



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 5 May, 2009

1. The House met at 10.55 a.m. Mr Speaker read Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 30 April, 2009.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.
3. **Announcements:**
 - (i) **Referrals:**
Mr Speaker made the following referrals:
 - (a) 2009 Budget Proposal for the Niger-Delta Development Commission, (NDDC); referred to the Joint Committee on Niger Delta Development Commission and Ministry of Niger Delta;
 - (b) 2009 Budget Proposal for Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC); referred to the Committee on Communication.
 - (ii) **Outstanding Committee Reports:**
Mr Speaker called on the Chairmen of Committees whose reports were yet to be presented to meet with the House Leader and the Deputy House Leader.
 - (iii) **Withdrawal of Police Orderlies to Judges, Magistrates and Members of the National Assembly:**
Sequel to the Resolution of the House of 26 March, 2009 which mandated the House Leadership to confer with Mr President for amicable resolution of the above matter, the Leadership met with the Hon. Minister of Police Affairs and Inspector-General of Police, and resolved that:
 - (i) Security Aides of all the Principal Officers be restored immediately;
 - (ii) Members in need of Security Aides should submit their names to the Secretary of Police Affairs Committee within one week;
 - (iii) The Police reserve the rights to offer their personnel to Honourable Members.
4. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance:**
Pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 4, Hon Mayor Okwudili Eze invited the attention of the House to the prevailing fuel scarcity across the country and noted that the scarcity was becoming a national embarrassment requiring urgent intervention of the House. He urged the House to consider the development as a Matter of Urgent Public Importance.

Question that the House do consider the matter as one of urgent public importance, put and agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith, put and agreed to.

5. Prevalent Fuel Scarcity in the Country:

The House:

Notes that the ongoing fuel scarcity is said to have been caused by the Petroleum Marketers who stopped the importation of products due to the refusal of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to pay ₦210 billion to the Petroleum Equalisation Fund (PEF), as Petroleum Price Support Fund and subsidies for the importation of refined fuel products;

Observes that this has necessitated the utilization of NNPC supplies to meet the needs of all marketers;

Further notes that other reasons advanced as the causes of the scarcity were the Petroleum Tanker Drivers' strike from 13th to 21st April, 2009 and the shutdown of Loading Bay at Apapa, Lagos, following a dispute between Petroleum Tanker Drivers and the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LATsMA), as well as Vandals attack on the Petroleum Products Marketers Corporation's (PPMC) major pipeline system (System 2B) which moves products from Atlas Cove to Mosimi, Ejigbo, Ibadan, Ilorin and Ore pipelines which have effectively shut down PPMC's capacity to move product by about 30%, a minimum of up to 380 trucks per day;

Aware that President Yar'Adua had in March, 2009 given directive that marketers be paid ₦126 billion of their claims so that they could have money to do business, but up till now nothing has been done;

Worried that it is further alleged that 80 per cent of the bridging of petroleum products to the Northern States has stopped because government is yet to pay ₦6.6 billion in marketers' bridging claims;

Conscious of the economic costs of dry Filling Stations and the hardship being faced by Nigerians.

Resolves to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to immediately intervene and restore normal fuel supply to States;
- (ii) Further urge the Federal Government to reactivate the nation's refineries and also encourage the establishment of private refineries (*Hon. Mayor Eze*).

Debate:

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"that this House invite the Hon. Minister of Petroleum Resources and the Managing Director, NNPC to come and brief this House on the current crisis and what they have done so far, and answer questions from Honourable Members (*Hon. Ubale J. Kiru*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"that the investigation ordered by this House into NNPC be carried out and the report brought before this House for consideration" (*Hon. Ubale J. Kiru*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iii) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"That a Four-man Committee be set up to openly address the issue of all unholy practices in the oil sectors" (*Hon. Bala Ibn Na'Allah*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

- (iv) *Insert* a new Prayer (iii) as follows:
"That a comprehensive investigation of the activities of the major marketers and other Stakeholders with regard to fuel supply by relevant Committees" (*Hon. Dino Melaye*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and negatived.

(v) *Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:*

“The Minister of Petroleum, the Group Managing Director, NNPC, the Managing Director PPMC should provide fuel within one week, failure of which they should resign, be forced to resign, or fired” (*Hon. Halims Agoda*).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the ongoing fuel scarcity was said to have been caused by the Petroleum Marketers who stopped the importation of products due to the refusal of the Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) to pay N210 billion to the Petroleum Equalisation Fund (PEF) as Petroleum Price Support Fund and subsidies for the importation of refined fuel products;

Observed that this had necessitated the utilization of NNPC supplies to meet the needs of all marketers;

Further noted that other reasons advanced as the causes of the scarcity were the Petroleum Tanker Drivers' strike from 13th to 21st April, 2009 and the shutdown of loading bay at Apapa, Lagos following a dispute between Petroleum Tanker Drivers and the Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LATSMA), as well as Vandals attack on the Petroleum Products Marketers Corporation (PPMC)'s major pipeline system (System 2B) which moves products from Atlas Cove to Mosimi, Ejibo, Ibadan, Iloring and Ore pipelines which have effectively shut down PPMC's capacity to move product by about 30%, a minimum of up to 380 trucks per day;

Aware that President Yar 'Adua had in March given directive that marketers be paid ₦126 billion of their claims so that they could have money to do business, but nothing had been done;

Worried that it was further alleged that 80 per cent of the bridging of petroleum products to the Northern States had stopped because government was yet to pay N6.6 billion in marketers' bridging claims;

Conscious of the economic costs of dry filling stations and the hardship being faced by Nigerians.

Resolved to:

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to immediately intervene and restore normal fuel supply to States;
- (ii) Further urge the Federal Government to reactivate the nation's refineries and also encourage the establishment of private refineries;
- (iii) The Minister of Petroleum, the Group Managing Director, NNPC, the Managing Director PPMC should provide fuel within one week, failure of which they should resign, be forced to resign, or fired (HR. 26/2009).

6. Need to Avert the Spread of Swine Flu in Nigeria:

The House:

Notes that swine flu is a virus contacted from pigs to human and is easily transmitted from one person to the other;

Concerned that the swine flu does not have any vaccine and it is spreading like wild fire in the European and American continents with reported cases in South Korea, Israel and Australia;

Worried that if not checked, it can spread to Nigeria and mistaken for high fever or malaria;

Resolve to:

- (i) Request the relevant agencies of Government to do a proper check (especially on people coming from the affected countries) at all the boarder posts into Nigeria;
- (ii) Urge the Ministry of Aviation and the Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to ensure that screening machines are made available in all major entry points;
- (iii) Further urge the Federal Ministry of Health to ensure that all affected people are treated promptly (*Hon. Yacoob E. A Alebiosu*).

Debate:

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Prayer (iii) (Hon. Peter Linus Umoh).

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

Main Question as amended, put and agreed to.

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7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Honours Act, Cap. N43 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that the Award of National Honours shall be subject to the confirmation of the National Assembly, 2009 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Honours Act, Cap. N43 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide that the Award of National Honours shall be subject to the confirmation of the National Assembly, 2009 be now read a Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2009 — Third Reading:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Pension Institute of Nigeria Bill, 2009 be now read a Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Gurara Water Management Authority with Responsibility among Other Things, to ensure Sustainable Operation and Maintenance of the Gurara Multipurpose Water Project and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Gurara Water Management Authority with Responsibility among Other Things, to ensure Sustainable Operation and Maintenance of the Gurara Multipurpose Water Project and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — Third Reading:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency and for Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Third Time" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Make Compulsory for all Schools in Nigeria to Teach the National Ethics in their Schools and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Make Compulsory for all Schools in Nigeria to Teach the National Ethics in their Schools and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2009 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Mayor Eze).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to Committee on Education.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for Condition of Service of the Secretary and Other Staff of the National Judicial Council and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 — *Second Reading:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Provide for Condition of Service of the Secretary and Other Staff of the National Judicial Council and for Purposes Connected Therewith, 2008 be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Lanre Agoro).

Debate:

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

Bill read a Second Time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

13. **Consideration of Report:**
Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Human Rights:
Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do resume consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Establish a Trust Fund for the Physically Challenged in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 and a Bill for an Act to Ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and to Establish a National Commission for Persons with Disability and Vest it with the Responsibilities for their Education, Health Care and Protection of their Social Economic, Civil and Political Rights and for Other Matters Connected Therewith, 2008 (HB. 37 and 46) and approve the Recommendations therein" (Hon. Tunde Akogun).

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 ENSURE FULL INTEGRATION OF NIGERIANS WITH DISABILITY INTO THE SOCIETY AND TO ESTABLISH A NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND VEST IT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THEIR EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE AND THE PROTECTION OF THEIR SOCIAL, ECONOMIC, CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Building Plan.

- (1) Before erecting any public structure, its plan shall be scrutinised by the relevant authority in conjunction with the Commission to ensure that the plan conforms to the building code provided for in Section 85(m).
- (2) No government or government agency, or body or individual responsible for the approval of building plan shall approve Plan of a public building if the plan does not make provision for accessibility facilities in line with Building Code provided for in Section 93 (c).

Penalty

- (3) Any officer or officers who approve(s) or direct(s) the approval of a building plan that contravenes the building code provided for in Section 85 (m) shall be personally liable to a fine of a minimum of ₦1,000,000.00 or two years imprisonment or to both such fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

In subclause (1), line (2), immediately after the word "authority" *leave out* the words "in conjunction with the Commission" (*Hon. Isa*).

Question that the amendment be made, put and agreed to

Question that Clause 9^{as amended}, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 68:

Accommodation.

Where accommodation is being provided by schools for their students; employers for their employees; service providers for their customers; organisations for their members; government for the people and in any other circumstance whatsoever, persons with disabilities shall be given first consideration (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 68 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XIX — PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC LIFE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 69:

Participation in politics.

- (1) Persons with disabilities shall be encouraged to fully participate in politics and public life.
- (2) Government shall actively promote an environment in which persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in—
 - (a) the conduct of public affairs, without discrimination;
 - (b) non-governmental organisations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country; and
 - (c) activities and administration of political parties (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 69 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 70:

Electoral procedures.

- (1) The Electoral authority shall ensure that—
 - (a) registration and voting procedures, facilities and materials are appropriate, accessible and easy to understand and use by persons with disabilities;
 - (b) registration venues and polling stations are accessible to persons with disabilities.
- (2) Persons with disabilities shall have the right to vote in elections and public referendums without intimidation, and to stand for elections, to effectively hold office and perform all public functions at all levels of government;
- (3) Persons with disabilities shall be unfettered in the exercise of their franchise, and to this end, where necessary, at their request, shall be allowed to be assisted in voting by a person of their own choice;
- (4) Government shall actively promote an environment in which persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in—
 - (a) the conduct of public affairs, without discrimination;
 - (b) non-governmental organizations and associations concerned with the public and political life of the country, and
 - (c) activities and administration of political parties (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 70 (Hon. Beni Lar) — Agreed to.

Clause 71: Free political party nomination forms for persons with disabilities.

Political parties shall issue nomination forms free to persons with disabilities in addition to any other concession any political party may deem fit to make to persons with disabilities (Hon. Beni Lar).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 71 (Hon. Beni Lar) — Agreed to.

Clause 72: Assistance for persons with disabilities seeking elective offices by politics.

Political parties shall ensure that persons with disabilities vying for elective political offices receive maximum support from the party (Hon. Beni Lar).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 72 (Hon. Beni Lar) — Agreed to.

PART XX — PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL LIFE, RECREATION, LEISURE AND SPORT.**Committee Recommendation:****Clause 73: Right to cultural life.**

The right of persons with disabilities to take part on an equal basis with others in cultural life is hereby guaranteed, and accordingly government shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that persons with disabilities—

- (a) enjoy access to cultural materials in accessible formats;
- (b) enjoy access to television programmes, films, theatres and other cultural activities, in accessible formats;
- (c) enjoy access to places for cultural performances or services, such as theatres, museums, cinemas, libraries and tourism services, and, as far as possible, enjoy access to monuments and sites of national cultural importance (Hon. Beni Lar) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 73 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 74: Opportunities to develop potential.**

Government shall take appropriate measures to enable persons with disabilities to have the opportunity to develop and utilize their creative, artistic and intellectual potential, not only for their own benefits, but also for the enrichment of the society (Hon. Beni Lar) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 74 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 75: Access to cultural material.**

Government shall take all appropriate steps, in accordance with international law, to ensure that intellectual property laws and practices do not constitute an unreasonable or discriminatory barrier to access by persons with disabilities to cultural materials (Hon. Beni Lar) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 75 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 76: Recognition of linguistic identities.**

Persons with disabilities shall be entitled, on an equal basis with others, to recognition and support of their specific cultural and linguistic identities, including sign languages and deaf culture (Hon. Beni Lar) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 76 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 77: Development of special sports.**

With a view to enabling persons with disabilities to participate on an equal basis with others in recreational, leisure and sporting activities, government shall take appropriate measures—

- (a) to encourage and promote the participation, to the fullest extent possible, of persons with disabilities in mainstream sporting activities at all levels;
- (b) to ensure that persons with disabilities have an opportunity to organize, develop and participate in disability-specific sporting and recreational activities and, to this end:
 - (i) encourage the provision, on an equal basis with others, of appropriate instruction, training and resources;
 - (ii) to ensure that persons with disabilities have access to sporting, recreational and tourism venues; and
 - (iii) to ensure that children with disabilities have equal access with other children to participation in play, recreation and leisure and sporting activities, including those activities in the school system (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 77 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXI — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 78: National Commission.**

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the National Commission for persons with disability (in this Act referred to as "the Commission") to be placed under the presidency.
- (2) The Head Office of the Commission shall be in Abuja, with an operational office in each State of the Federation (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 78 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 79: Membership of Governing Council.**

- (1) There is established a Governing Council for the Commission (in this Act referred to as "the Council") which shall conduct the affairs of the commission.
- (2) The Council shall consist of—
 - (a) a full time Chairman who shall be a person with disability;
 - (b) representatives from the Nigeria geopolitical zones who shall be persons with disability.
 - (c) a representative each from—
 - (i) Federal Ministries of Education;
 - (ii) Federal Ministries of Health;
 - (iii) Federal Ministries of Sports;
 - (iv) Federal Ministries of Women Affairs;
 - (v) Federal Ministries of Housing;
 - (vi) Federal Ministries of transport;
 - (vii) Federal Ministries of Environment;
 - (viii) Federal Ministries of Employment;

- (ix) Federal Ministries of Labour and productivity;
 - (x) Federal Ministries of justice;
 - (xi) National Human Rights Commission and the National Planning Commission and
 - (xii) 1 person from each geopolitical zone.
- (3) The Chairman of the Council and representatives of the Nigeria geopolitical zones shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Senate.
- (4) The Chairman and other members of the Council shall be persons of proven integrity, honour and ability with genuine concern for and interest in the protection and integration of persons with disability (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 79 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 80: Proceeding of Council.

The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matters contained therein (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 80 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 81: Tenure of office.

Subject to section 87, the Chairman and members of the Council shall each hold office—

- (a) for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 81 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 82: Cessation of office.

- (1) A person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Council on the occurrence of any of the following—

- (a) if he becomes bankrupt; suspends payment or compounds with his creditors; or
- (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or
- (c) he is disqualified of his professional qualification.
- (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties;
- (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualification, he is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request from practicing his profession in any part of the world by any order of a competent authority made in respect of that members; or
- (f) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.

- (2) Where a member of the Council ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Council for the unexpired term.

- (3) A member of the council may be removed by the President on the recommendation of the council if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Commission or the interest of the public that the member continues in office (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 82 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 83: Allowance of members.

Members of the Council shall be paid allowances and expenses as the Government may direct from time to time (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 83 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 84: Powers of the Council.

The Council shall have power to—

- (a) manage and superintend over the affairs of the commission;
- (b) make rules and regulations for the effective running of the commission;
- (c) employ the staff of the commission on such remuneration or allowance as payable to persons in similar organisations in the country.
- (d) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for the discharge of its functions and ensure the efficient performance of the functions of the Commission; and
- (e) receive, disburse and account for funds of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to*.

Question that Clause 84 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXII — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 85: Functions of the Commission.

The functions of the Commission shall be—

- (a) to formulate and implement policies and guidelines for the education and social development of persons with disability;
- (b) to prepare schemes designed to promote social well-being of persons with disability and the estimates of costs of implementing such schemes;
- (c) to promote and uplift the general social well-being of persons with disability by encouraging the public to change their attitude towards persons with disability;
- (d) to make available 5 percent of the work force to persons with disability;
- (e) to enlighten the public and encourage persons with disability;
- (f) to collect data and records on special education of persons with disabilities, which shall be a regular exercise so that the persons with disability are identified, and enumerated for planning and treatment;
- (g) to ensure that all facilities in each community all over the Federation shall be built or modified (where and when feasible) to accommodate the special needs of persons with disability;
- (h) to ensure the monitoring, evaluation and realisation of government policy objectives on persons with disabilities;
- (i) to facilitate the procurement of scholarship awards for persons with disabilities up to University level;

- (j) Establishing and promoting inclusive schools, vocational and rehabilitation centres for the development of persons with disabilities;
- (k) liaising with relevant ministries, and all other government agencies to ensure that the peculiar interests of person with disabilities are taken into consideration in every government policies, programmes and activities;
- (l) issue insignia of identification of persons with disabilities;
- (m) collaborating with the relevant ministries, parastatals or bodies to issue codes and directives for designing and building public structures so as to make them accessible to persons with disabilities;
- (n) enforcement of compliance of public buildings codes and directives in paragraph (m) and imposing necessary sanctions and make appropriate orders;
- (o) receiving of complaint of persons with disabilities on the violation of his or her rights;
- (p) subject to an individual's right to seek redress in court, investigation, prosecution or sanctioning (in appropriate cases) the violation of the provision of this Act;
- (q) to establish institutions which shall carry out research, development and education on disability issues;
- (r) to collaborate with print media houses to make information available in accessible format for persons with disabilities.
- (s) Procuring of assistive devices for all disability types (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In subclause (a), immediately after the word "guidelines", *insert* the words "as appropriate" (*Hon. Rabe Nasir*).

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

- (ii) *Leave out* all the words in subclause (d) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"to make available not less than 5 percent of the work force to qualified persons with disability" (*Hon. Chille W. Igbawua*).

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

- (iii) *Leave out* all the words in subclause (k) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"liaising with the Public and Private sectors as well as other bodies to ensure that the peculiar interests of persons with disabilities are taken into consideration in every government policies, programmes and activities" (*Hon. Binta Mesi Garba*).

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

- (iv) *Leave out* all the words in subclause (m) (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

- (v) *Leave out* all the words in subclause (q) and *insert* the following instead thereof:
"ensuring research development and education on disability issues and disabled persons" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

- (vi) In subclause (r), *leave out* the word "print" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Question that Clause 85 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 86: Powers of the Commission.**

- (1) The Commission has power to do anything, which will facilitate carrying out of its functions and in particular may—
 - (a) sue and be sued in its corporate names;
 - (b) acquire, hold and manage moveable and immovable property;
 - (c) enter into contracts for the education and welfare of persons with disability;
 - (d) purchase or acquire any assets, business or property considered necessary for the proper conduct of its functions;
 - (e) sell, let, lease or dispose of any of its property;
 - (f) undertake or sponsor research where necessary for the performance of its functions; and
 - (g) train managerial, technical or other category of staff for the purpose of running affairs of the Commission.
- (2) The power conferred on the Commission may be exercised by it or through any of its employees or agents authorized in that behalf by the Commission.
- (3) The Commission shall not be subjected to the direction, control or suspension by any other authority or person in the performance of its functions under this Act other than the President (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 86 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXIII — APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 87: Appointment and duties of the Director General of the commission.**
There shall be a Director General—

- (2) The Director-General shall—
 - (a) have such qualification and experience as appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of that office;
 - (b) be responsible to the Council for the execution of the policies and the administration of the daily affairs of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 87 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 88: Tenure of office and remuneration of the Director-General.**

- (1) The Director-General shall be appointed for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more subject to satisfactory performance.
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall be paid such remuneration as may be prescribed in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 88 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 89: Resignation of the Executive Secretary.**

The Executive Secretary may resign his office by writing under his hand delivered to the President (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 1, *leave out* the word "delivered" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Question that Clause 89 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 90: Staff of the Commission and the remuneration.

The Council shall appoint for the Commission such number of employees as may in the opinion of the Council be expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Commission and pay them remuneration and allowances as it determines (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

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

"The Council shall appoint for the Commission such number of employees as may in the opinion of the Council be expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the functions of the Commission" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Question that Clause 90 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 91: Appointment, secondment from public service.

(1) The Council shall have power to appoint for the Commission either directly or by secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Council be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of any of its functions under this Act.

(2) The person seconded under this section may elect to be transferred to the service of the Commission, and any previous service he may have rendered in the public service shall count as service to the Commission for the purpose of any pension subsequently payable by the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 91 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 92: The Structure of the Commission.

(1) There shall be established in the Head Office of the Commission, the following Departments—

(a) the Department of Administration and Personnel Management;

(b) the Department of Health and Rehabilitation;

(c) the Department of Finance and Supplies;

(d) the Department of Planning, Research and Statistics; and

(e) the Department of Legal Services;

(f) the Department of Education; and sports

(g) Department of Family

(h) the Department of Transportation housing and Urban development;

(i) the Department of Transportation

(j) Information (Communication);

(2) The Council shall set up its own monitoring panel to monitor the projects being executed by the commission.

- (3) The Council may, with the approval of the President, increase the number of departments, as it may deem necessary and expedient to facilitate the realisation of the objectives of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

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

"There shall be established in the Head Office of the Commission, such Departments as may be deemed necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of the Commission" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Question that Clause 92 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 93: Pension and gratuity.

The staff of the Commission shall be entitled to pensions, gratuity, and any other retirement benefits in accordance with the Pensions reform Act (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 93 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 94: Provision of Superannuation.

The Commission shall pay gratuities or provide and maintain further such superannuation schemes (whether contributory or not for the employees) (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 94 (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 95: Funds of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund herein referred to as a fund into which moneys accruable to the Commission shall be paid and from which all the activities of the Commission shall be funded.
- (3) The funds of the Commission shall be disbursed according to the approved formula.
- (4) The Council shall cause the accounts of the Commission to be audited quarterly and shall be externally audited once every year (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 95 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 96: Power to accept gifts.

The Commission may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift, provided such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with any prevailing law (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 96 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 97: Power to borrow.

The Commission may, from time to time, borrow such sums as it may require to execute or complete some special projects of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 97 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 98: The Governing Council shall approve all expenditure of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 98 (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 99: Annual estimates and expenditure.
The Commission shall—

- (1) Cause to be kept accounts and records of the transactions and affairs of the Commission and ensure that all payments out of its moneys are correctly made and properly authorised.
- (2) Ensure that adequate control is maintained over the assets of, or in the custody of, the Commission and over its incurring of liabilities (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 99 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 100: Audit.

- (1) The Auditor-General of the Federation shall—
 - (a) inspect and audit the accounts and records of financial transaction of the Commission;
 - (b) inspect records relating to assets of the Commission; and
 - (c) draw the attention of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to any irregularity disclosed by the inspection and audit.
- (2) The Auditor-General may dispense with all or any part of detailed inspection and audit of any account or record referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) The Auditor-General or an officer authorised by him is entitled at all reasonable time to a full and free access to all accounts, records, documents and papers of the Commission relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or payment of money by the Commission or to the acquisition, receipt, custody or disposal of assets by the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 100 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 101: Annual Report.

The Commission shall submit to the Presidency through the Secretary to the Government of the Federation not later than 30th June, of each financial year and it shall include a copy of the audited account of the Commission for that year and a copy of Auditors Report on it (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 101 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 102: Power to acquire land, Cap. 202 LFN.

The Commission may subject to the Land Use Act acquire any land for the purpose of discharging its functions (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 102 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXIV — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**Committee Recommendation:**

Clause 103: Service of documents.

A notice, summons or other document required or authorised to be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this Act or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Director General or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Director General at the principal office of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 103 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 104: Payment of judgment.**

Any such money which may be the judgment of any court awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any direction given by the court where notice of appeal of the said judgment has been given, be paid from the general reserve fund of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 104 and *insert* the following instead thereof:

"Any such money which may be the judgment of any court awarded against the Commission shall be paid from the general reserve fund of the Commission" (*Hon. Ita Enang*).

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

Question that Clause 104 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 105: Indemnity of Officers.**

A member of the Council, the Director General, any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in his favour or in which he is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Council, the Director General, officer or employee of the Commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 105 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 106: Engagement of Professional other than Staff.**

The Director-General may with the approval of the Governing Council engage persons with relevant knowledge to the functions of the Commission to assist otherwise than on the basis of full time employment (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 106 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 107: Regulations.**

The Governing Council may, with the approval of the Chairman, make regulations for the purpose of carrying out or giving full effect to the provisions of this Act (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 107 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 108: Waiver of Proof of special damages.**

- (1) To be entitled to the damages specifically provided in this bill, it shall be sufficient for a plaintiff or claimant as the case may be, in a court proceeding, to prove the violation of the relevant sections of this bill without specific proof of damages.
- (2) Nothing in this bill shall prevent a court from assessing and awarding general and special damages in addition to the nominal damages provided for in this bill (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 108 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART XXV — INTERPRETATION

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 109: Interpretation.**

- (1) In this Act, unless it is otherwise expressly provided—

"Accessible Format" includes Braille, large print, audio, video, sign language and any other form of communication used by the different disability type (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Accommodation" [in the context of housing] includes residential or business accommodation (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

- "Accommodation" [in the context of consideration (to be) extended to persons with disability] includes steps, measures, facilities and technology to facilitate their inclusion in various facets of life as envisaged by this Act (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Closed Captioning" is a term describing several systems developed to display text on a television or video screen to provide additional or interpretive information to viewers who wish to access it (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Commission agent" means a person who does work for another person as the agent of that other person and who is remunerated, whether in whole or in part, by the commission (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Commission" means National Commission for people with Disability (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Disabled" means having a disability (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Disability" includes long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder full and effective participation in society on equal basis with others (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Discrimination" means differential treatment, and its verbs and infinite form (discriminate, to discriminate) have the corresponding signification (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Document" includes any books, register or other record of information, however compiled, recorded or stored (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Educational authority" means a body of person(s) administering an educational institution (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Educational institution" means a school, college, university or other institution at which education or training is provided (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Employee" includes applicant or prospective employee, commission agent, contract worker, independent contractor, or person applying to be commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Employer" includes prospective employer, principal and a person who engages or proposes to engage a commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Employer of Labour" means "Employer" as interpreted by the Workmen's Compensation Act (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Employment agency" means any persons who, or body that, whether for payment or not, assist persons to find employment or other work or assists employers to find employees or workers (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Person" includes natural, artificial, juristic or juridical persons, companies, enterprises, firms, organisations, association, government departments, ministries, parastatals (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Person with disability" means—

- (a) a person who has received preliminary or permanent certificate of disability to have condition which is expected to continue permanently or for a considerable length of time which can reasonably be expected to limit the person's functional ability substantially, but not limited to seeing, hearing, thinking, ambulating, climbing, descending, lifting, grasping, rising, and includes any related function or any limitation due to weakness or significantly decreased endurance so that he cannot perform his everyday routine, living and working without significantly increased hardship and vulnerability to everyday obstacles and hazards;
- (b) a person with long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on equal basis with others (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Person with disability" be as defined in the interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"President" means President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Premises" include a structure, building, aircraft, vehicle or vessel; a place (whether enclosed or built on or not); and a part of any premises (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Principal" means—

- (a) in relation to commission agent - a person for whom the commission agent does work as a commission agent;
- (b) in relation to contract worker - a person for whom the contract worker does work under a contract between the employer of the contract worker and the person (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Public Building" means any building where entry to members of the public is not restricted (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Qualified person with disability" means a person with disability who has been educated up to a Degree or Higher National Diploma or, at worst, School Certificate from a recognized institution and experience in disability issue (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Qualified person with disability" be as defined in the interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Relative" in relation to a person, means a person who is related to the first mentioned person by blood, marriage affinity or adoption (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Subtitles Captions" means captions displayed at the bottom of a movie or television screen that translate or transcribe the dialogue or narrative (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Special Facilities" means any provision whether movable or immovable that will enhance easy access and enjoyment in Public Buildings by persons with disability; significantly decreased endurance so that he cannot perform his everyday routine, living and working without significantly increased hardship and vulnerability to everyday obstacles and hazards (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"State" means each of the States of the Federation, and includes the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

"Student" in relation to an education institution, includes a candidate or applicant for admission into that education institution (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

- (2) This Act includes any regulation made hereunder—

"Undue hardship" means significant difficulty or expense, when considered in light of such factor as—

- (a) the nature and cost of the accommodation needed to take care of a disabled person's special needs;
- (b) the overall financial resources of the facility or facilities involved in the provision of the reasonable accommodation; the number of persons employed at such facility;
- (c) the effect on expenses and resources; or the impact otherwise of such accommodation upon the operation of the facility;
- (d) the overall finances of the person or organisation having to deal with persons with disability, with the overall size of his or its business with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and
- (e) the type of operation or operations of such person or organisation, including the composition, structure, and function of his or its workforce; the geographic separateness, administrative, or fiscal relationship of the facility or facilities in question to such person or organisation (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

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

Question that Clause 109 stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 110: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Nigerians with Disabilities Bill, 2009 (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out all the words in Clause 110 and insert the following instead thereof:
"This Bill may be cited as Disability Bill, 2009" (Hon. Ita Enang).

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

Question that Clause 110 as amended, stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SPECIAL FACILITIES

Section 18 (2)

1. Wheel chairs:
Clear floors or ground space on wheel chairs, Wheel chair passage and turning space.
2. Crutches, guide canes, etc.
3. Hearing Aid.
4. Curb ramps.
5. Ramps.
6. Handrails, grab bars.
7. Stair-lifts.
8. Elevators/Lifts.
9. Windows.
10. Entrance Doors.
11. Drinking fountains and water coolers.

12. Toilet facilities:
Door Protective and Re-opening Devices Manoeuvring entrances at Doors.
13. Parking spaces and passenger loading zones.
14. Accessible routes including walk ways, halls, windows, aisles and spaces.
15. Alarm—
Audible Alarms;

Visual Alarms;

Auxiliary Alarms.

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Proceedings of the Council

1. (1) Subject to this Act and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.

(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Council, one of whom shall be ex-officio member, and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.
2. (1) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the council to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice was given.

(2) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
3. (1) The council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the council such functions as the council may determine.

(2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consider such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and a person shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

(3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.
4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or any other member of the Council generally or specifically authorised by the Council to act for that purpose and the Executive Secretary.

(2) Any contract or instrument, which, if made or executed by any person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be executed on behalf of the Commission by the Executive Secretary or any person generally or specifically authorised by the Council to act for that purpose.

(3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Commission shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved be presumed to be so executed.
5. The validity of any proceedings of the Councillor Committee shall not be adversely affected by—
 - (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Councillor Committee; or
 - (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Councillor Committee;

- (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Councillor Committee (*Hon. Beni Lar*) — *Agreed to.*

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

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 5

COMPLIANCE ORDER

Notice has been taken of the fact that your programme is not inclusive of Disabilities Issues.

In Particular: This contravenes section 5 of Nigerians with Disabilities Act you are hereby ordered to immediately comply with the said law

Take note that if after 3 month from receipt of this order, you still remain in default; your operational licence shall be withdrawn.

(Signed)

SECOND SCHEDULE

PART I — CERTIFICATE OF TEMPORARY DISABILITY

This is to certify that of was examined by me on this day of and found to be temporarily incapacitated as a result of

(Signed)

PART II — CERTIFICATE OF PERMANENT DISABILITY

This is to certify that of was examined by me on this day of and found to be permanently incapacitated.

(Signed) (Hon. Beni Lar) — Agreed to.

Question that the provisions of the First and Second Schedule stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Ensure Full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and to Establish a National Commission for Persons with Disability and Vest it with the Responsibilities for their Education, Healthcare and the Protection of Their Social, Economic, Civil and Political Rights, 2009 (*Hon. Beni Lar*).

Amendment Proposed:

In line 1, immediately after the word "of", *leave out* the word "Nigerians" and *insert* the word "Persons" instead thereof (*Consequential amendment*).

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

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in the Committee of Whole resumed consideration of the Report of the Joint Committee on Women Affairs and Human Rights on a Bill for an Act to Ensure Full Integration of Persons with Disability into the Society and to Establish a National Commission for Persons with Disability and Vest it with the Responsibilities for their Education, Healthcare and the Protection of Their Social, Economic, Civil and Political Rights, 2009; and revisited and amended Clause 9, approved Clauses 68 - 84, amended Clause 85, approved Clauses 86-88, amended Clauses 89-90, approved Clause 91, amended Clause 92, approved Clauses 93- 97, deleted Clause 98, approved Clauses 99-103, amended Clause 104, approved Clauses 105 - 109, amended Clause 110, approved the Schedule and amended the Long Title of the Bill.

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

14. Adjournment:

That this House do now adjourn till Wednesday, 6 May, 2009 at 2.00 p.m. (*Hon. Tunde Akogun*).

Adjourned accordingly at 2.19 p.m.

Dimeji Sabur Bankole
Speaker