research Billivities of public and private health establishments.
- (6) The Minister may prescribe the manner in which the Research Committee shall conduct its affairs and the procedure to be followed at its meeting, including the manner in which decisions are to be made and implemented.
- (7) A member of the Research Committee who is not employed on full-time basis in the public service shall in respect of his service as member be paid such remuneration as may be determined by the Minister (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 31 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 32: Research or Experimentation with Human subject.**

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other law, every research or experimentation on a living person shall only be conducted—
 - (a) in the manner prescribed by the relevant authority; and
 - (b) with the written consent of the person after he shall have been informed of the objects of the research or experimentation and any possible effect on his health.
- (2) Where research or experimentation is to be conducted on a minor for a therapeutic purpose, the research or experimentation may only be conducted —
 - (a) if it is in the best interest of the minor;
 - (b) in such manner and on such conditions as may be prescribed; and
 - (c) with the informed written consent of the parent or guardian of the minor.
- (3) Where research or experimentation is to be conducted on a minor for a non-therapeutic purpose, the research or experimentation may only be conducted —
 - (a) in such manner and on such conditions as may be prescribed by the research committee; and
 - (b) with the informed written consent of the parent or guardian of the minor (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 32 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 33: Establishment, Composition, Function and Tenure of National Health Research Ethics Committee.**

- (1) There shall be established by the Minister the National Health Research Ethics Committee (in this Bill referred to as "the National Ethics Committee").
- (2) The membership of the Ethics Committee shall consist of not more than 15 persons which shall include —
 - (a) a Chairman;
 - (b) a medical doctor;
 - (c) a legal practitioner;
 - (d) a pharmacist;
 - (e) a nurse;
 - (f) not less than two religious leaders representing the Christian and Muslim religions;
 - (g) a community health worker;
 - (h) one researcher in the medical field;
 - (i) one researcher in the pharmaceutical field; and
 - (j) three other persons one of whom shall be a woman who in the opinion of the Minister are of unquestionable integrity.

- (3) A member of the Ethics Committee shall be appointed for a term of three years in the first instance and may be reappointed for another term of three years and no more under such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (4) A member of the Ethics Committee shall vacate his office if he resigns or is requested in the public interest by the Minister to do so.
- (5) If a member of the Ethics Committee vacates his office or dies, the Minister may fill the vacancy by appointing a person in accordance with subsection (2) for the unexpired term of office of his predecessor.
- (6) The National Ethics Committee shall have power to determine the guidelines to be followed for the functioning of Institutional health research ethics committees, and for the avoidance of any doubt shall—
 - (a) set norms and standards for conducting research on humans and animals, including clinical trials;
 - (b) adjudicate in complaints about the functioning of health research ethics committees and hear any complaint by a researcher who believes that he has been discriminated against by any of the health research ethics committees;
 - (c) register and audit the Billivities of health research ethics Committees;
 - (d) refer to the relevant statutory health professional council, matters involving the violation or potential violation of an ethical or professional rule by a health care provider;
 - (e) recommend to the appropriate regulatory body such disciplinary Billion as may be prescribed or permissible by law against any person found to be in violation of any norms and standards, or guidelines, set for the conduct of research under this Bill; and
 - (f) advise the Federal Ministry of Health and State Ministries Health on any ethical issues concerning research on health.
- (7) For the purposes of subsection (6)(a), “clinical trials” means a systematic study, involving human subjects that aims to answer specific questions about the safety or efficacy of a medicine or method of prevention and treatment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 33 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 34: Establishment and functions of health research ethics committees.

- (1) Every institution, health agency and health establishment at which health research is conducted, shall establish or have access to a health research ethics committee, which is registered with the National Ethics Committee.
- (2) A health research ethics committee shall—
 - (a) review research proposals and protocols in order to ensure that research conducted by the relevant institution, agency or establishment will promote health, contribute to the prevention of communicable or non-communicable diseases or disability or result in cures for communicable or non-communicable diseases; and
 - (b) grant approval for research by the relevant institution, agency or establishment in instances where research proposals and protocol meet the ethical standards of that health research ethics committee.

- (c) perform other functions that may be referred to it by the Minister (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 34 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 35: Coordination of National Health Information System.

- (1) The Federal Ministry of Health shall facilitate and co-ordinate the establishment, implementation and maintenance by State Ministries, Local Government Health Authorities and the private health sector of health information systems at national, state and local government levels in order to create a comprehensive National Health Information System.
- (2) The Minister may, for the purpose of creating, maintaining or adapting databases within the national health information system desired in subsection (1), of this section prescribe categories or kinds of data for submission and collection and the manner and format in which and by whom the data is to be compiled or collated and shall be submitted to the Federal Ministry of Health.
- (3) The Minister and Commissioners shall publish annual reports on the state of health of the citizenry and the health system of Nigeria including the States thereof (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 35 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 36: Duties of a FCT as regards Health Information.

The Secretary of Health and Human Services shall by this Bill establish a committee for FCT to maintain, facilitate and implement the health information systems under section 34 (1) of this FCT and Area Council levels (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 36 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 37: Duties of FCT Area Councils.

Each Area Council, which provides health services shall establish and maintain a health information system as part of the national health information system as specified under section 34 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 37 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 38: Duties of Private Healthcare Providers.

- (1) All private health care providers shall—
 - (a) establish and maintain a health information system as part of the national health information system as specified under section 34(1) of this Bill; and
 - (b) ensure compliance with the provision of sub-section (1)(a) as a condition necessary for the grant or renewal of the Certificate of Standards.
- (2) Any private health care provider that neglects or fails to comply with the provision of subsection (1) of this section shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to imprisonment for a term of six months or a fine of ₦50,000.00.
- (3) Nothing in the foregoing precludes a State Assembly from making laws with regards to health information system for that State and the Local Government Areas and the private health sector within that State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 39: National Formulary Control of Safety of Drugs and Food Supply.**

- (1) There shall be a compendium of drugs approved for use in health facilities throughout the Federation- (in this Bill referred to as the "National Formulary") which shall be under the dynamic periodic review of the National Council.
- (2) Indigenous and local manufacture and production of as many items in the formulary as practicable shall be encouraged.
- (3) There shall be for the Federation, a body to be known as the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control which shall have responsibility for determining the safety, propriety, effectiveness, potency or otherwise of drugs, chemicals and foods manufactured, produced in or imported into Nigeria (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 39 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 40: National Health Insurance Scheme.**

- (1) There shall be established a National Health Insurance Scheme, hereinafter called "the National Insurance Scheme", which shall be made operational in all health facilities and services throughout the Federation, and in accredited private health facilities in parts thereof.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Council to ensure the widest possible catchment for the Scheme throughout the Federation or any part thereof.
- (3) The Minister may, subject to conditions as may be reviewed from time to time, give direction and determine persons eligible for exemption from payment of health services at public health establishments.
- (4) Nothing in this section of the Bill shall be prejudicial to the powers of the House of Assembly of a State to make laws for that State to regulate the implementation of the Scheme, as well as exemptions for payment of health services in that State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 40 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V — HUMAN RESOURCES FOR HEALTH**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 41: Development and Provision of Human Resources in National Health System.**

- (1) The National Council shall develop policy and guidelines for, and monitor the provision, distribution, development, management and utilisation of, human resources within the national health system.
- (2) The policy and guidelines stated in subsection (1) shall amongst other things facilitate and advance—
 - (a) the adequate distribution of human resources;
 - (b) the provision of appropriately trained staff at all levels of the national health system to meet the population's health care needs; and
 - (c) the effective and efficient utilisation, functioning, management and support of human resources within the national health system (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 41 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 42: Appropriate Distribution of Health Care Providers.**

The Minister, with the concurrence of the National Council shall determine guidelines that will enable the State Ministries and Local Governments to implement programmes for the appropriate distribution of health care providers and health workers (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 42 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 43: Regulations Relating to management of Human Resources in the Health System.**

The Minister shall make regulations with regard to human resources management within the national health system in order to—

- (a) ensure that adequate resources are available for the education and training of health care personnel to meet the human resources requirements of the national health system;
- (b) ensure the education and training of health care personnel to meet the requirements of the national health system, including the prescription of a re-certification programme through a system of continuing professional development;
- (c) create new categories of health care personnel to be educated or trained;
- (d) identify shortages of key skills, expertise and competences within the national health system, and prescribe strategies which are not in conflict with any other existing legislation, for the—
 - (i) education and training of health care providers or health workers in the Federation, to make up for any shortfall in respect of any skills, expertise and competences; and
 - (ii) recruitment of health care personnel from other countries,
- (e) prescribe strategies for the recruitment and retention of health care personnel within the national health system and from anywhere outside Nigeria;
- (f) ensure the existence of adequate structures for human resources planning, development and management at national, state and local government levels of the national health system;
- (g) ensure the availability of institutional capacity at state and local governments levels of the national health system to plan for, develop and manage human resources;
- (h) ensure the definition and clarification of the roles and functions of the Federal Ministry of Health, state ministries of health and local government health authorities with regard to the planning, production and management of human resources; and
- (i) prescribe circumstances under which health care personnel may be recruited from other countries to provide health services in the Federation (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 43 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 44: Training Institutions.**

- (1) The National Assembly may make laws in respect of the establishment and management of Health Training Institutions as well as the prescription of a minimum standard of quality and content of training and teaching in such institutions for personnel in all cadres in the health services of the Federation.
- (2) The National Council shall ensure that there is adequate plan for manpower development throughout the federation or any part thereof to keep pace with evolving trends of expansion and improvement in health care delivery.

- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsections (1) and (2) of this section, the House of Assembly of any State may make laws for the establishment of any institution for training and teaching of Health personnel in cadres as may be determined by the National Council (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 44 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: Industrial Health.

- (1) The National Assembly may make laws for the Federation or any part thereof with respect to the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in factories, and industrial and commercial outfits.
- (2) The National Council shall ensure that the provisions made for industrial health and safety pursuant to subsection (1) of this section are complied with throughout the federation or any part thereof.
- (3) The House of Assembly of any State shall have powers to make laws to enforce compliance with the provisions of this section in that State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 45 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: Industrial Dispute.

- (1) Without prejudice to the right of all cadres and all groups of Health Professionals to demand for better conditions of service, health services shall be classified as Essential Service, and subject to the provisions of the relevant law.
- (2) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, industrial disputes in the public sector of Health shall be treated seriously and shall on no account cause the total disruption of health services delivery in public institutions of health in the federation or in any part thereof.
- (3) Where the disruption of health services has occurred in any sector of National Health System, the Minister-in-Council shall apply all reasonable measures to ensure a return to normalcy of any such disruption within fourteen days of the occurrence thereof (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 46 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: Medical Treatment Abroad.

Without prejudice to the right of any Nigerian to seek investigation and treatment anywhere within and outside Nigeria, no public officer of the government of the federation or any part thereof shall be sponsored for medical investigation or treatment abroad at public expense except in exceptional cases on the recommendation and referral by relevant expertise in respect of the investigation in Nigeria, and which recommendation or referral shall be duly approved by the Minister or the Commissioner of Health of the State as the case may be (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

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

PART VI — CONTROL OF USE OF BLOOD, BLOOD PRODUCTS, TISSUE AND GAMETES IN HUMANS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Establishment of National Blood Transfusion Services.

- (1) The Minister shall establish a National Blood Transfusion Service for the Federation.
- (2) The Minister shall make regulations for the establishment and maintenance of the National Blood Transfusion Service.

- (3) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (1) of this section, the States may set up Blood Transfusion Service as they find appropriate within their jurisdiction (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 48 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: Removal of Tissue, Blood or Blood Products from Living persons.

A person may not remove tissue, blood or a blood product from the body of another living person for any purpose unless it is done—

- (a) with the informed and written consent of the person from whom the tissue, blood or a blood product are removed granted in the prescribed manner; and
- (b) in accordance with prescribed conditions by the appropriate authority (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 49 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 50: Use of Tissue, Blood or Blood Products removed or withdrawn from living persons.

- (1) A person may use tissue removed or blood or a blood product withdrawn from a living person only for such medical or dental purposes as may be prescribed.
- (2) The following tissue, blood or blood products may not be removed or withdrawn from a living person for any purpose stated in subsection (1)—
- (i) tissue, blood or a blood product from a person who cannot give consent; or
- (ii) tissue which is not replaceable by natural processes from a person younger than 18 years (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 50 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 51: Prohibition of Reproductive, therapeutic Cloning of Human Kind.

- (1) A person shall not without the prior written approval of the Minister—
- (a) manipulate any genetic material, including genetic material of human gametes, zygotes or embryos; or
- (b) engage in any Billivity, including nuclear transfer or embryo splitting, for the purpose of the reproductive cloning of a human being.
- (2) No person shall import or export human zygotes or embryos without the prior written approval of the Minister on the recommendation of National Ethics Research Committee.
- (3) Any person who contravenes a provision of this section or who fails to comply therewith is guilty of an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a minimum of five years with no option of fine
- (4) For the purpose of this section—
- (a) “reproductive cloning of a human being” means the manipulation of genetic material in order to achieve the reproduction of a human being and includes nuclear transfer or embryo splitting for such purpose; and
- (b) “therapeutic cloning” means the manipulation of genetic material from adult, zygotic or embryonic cells in order to alter, for therapeutic purposes, the function of cells or tissues (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Amendment Proposed:

In clause 51, subclause (1) *leave out* the words “without the prior written approval of the Minister” (*Hon Samaila Mohammed*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to

Question that Clause 51 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 52: Removal and Transplantation of Human Tissue in Hospital.

- (1) A person shall not remove tissue from a living person for transplantation in another living person or carry out the transplantation of such tissue except—
 - (a) in a hospital authorised for that purpose; and
 - (b) on the written authority of—
 - (i) the medical practitioner in charge of clinical services in that hospital or any other medical practitioner authorised by him or her; or
 - (ii) in the case where there is no medical practitioner in charge of the clinical services at that hospital a medical practitioner authorised thereto by the person in charge of the hospital.
- (2) The medical practitioner stated in subsection (1) (b) shall not be the lead participant in a transplant for which he has granted authorisation under that subsection (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 52 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 53: Removal, Use or Transplantation of Tissue and Administering of Blood and Blood Products by Medical Practitioner or Dentist.

- (1) Only a registered medical practitioner or dentist may remove any tissue from a living person, use tissue so removed for any of the purposes stated in this Bill or transplant tissue so removed into another living person.
- (2) Only a registered medical practitioner or dentist, or a person Billing under the supervision or on the instructions of a medical practitioner or dentist, may administer blood or a blood product to, or prescribe blood or a blood product for, a living person (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 54: Payment in Connection with the Importation, Acquisition or Supply of Tissue, Blood or Blood Product.

- (1) It is an offence for a person —
 - (a) who has donated tissue, blood or a blood product to receive any form of financial or other reward for such donation, except for the reimbursement of reasonable costs incurred by him or her to provide such donation; and
 - (b) to sell or trade in tissue, blood or blood products, except as provided for in this Bill.
- (2) Any person found guilty of an offence under subsection (1) is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦100,000 (one hundred thousand Naira) or to imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 54 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 55: Allocation and Use of Human Organs.

- (1) Human organs obtained from deceased persons for the purpose of transplantation or treatment, or medical or dental training or research, shall only be used in the prescribed manner.

- (2) Human organs obtained under subsection (1) shall be allocated in accordance with the prescribed procedures.
- (3) The National Tertiary Hospital Commission shall prescribe—
 - (a) criteria for the approval of organ transplant facilities; and
 - (b) procedural measures to be applied for such approval.
- (4) A person who contravenes a provision of this section or fails to comply therewith or who charges a fee for a human organ is guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a minimum of five years without option of fine (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 55 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 56: Donation of Human Bodies and Tissue of Deceased Persons.

- (a) A person who is competent to make a will may—
 - (i) in the will; or
 - (ii) in a document signed by him and at least two competent witnesses; or
 - (iii) in a written statement made in the presence of at least two competent witnesses,donate his or her body or any specified tissue thereof to be used after his or her death, or give consent to the post mortem examination of his or her body, for any purpose provided for in this Bill.
- (b) A person who makes a donation as stated in paragraph (a) above may nominate an institution or a person as donee (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 56 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 57: Purposes of Donation of body, tissue etc.

- (1) A donation under section 55 may only be made for the purposes of—
 - (a) training of students in health sciences;
 - (b) health research;
 - (c) advancement of health sciences;
 - (d) therapy including the use of tissue in any living person; or
 - (e) production of a therapeutic, diagnostic or prophylactic substance.
- (2) This Bill does not apply to the preparation of the body of a deceased person for the purposes of embalming it, whether or not such preparation involves the—
 - (a) making of incisions in the body for the withdrawal of blood and the replacement thereof by a preservative; or
 - (b) restoration of any disfigurement or mutilation of the body before its burial (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 57 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 58: Procedure for revocation of any donation.

A donor may, prior to the removal for transplantation of the relevant organ into the donee, revoke a donation in the same way in which it was made or, in the case of a donation by way of a will or other document, also by the intentional destruction of that will or document (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 58 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART VII — REGULATIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 59: Regulations.

The Minister, after consultation with the National Council, shall make regulations with regard to any other matter which is necessary or expedient to prescribe in order to implement this Bill (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in clause 59 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"The Minister in consultation with the National Council may make regulations with regards to any other matters which is reasonably necessary or expedient to prescribe in the implementation of this Bill" (*Hon Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question that the amendment be made put and agreed to

Question that Clause 59 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 60: Powers of Minister to appoint Committees.

- (1) The Minister may, after consultation with the National Council, establish such number of advisory and technical committees as may be necessary to achieve the objects of this Bill.
- (2) When establishing an advisory or technical committee, the Minister may determine by notice or circular—
 - (a) its composition, functions and working procedure; and
 - (b) any incidental matters relating to that advisory or technical committee (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 60 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 61: Assignment of Duties and delegation of powers.

- (1) The Minister may assign any duty and delegate any power imposed or conferred upon him by this Bill, except the power to make regulations to:
 - (a) any person in the employ of the Federal Government; or
 - (b) any council, board or committee established in terms of this Bill.
- (2) A Commissioner may assign any duty and delegate any power imposed or conferred upon him or her by this Bill, except the power to make regulations to any officer in the relevant State Ministry or any Council, Board or Committee established in terms of this Bill.
- (3) The Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry may assign any duty and delegate any power imposed or conferred upon him or her by this Bill to any official in the Federal Ministry.
- (4) The Permanent Secretary of a State Ministry may assign any duty and delegate any power imposed or conferred upon him or her in terms of this Bill to any official of that State Ministry of Health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 61 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 62: Savings and transitional provisions.

- (1) Anything done before the commencement of this Bill under a provision of any other relevant Bill or regulation which could have been done under a provision of this Bill shall be regarded as having been done under the corresponding provision of this Bill.

- (2) The Minister may prescribe such further transitional arrangements as may be necessary in the circumstance (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 62 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 63: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires—

"appropriate authority" means any other authority apart from the Minister, Commissioner, Executive Secretary, Chairmen of Boards or Chairman of Agency (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "appropriate authority" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"basic minimum package" means the set of health services as may be prescribed from time to time by the Minister after consultation with the National Council on Health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "basic minimum package" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"blood product" means any product derived or produced from blood, including circulating progenitor cells, bone marrow progenitor cells and umbilical cord progenitor cells (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "blood product" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"certificate of standards" means a certificate under section 14 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "certificate of standards" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Commissioner" means the Commissioner of a State responsible for health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Commissioner" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"communicable disease" means a disease resulting from an infection due to pathogenic agents or toxins generated by the infection, following the direct or indirect transmission of the agents from the source to the host (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "communicable disease" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Constitution" means the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Constitution" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"death" means brain death (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "death" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"embryo" means a human offspring in the first eight weeks from conception (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "embryo" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“Federal Ministry” means the Federal Ministry of Health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words “Federal Ministry” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“gamete” means either of the two generative cells essential for human reproduction (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word “gamete” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“gonad” means a human testis or human ovary (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word “gonad” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“health agency” means any person other than a health establishment—

- (a) whose business involves the supply of health care personnel to users or health establishments;
- (b) who employs health care personnel for the purpose of providing health services; or
- (c) who procures health care personnel or health services for the benefit of a user, and includes a temporary employment service involving health workers or health care providers (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words “health agency” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“healthcare personnel” means health care providers and health workers (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words “healthcare personnel” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“healthcare provider” means a person providing health services under Act of Law (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words “healthcare provider” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“health establishment” means the whole or part of a public or private institution, facility, building or place, whether for profit or not, that is operated or designed to provide inpatient or outpatient treatment, diagnostic or therapeutic interventions, nursing, rehabilitative, palliative, convalescent, preventative or other health service under section 13 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words “health establishment” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“health research” includes any research which contributes to knowledge of—

- (a) the biological, clinical, psychological or social processes in human beings;
- (b) improved methods for the provision of health services;
- (c) human pathology;
- (d) the causes of disease;
- (e) the effects of the environment on the human body;
- (f) the development or new application of pharmaceuticals, medicines and related substances; and

- (g) the development of new applications of health technology (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "health research" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"health research ethics committee" means any committee established under section 35 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "health research ethics committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"health services" means health care services that are preventive, protective, promotive, curative and rehabilitative in respect of physical mental and social well being (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "health services" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"health technology" means machinery or equipment that is used in the provision of health services, but does not include medicine as defined in the Drugs and Related Products Registration etc Act. No. 19 of 1993 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "health technology" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"health worker" means any person who is involved in the provision of health services to a user, but does not include a health care provider (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "health worker" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"hospital" means a health establishment which is classified as a hospital by the Minister under section 13 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "hospital" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"National Council on Health" means the Council established by section 5 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Council on Health" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"national health policy" means all policies relating to issues of national health as approved by the Federal Executive Council on the advice of the National Council on Health through the Minister (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "national health policy" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"National Health Research Committee" means the Committee established under section 34 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Health Research Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"National Health Research Ethics Committee" means the Committee established under section 35 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Health Ethics Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"National health system" means the system within the Federal Republic of Nigeria, whether in the public or private sector, concerned with the financing, provision or delivery and regulation of health services (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National health system" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"non-communicable disease" means a disease or health condition that cannot be contracted from another person, an animal or directly from the environment (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "non-communicable disease" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"norm" means a statistical normative rate of provision or measurable target outcome over a specified period of time (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "norm" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"NPHCDA" means the National Primary Health Care Development Agency established under section 11 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the initials "NPHCDA" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Office of Standards Compliance" means the Office established under this Act (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Office of Standards Compliance" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"oocyte" means a developing human egg cell (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "oocyte" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"organ" means any part of the human body adapted by its structure to perform any particular vital function, including the eye and its accessories, but does not include skin and appendages, flesh, bone, bone marrow, body fluid, blood or a gamete (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "organ" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Permanent Secretary" means the administrative head of the Federal Ministry of Health or a State Ministry of Health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Permanent Secretary" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"premises" means any building, structure or tent together with the land on which it is situated and the adjoining land used in connection with it and includes any land without any building, structure or tent and any vehicle, conveyance or ship (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "premises" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"prescribed" means prescribed by regulation made under section 62 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "prescribed" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"primary healthcare services" means such health services as may be prescribed by the Minister to be primary health care services (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "primary healthcare services" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"private health establishment" means a health establishment that is not owned or controlled by an organ of State (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "private health establishment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"public health establishment" means a health establishment that is owned or controlled by a government body (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "public health establishment" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"rehabilitation" means a goal-orientated and time-limited process aimed at enabling impaired persons to reach an optimum mental, physical or social functional level (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "rehabilitation" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"State Ministry" means any State Ministry responsible for health (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "State Ministry" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"Statutory Health Professional Council" means a professional regulatory body established by an Act or Law, "Technical Committee" means the committee under section 7 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Statutory Health Professional Council" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"tertiary hospital" means a public or private hospital approved by the National Tertiary Hospital Commission to provide health services at a tertiary specialist level of care (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "tertiary hospital" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"this Bill" includes any regulation made thereunder (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the words "this Bill" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"tissue" means human tissue, and includes flesh, bone, a gland, an organ, skin, bone marrow or body fluid, but excludes blood or a gamete (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "tissue" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

"use" in relation to tissue, includes preserve or dissect (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word "use" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“user” means the person receiving treatment in a health establishment, including receiving blood or blood products, or using a health service, and if the person receiving treatment or using a health service is—

- (a) below the majority age, “user” includes the person's parent or guardian or another person authorised by law to act on the first mentioned person's behalf; or incapable of taking decisions, “user” includes the person's spouse, or
- (b) in the absence of such spouse, the person's parent, grandparent, adult child, brother, sister, or
- (c) another person authorised by law to act on the first mentioned person's behalf (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word “user” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

“zygote” means the product of the union of a male and a female gamete (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*).

Question that the meaning of the word “zygote” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill, put and agreed to.

Question that Clause 63 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 64: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Health Bill, 2009 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 64 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide a Frame Work for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 (*Hon. Ojomo-Alaba Oladoyinbo*) — Agreed to.

Question that a Bill for an Act to Provide a Frame Work for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be the Long Title 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 House Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Frame Work for the Regulation, Development and Management of a National Health System and set Standards for Rendering Health Services in the Federation, and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 and approved Clauses 1 - 50, amended Clause 51, approved Clauses 52 - 58, amended Clause 59, approved Clauses 60 - 64 and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

11. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Thursday, 19 February, 2009 at 10.00 a.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 6.00 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker