



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 17 May, 2016

1. The House met at 11.14 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Monday, 16 May, 2016.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings was adopted.

3. **Announcement**
Appointment of Acting Clerk to the National Assembly:
Mr Speaker notified the House as follows:



SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Federal Republic of Nigeria

ANNOUNCEMENT

This is to inform all Honourable Members that I am in receipt of notification of terminal leave of Dr Salisu A. Maikasuwa, the Clerk to the National Assembly, commencing on 14 May, 2016 with final disengagement on 14 August, 2016.

2. *Consequently, the National Assembly Service Commission appointed Alhaji Mohammed Sani-Omolori, Clerk, House of Representatives, as the Acting Clerk to the National Assembly during this period. This is in the exercise of the powers conferred on the Commission in Section of the National Assembly Service Act, 2014.*

3. *According to the Commission "the appointment is in recognition of (his) hard work, dedication to duty and very responsible conduct since joining the service".*

4. *The House congratulates Alhaji Mohammed Sani-Omolori, and wishes him well on this added responsibility, which we believe he will execute with competence.*

5. *He has since assumed duties.*

Rt Hon. Dogara Yakubu
Speaker

4. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Comrade Adebola Akingbesote and 20 others on their disengagement from the service of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba Akoko, Ondo State, was presented and laid by Hon. Babatunde Kolawole (*Akoko Southwest/Akoko East Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from the Amapetu of Mahindland, His Imperial Majesty, Oba Lawrence Omowole on attempt by the Ministry of Niger Delta to change the location of a new Town Development Centre from the 250 hectares of land acquired by the Ministry at Orereara to Aboto in Ilaje Local Government Area, was presented and laid by Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo (*Esegodo/Ilaje Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

4. Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order VIII, Rule 46)

Need to Intervene in the Lingering Crisis Rocking the Nigerian Football Federation:

Hon. Prestige Ossy Chinedu (*Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order VIII, Rules 46 (3) and 49 to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order VIII, Rule 46 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Urgent Need to Intervene in the Lingering Crisis Rocking the Nigerian Football Federation:

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Football Federation is currently facing serious leadership tussle between two factional groups led by Mr Amaju Pinnick and Mr Chris Giwa;

Aware that the power tussles arouse from the Nigerian Football Federation's Presidential Election held on 30 September, 2014 at which Mr Amaju Pinnick was declared winner;

Recalls that pursuant to the said election, Mr Amaju Pinnick resumed office as the President of the Nigerian Football Federation and had so been until 8 April, 2016 when a High Court sitting in Jos, Plateau State nullified his election and declared Mr Chris Giwa as the winner of the election held on 30 September, 2014;

Worried that since the declaration of Mr Chris Giwa as the winner of the 30 September, 2014 election and the substantial President of the Nigerian Football Federation by the court, the in-fighting has escalated;

Concerned that it took the timely intervention of officers and men of the Nigerian Police to prevent a total breakdown of Law and order at the Headquarters of the Nigerian Football Federation on the 12 April, 2016;

Also worried that this lingering crisis in the Nigerian Football Federation culminated to Nigeria's painful elimination at hands of the Egyptian National Team during the next African Nations Cup qualification;

Further worried that if this crisis is not resolved timeously, Nigeria's chances of qualifying for the next FIFA World Cup in Russia 2018 may be jeopardised;

Also concerned that if not resolved, the on-going power tussles in the Nigerian Football Federation will undoubtedly deter Nigerian's performance at the oncoming Olympic Games in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, South America;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Sport to invite all the stakeholders including the Minister of Sports, head of legal department of the Sports Ministry and officials of the Nigerian Football Federation to reach a harmonious conclusion on this lingering crisis and report to the House within two weeks (*Hon. Prestige Ossy — Aba North/South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Football Federation is currently facing serious leadership tussle between two factional groups led by Mr Amaju Pinnick and Mr Chris Giwa;

Aware that the power tussles arouse from the Nigerian Football Federation's Presidential Election held on 30 September, 2014 at which Mr Amaju Pinnick was declared winner;

Recalled that pursuant to the said election, Mr Amaju Pinnick resumed office as the President of the Nigerian Football Federation and had so been until 8 April, 2016 when a High Court sitting in Jos, Plateau State nullified his election and declared Mr Chris Giwa as the winner of the election held on 30 September, 2014;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Sport to invite all the stakeholders including the Minister of Sports, head of legal department of the Sports Ministry and officials of the Nigerian Football Federation to reach a harmonious conclusion on this lingering crisis and report to the House within two weeks (**HR. 167/2016**).

Motion referred to the Committee on Sport.

5. Presentation of Report

Committee on Power:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Power on the Need to halt the Planned Payment of ₦2.7 Billion by the Board of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission to its Members (**HR. 173/2015**)" (*Hon. Daniel Asuquo — Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

6. Consolidation of Bills

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Prisons and Correctional Service, to make Comprehensive Provisions for Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 516); a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Prisons Act, Cap. P29, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Prisons Services, to make Comprehensive Provisions for the Administration of Prisons in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 517) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

7. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010; and for Other Connected Purposes (HBs 99 and 118) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010; and for Other Connected Purposes (HBs 99 and 118) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Ngazai Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time by the Clerk, and passed.

8. A Bill for an Act to Prohibit Late Payment, Non-Payment and Underpayment of Worker's Wages, Pensions and Other Emoluments in Nigeria and Prescribe Penalties for Violations; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 479) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigration Act, 2015 to make further Provisions to Restrict and Regulate the issuance of Work Permit to Foreign Nationals; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 480) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Advisory Council on Religious Affairs Act, Cap. A8, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the National Peace Council to Promote Peace and Religious Harmony in the Country; and a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Commission for Peace, Reconciliation and Mediation, to identify Conflicts, and for the Supervision, Coordination and Monitoring of all Peaceful Resolutions between Governments; Organisations, etc. in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 74 and 449) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the functions of the Commission; a Bill for an Act to Introduce Peace Studies as part of the Basic National Curricular in both the Junior and Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and a Bill for an Act to Provide Compulsory, Free Meal a day for Children of Ages 6-8 and Classes 1-2 in Universal Basic Education Schools in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 419, 155 and 420) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Compulsory, Free, Universal Basic Education Act, Cap. C52, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase the functions of the Commission; a Bill for an Act to Introduce Peace Studies as part of the Basic National Curricular in both the Junior and Secondary Schools in Nigeria; and a Bill for an Act to Provide Compulsory, Free Meal a day for Children of Ages 6-8 and Classes 1-2 in Universal Basic Education Schools in Nigeria; and for Other Related Matters (HBs 419, 155 and 420) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time by the Clerk.

Bill referred to the Committee on Basic Education and Services.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Alter Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the proper Name of 'Barkin Ladi' Local Government Area of Plateau State; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 503) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Alter Section 3 of the First Schedule to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 to reflect the proper Name of 'Barkin Ladi' Local Government Area of Plateau State; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 503) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Istifanus Dung Gyang — Baikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question that the Bill be read a Second Time — Agreed to.

Bill read the Second Time by the Clerk.

Bill referred to the Special Ad-hoc Committee on the Review of 1999 Constitution.

13. Business Continued from Assembly to Assembly: Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill, 2015 (HB. 17).

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96 of the Standing Orders of the House, the legislative business of the House which, though completed and laid in the House by a Committee of the House remain undetermined at the end of the Assembly shall be resumed and proceeded with in the next Assembly in the same manner as if the tenure of the Assembly had not come to an end, if the House resolves in affirmative that such Bills upon being re-gazetted, be reconsidered in the Committee of the Whole, without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Environmental Managers Registration Council of Nigeria Bill, 2015 was awaiting consideration in the Committee of the Whole before the last Assembly ended;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 17 and read the first time on 12 August, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill Committed to Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 96.

14. Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly: Order XII, Rule 94:

Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 320):

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negated, or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negated or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists (Registration, etc.) Bill, 2015 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 320 and read the first time on Thursday, 10 December, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Bill Committed to Committee of the Whole, pursuant to Order XII, Rule 94.

15. Need to Supply Relief Materials to Victims of Rainstorm in Anambra East/West Federal Constituency:

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Aware that on 30 April, 2016, Odekpe, Igbedor, Oroma-Etiti Anam, Ogwari, Asako, Nsugbe, Nando, Umumeri, Aguleri and other neighboring communities in Anambra East and West Federal Constituency were ravaged by rainstorm;

Concerned that the rainstorm blew-off roofs of over a hundred residential buildings in those Communities, thereby rendering thousands of people homeless;

Also concerned that these internally displaced people are presently taking refuge in make shift and unbefitting accommodation arrangements under severe weather conditions;

Cognizant that if relief materials and other necessary supplies are not provided on time, they will suffer avoidable health hazards from further rainfall as we approach the peak of raining season and amidst precarious heat condition;

Resolves to:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency to urgently provide relief materials for the displaced victims (*Hon. Tony Nwoye — Anambra East/Anambra West Federal Constituency*).

(HR. 168/2016).

Motion referred to the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order VIII, Rule 51 (5).

16. Call for Restoration of Teachers Training Colleges in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

17. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, the Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development, to enable him make presentation in respect of Sectoral Debate on the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy, pursuant to Order XIX, Rule 217 (1) (xi) of the Standing Orders" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

18. Sectoral Debate - Fourth Allotted Day

Motion made and Question proposed, "That this House do continue with the Sectoral debate on the Diversification of the Nigerian Economy, pursuant to Order XVI of the Standing Orders" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Presentation by the Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals Development:

The Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr Kayode Fayemi made his presentation as follows:

Protocols;

Rt Hon. Speaker;

*Principal Officers of the House;
Distinguished Chairman, House Committee on Solid Minerals;
Honourable Members of the House;
Members of the Press;
Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen;*

I am honoured to stand before you in this hallowed chamber today, to share our vision with you, and to engage and debate constructively on how the Solid Minerals Sector can contribute maximally to this administration's priority agenda of Economic Diversification.

I am here today with our Minister of State Hon. Abubakar Bawa Bwari as well as other senior officials of our ministry. We at the Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Development consider the legislative arm of government as critical stakeholders in the development of the sector. We use this opportunity to thank you for your sustained support of our efforts and your assurances of commitment to our cause, which you have demonstrated by convening today's session.

I stand before you today, cognizant that as honourable representatives of the people, I am standing before the people — fellow Nigerians, who have a right to accountability in governance. I therefore also consider this an opportunity to give account of our stewardship so far in repositioning the Solid Minerals sector.

Economic Diversification — a Long Overdue National Priority

Rt Hon. Speaker, distinguished members, ladies and gentlemen, as we are all aware, His Excellency President Muhammadu Buhari in his wisdom has made it clear that the diversification of our economy is a priority agenda of this administration. This position is a long overdue national priority which previous administrations had paid lip service to. Today, we are forced to face the realities of the vulnerability of our economy due to our over dependence on crude oil as our main source of revenue. Our continued dependence on oil as the mainstay of her economy is an unsustainable strategic weakness that is inimical to our long term economic growth and development.

We are glad that the exigencies of our time has occasioned a new thinking which this administration is championing, which includes amongst other objectives, the repositioning of our Solid Minerals sector as one of the frontiers of our diversification efforts.

Today's presentation will therefore provide a high-level overview on the following issues as a precursor to what I hope will be a robust debate thereafter:

1. *The State of the Nigerian Mining Sector*
2. *The Key Challenges to Full Potential*
3. *The Proposed Growth Strategy to Unlock our Full Potential*
4. *The Partnership We hope to Forge to Drive Success*

The State of the Nigerian Mining Sector

Nigeria's minerals and mining sector is still largely underdeveloped despite its glorious past and abundance of mineral resources for development. These minerals can be categorized according to use into five broad groups:

- *Industrial minerals such as barite, kaolin, gypsum, feldspar, limestone)*
- *Energy minerals such as bitumen, lignite, uranium)*
- *Metallic ore minerals such as gold, cassiterite, columbite, iron ore, lead-Zinc, copper)*
- *Construction minerals such as granite, gravel, laterite, sand)*
- *Precious stones such as sapphire, tourmaline, emerald, topaz, amethyst, garnet, etc.)*

These mineral assets are available across the federation in varying mixes and proven reserves. No corner of Nigeria today is lacking in solid mineral assets. There is ample geological evidence that confirms a truth we have always intuited — that every zone, region and State in Nigeria has something to bring to the national table of resource riches. The task now is to effectively administer them for the good of all Nigerians and it provides a superb opportunity to build wealth even if the global mining sector is at the bottom of a cyclical downturn.

Be that as it may, in 2015, the sector contributed approximately 0.33% to the gross domestic product of the country. This contribution is a reversal from historically higher percentages (about 4-5% in the 1960s-70s). Our policy goal is to return to a contribution level of 5% - 7% over the next 10 - 15 years, and the recently approved Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) and the Fiscal Strategy Paper (FSP) is very supportive of that aspiration.

To rebuild the sector, Nigerian governments since 1999 have conducted reforms based on an important philosophical principle: government as an administrator-regulator, and the acceptance of the private sector as owner-operator. Key elements of the reformist platform include but are not limited to the following:

- *Restating the constitutional exclusivity of the control of mineral resources by the Federal Government*
- *Development of the 2007 Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act*
- *Development of the 2008 National Minerals and Metals Policy*
- *Development of the 2011 Nigerian Minerals and Mining Regulations*
- *Establishment of the Mining Cadastre Office (MCO) for mineral rights management*
- *Establishment of the Nigerian Institute of Mining and Geosciences (NIMG)*
- *Enhanced geoscience data collection across Nigeria*
- *Establishment of control departments for Mines Environmental Compliance (MEC) and Artisanal and Small Scale Mining (ASM)*

The Act and the supporting body of regulation have been designed to give Nigeria a world class legal and regulatory framework for the sector. For example, in the design and set-up of the Mining Cadastre Office as the sole issuer of mineral titles today, a great deal of effort went into understanding the best practices globally. The Cadastre's predecessor had overseen a cumbersome process fraught with unclear licenses, limited control, inefficiency, opacity and long delays. For this reason, the reformed Mining Cadastre office adopted a "first-come-first-served" and non-discretionary granting of mineral titles rule. Today, the MCO issues 6 types of licenses and permits to cover all activities from exploration to mineral production. Licenses can be granted in 30 - 45 days using transparent rules and regulations.

The Key Challenges to Full Potential

As important as these progressive steps have been, Nigeria can and should do more to build prosperity. Nigeria's minerals and mining sector has underperformed since the 1970s, initially as a result of poor policy choices which subsequently became compounded by deterioration in the fiscal regime, infrastructure, and the shortage of investment quality geosciences data. Stretched over two decades, these challenges have since become a growth limiting constraint on the sector's full potential.

We can categorize the sector's challenges into 5 groups all internally focused. While we have external challenges i.e. the state of global commodity prices and markets, as seen for example in the fall of in Chinese and Indian demand, as well as Tata Steel's exit from the UK market, these are events outside of our control. What we control is how cost efficient and competitive our mining industrial value chain is. Thus our focus today is on factors that are an internal issue to Nigeria. I will speak briefly to each one.

- **Geosciences data and information:** Nigeria, despite recent progress, has weak mechanisms for gathering, disseminating and archiving critical geological data required by investors and policy makers. Insufficient data has created certain opaqueness about Nigerian mining which needs to be addressed. We are not generating sufficient data, nor are we making it available to the market and operators.
- **Industry Participants.** Operators across mining value chain face a range of challenges from insufficient infrastructure to policy uncertainty that together constrain investment confidence. Whether artisanal or large global miners like Vale or BHP, or Nigerians like Dangote or BUA, we need to create conditions that encourage various investors to commit to the market.
- **Stakeholders:** Decline of industry reduced the focus and leverage of key stakeholders, hence flows into the sector, e.g. resources, talent and partnerships have declined. Key institutions such as the Mining School, Jos will need support to become fit for purpose again and train the next generation of mining specialists, innovators and entrepreneurs.
- **Institutions & Governance:** Ministry's own organizational design needs to be refined to ensure clear enforcement of its own rules and separation of powers between the states and the Federal Government strictly enforced. We will be focused on creating a true career path for mining specialists and regulators to ensure that the right knowledge needed and priorities are on the table.
- **Key Enablers:** Ancillary requirements for the proper functioning of the minerals and mining ecosystem such as talented labour, infrastructure, e.g. railroad, competitive financing systems, mine and asset security, and related support services —are missing. We need changes in legislation for example passage of an amendment to the Nigeria Railways Corporation Act to break NRC's monopoly and enable miners to set up private transport networks to move bulk minerals around the country for processing.

Let me speak in more detail to the issue of states right and federal law. Recent disagreements with state governments on the right to issue mining licenses is a clear illustration of how misunderstood the various mining laws and regulations are. The law is clear: mining is the exclusive preserve of the Federal Government of Nigeria. Unless that is changed to a concurrent legislative model, we must enforce it as it stands. Also, the “first come, first served” and “use it or lose it” principles at the heart of the law is designed to ensure fairness in the administration of the law. The safeguards built into the design of the Mining Cadastre Office also reinforces the transparency of the process. What for now needs to be fully clarified in order to avoid unnecessary federal-state competition in the Mining Act and the Land Use Act are any inherent conflicts such as the slowness in granting Certificates of Occupancy, and the lacunas involved in issuing community and land owner consent.

In spite of the abovementioned challenges, we are undaunted and remain resolute in our resolve to overcome and fulfill our mandate. We are pleased to brief this distinguished House on some of the work we are doing to address our challenges and forging ahead.

The Proposed Growth Strategy to Unlock Our Full Potential

To rebuild the sector and unlock its full potential, the Ministry is pursuing a focused strategic agenda. That agenda was recently articulated in a draft roadmap that will guide how we grow the industry over the next 2 decades. We have since instructed that copies of the roadmap be shared with all honourable Members and I hope you have all received a copy. Allow me however to briefly share highlights as follows:

- **Aspiration:** Our aspiration is to build a world class minerals and mining ecosystem designed to serve a targeted domestic and export market for minerals and ores.

- **Where to Play:** We will achieve this by focusing on Nigeria's minerals, mining and related processing industry over a 3 phase period:
 - ◆ **Phase 1:** Nigeria will seek to rebuild market confidence in its minerals and mining sector and win over domestic users of industrial minerals that are currently imported. During this Phase, Nigeria will also seek to expand use of its energy minerals. This phase will likely last about 2 - 3 years.
 - ◆ **Phase 2:** Nigeria will focus on expanding domestic ore and mineral asset processing industry. This phase will last about 5 to 10 years.
 - ◆ **Phase 3:** Nigeria should seek to return to global ore and mineral markets at a market competitive price point. We expect this to coincide with the next commodity upswing.
- ◆ **How to Win:** We intend to be win by building a minerals and mining sector initially focused on using its industrial mineral endowment to support its industrialization. Government policy should seek to support private industry by building overall competitiveness (e.g. quality, price, loss ratios) and improving the ease of doing business. Nigeria should seek to create domestic demand by competing to replace ores and minerals currently imported. Over time, with an expansion in domestic processing, Nigeria should seek to build a cost led sector, as well as production expertise in select non-industrial minerals.
- ◆ **Key Enablers:** Finally, strategy without the appropriate set of enablers will remain just a plan. Working alongside the private sector, other MDAs and in partnership with the legislative branch, we will facilitate investment in a range of enablers including bulk handling terminals, railroad and rolling stock capacity, technical and engineering capacity, regulatory reform, reorganization of the Ministry itself, and expansion of access to financing to drive sector transformation.

Key Success Factors and Implementation Plan

Rebuilding Nigeria's mining sectors is a function of success on 6 key dimensions. These are:

1. **Clear Minerals & Steel Focus:** We need to ensure that our industrial and energy minerals strategy prioritizes domestic utilization of our assets, including getting our steel sector to provide a solid backbone for the manufacturing and industrial economy. The recent comments by the Vice President in Kwara State regarding the revival of our steel sector is an example of this. We are working assiduously to resolve once and for all the Ajaokuta situation.
2. **Institutions and Governance:** We need to rebuild the organizational and functional capabilities of the supervising Ministry, and ensure the regulatory framework is enforced. That means for example that we revive and use the Mining Police to protect mine sites and our reserves.
3. **Stakeholder Engagement:** We need to improve the engagement of states with the minerals and mining sector, particularly around financial participation, revenue sharing, and recognizing the oversight of the Federal Government. We also will work hard to ensure that all parties recognize their social responsibilities so we avoid issues similar to the oil sector.
4. **Industry participants:** We will work to attract a diverse portfolio of participants from artisanal miners to junior explorers to mining majors into the industry. Our goal is to build a sector that is competitive and supportive of our overall job creation aspirations for Nigerians.

5. **Geosciences data and information:** Improving our collection and dissemination of geosciences data will also be a critical enabler of success. Nigeria needs to know what it has and in what grades and quantities in order to plan more effectively.
6. **Enabling environment:** Finally, we must also create the appropriate environment to support enterprise. That will require building technical and managerial skills, and capabilities locally to ensure the supply of steady talent required by the sector in the future, as well as investing in infrastructure, gender equity, and improved access to finance.

We are now in the process of forming a Mining Investment Strategy Team (MIST) inside the Ministry to oversee the work required to deliver success. That team will be drawn from a mix of the Ministry and outside talent to ensure we stay focused on execution and results without distracting from the core regulatory role of government. We will be providing quarterly updates on our successes and challenges, with an initial focus on getting domestic industrial demand on track again.

Should Nigeria successfully implement the proposed recommendations, growth is expected to return to the sector in the form of new exploration activity, operations and production from active mining, functional (and expanded) processing and refining capacity, and higher value-addition in exports. The net outcome will be the creation of thousands of direct jobs and potentially hundreds of thousands of indirect jobs. We anticipate contribution to mining GDP to exceed \$25 billion by 2026 as industries are better able to use the output of the sector, substituting for imports. Analysis conducted by a major stakeholders in the solid minerals sector, the Association of Metal Exporters of Nigeria, also indicates that we can generate at least N5 trillion annually from mining and exporting of its vast solid mineral deposits.

Conclusion — The Partnership We hope to Forge to Drive Success

I will like to conclude this presentation by thanking you all once again for the audience given to us.

Today we have a robust regulatory regime in the Mining Act and that is a great starting point. There is some fine-tuning required but it is one that can be carefully managed over time.

Such support will be critical to our joint future. In fact, Nigeria's economic transformation over the coming decade will be a story of partnership. Building shared prosperity means all hands on deck to understand and deliver on Nigeria's potential. We look forward to working closely with the National Assembly to reinforce the progress made to date, and find new ways of creating a more supportive investment environment for Nigeria's mining sector.

Thank you for listening.

Members raised some observations and questions on the presentation of the Hon. Minister, to which he responded.

Mr Speaker expressed appreciation to the Hon. Minister of Solid Minerals for his lucid presentation.

19. Consideration of Reports

- (i) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, Cap. H6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for increase in the number of Judges from Thirty-Seven (37) to Seventy-Five (75); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 457) (Committee of the Whole) (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency).**

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGH COURT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ABUJA (NUMBER OF JUDGES) ACT, CAP. H6, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO MAKE PROVISION FOR INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF JUDGES FROM THIRTY-SEVEN (37) TO SEVENTY-FIVE (75); AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of Section 1.

Section 1 of the Principal Act is amended in subsection 1 (b) by substituting for the words 'Thirty Seven' the word 'Seventy Five' (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 2.

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting all the words immediately after the word 'Court' in line 2 (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, Cap. H6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for increase in the number of Judges from Thirty-Seven (37) to Seventy-Five (75); and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory Abuja (Number of Judges) Act, Cap. H6, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to make provision for increase in the number of Judges from Thirty-Seven (37) to Seventy-Five (75); and for Other Related Matters (HB. 457), and approved Clauses 1 - 3, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (ii) **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun; and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 381) (Committee of the Whole) (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omayowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency).**

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES, EFFURUN; AND
MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, CONSTITUTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Clause 1: Establishment and Objectives of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources.

- (1) There is hereby established the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun —
- (2) The University shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue or be sued in its corporate name.
 - (a) to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out to all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction, the opportunity of acquiring a higher education in technology;
 - (b) to develop and offer academic and professional programmes leading to the award of diplomas, first degrees, post-graduate research and higher degrees with emphasise on planning, adaptive, technical, maintenance, developmental and productive skills in the engineering, scientific, and allied professional disciplines relating to Petroleum resources with the aim of producing socially mature men and women with capability not only to understand, use and adapt existing technology in petroleum industry, but also to improve on it and develop new ones;
 - (c) to act as agents and catalysts, through post-graduate training, research and innovation for the effective and economic utilisation, exploitation and conservation of the country's petroleum resources;
 - (d) to offer to the general population particularly the petroleum industry, as a form of public service, the results of training and research and to foster the practical applications of these results;
 - (e) to establish appropriate relationships with other national institutions involved in training, research and development of technologies in petroleum sector;
 - (f) to identify the technological problems and needs of the petroleum industry and to find solutions to them within the context of overall national development;
 - (g) to consider specially, the host community or communities and State as catchment areas in the conduct of its research and activities especially in the admission of students to all classes of degrees;

- (h) to provide and promote sound basic scientific training as a foundation for the development of petroleum technology and applied sciences, taking into account indigenous culture and the need to enhance national unity;
- (i) to undertake any other activities appropriate for a university of petroleum resources, of the highest standard.
- (j) to create, develop and implement a programme for the development of the local community to enable the indigenes learn, participate and build capacity in every aspect of the University life to allow for local content in competence to manage and administrate the University in the future (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Constitution and Principal Officers of the University.

- (1) The University shall consist of:
 - (a) a Chancellor;
 - (b) a Pro-Chancellor and a Council;
 - (c) a Vice-Chancellor and a Senate;
 - (d) a body to be called Congregation;
 - (e) a body to be called Convocation;
 - (f) the campuses and colleges of the University;
 - (g) the colleges, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University;
 - (h) the persons holding the offices constituted by the First Schedule to this Bill other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) to (c) of this subsection;
 - (i) all graduates and undergraduates of the University; and
 - (j) all other persons who are members of the university in accordance with provisions made by statute in that behalf.
- (2) The First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the principal officers of each University therein mentioned.
- (3) Subject to section 5 of this Bill provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Powers of the University and its exercise.

- (1) For the carrying out of its objects as specified in section 1 of this Bill, the University shall have power to:
- (a) establish such campuses, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of National Universities Commission
 - (b) institute professorships, readerships or associate professorships, lectureships, and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;
 - (c) institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;
 - (d) provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;
 - (e) hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;
 - (f) grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles;
 - (g) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for the purpose of instruction, such fees as the University may from time to time determine subject to the overall directives of the Minister;
 - (h) subject to section 19 of this Bill, to acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose of movable and immovable property wherever situate;
 - (i) accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for a particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
 - (j) enter into contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any other person, and employ and act through agents;
 - (k) erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or things necessary, suitable or convenient for any of the objects of the University;
 - (l) hold public lectures and to undertake printing, publishing and book selling;

- (m) subject to any limitations or conditions imposed by statute, to invest moneys appertaining to the University by way of endowment, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments, not being immediately required for current expenditure, in any investments or securities or in the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time, to vary any such investments to deposit any moneys for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account;
 - (n) borrow, whether on interest or not and if need be upon the security of any or all of the property, movable or immovable, of the University, such moneys as the Council may from time to time in its discretion find it necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or credit facilities;
 - (o) make gifts for any charitable purpose;
 - (p) do anything which it is authorised or required by this Bill or by statute to do; and
 - (q) do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects of the University.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill and of the statutes and without prejudice to section 7 (2) of this Bill, the powers conferred on the University by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable on behalf of the University by the Council or by the Senate or in many other manner's which may be authorised by the statute.
- (3) The power of the University to establish further campuses and colleges shall be exercisable by statute and not otherwise (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Functions of the Chancellor and Pro-Chancellor.

- (1) The Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, and when he is present, shall preside at all meetings of Convocation held for conferring degrees.
- (2) The Pro-Chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University, except the Chancellor and except the Vice-Chancellor when acting as chairman of Congregation or Convocation and the Pro-Chancellor shall, when he is present, be the chairman at all meetings of the Council (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Composition of the Council of the University.

The Council of the University shall consist of —

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;

- (c) the Deputy Vice-Chancellor;
- (d) one person from the Ministry responsible for education;
- (e) one person each representing the Oil and Gas producing States to be appointed by the President;
- (f) four persons appointed by the Senate from among its members;
- (g) two persons appointed by Congregation from among its members;
- (h) one person appointed by convocation from among its members;
- (i) two persons representing the community appointed by the president (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Functions of the Council and its Finance and General Purpose Committee.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, the Council shall be the governing body of the University and shall be charged with the general control and superintendence of the policy, finances and property of the University.
- (2) There shall be a committee of the Council, to be known as the Finance and General Purposes Committee, which shall, subject to the directions of the Council, exercise control over the property and expenditure of the University and perform such other functions of the Council as the Council may from time to time delegate to it.
- (3) Provision shall be made by statute with respect to the constitution of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.
- (4) The Council shall ensure that proper accounts of the University are kept and that the accounts of the University are audited annually by an independent firm of auditors approved by the Council and that an annual report is published by the University together with certified copies of the said accounts as audited.
- (5) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Council and the Finance and General Purposes Committee may each make rules for the purpose of exercising any of their respective functions or of regulating their own procedure.
- (6) Rules made under sub-section (5) of this section by the Finance and General Purposes Committee shall not come into force unless approved by the Council; and in so far and to the extent that any rules so made by that Committee conflict with any direction given by the Council, whether before or after the coming into force of the rules in question, the directions of the Council shall prevail.
- (7) There shall be paid to the members respectively of the Council, the Finance and General Purposes Committee and of any other committee set up by the Council, allowances in respect of traveling and other reasonable expenses, at such rates as may from time to time be fixed by the Minister.

- (8) The Council shall meet as and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Bill and shall meet at least three times in every year.
- (9) If requested in writing by any five members of the Council, the chairman shall within 28 days after the receipt of such request call a meeting of the Council.
- (10) Any request made under sub-section (9) of this section shall specify the business to be considered at the meeting and no business not so specified shall be transacted at that meeting (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 7: Functions of the Senate.

- (1) Subject to section 6 of this Bill and sub-section (3) and (4) of this section and the provisions of this Bill relating to the Visitor, it shall be the general function of the Senate to organise and control the teaching by the University, the admission of student where no other enactment provides to the contrary and the discipline of students; and to promote research at the University.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of sub-section (1) of this section and subject as there mentioned, it shall in particular be the function of the Senate to make provision for:
 - (a) the establishment, organisation and control of campuses, colleges, schools, institutes and other teaching and research units of the University and the allocation of responsibility for different branches of learning;
 - (b) the organisation and control of courses of study at the University and of the examinations held in conjunction with those courses, including the appointment of examiners, both internal and external;
 - (c) the award of degrees, and such other qualifications as may be prescribed in connection with examinations held as aforesaid;
 - (d) the making of recommendations to the Council with respect to the award to any person of an honorary fellowship or honorary degree or the title of professor emeritus;
 - (e) the establishment, organisation and control of halls or residence and similar institutions at the University;
 - (f) the supervision of the welfare of students at the university and the regulation of their conduct;
 - (g) the granting of fellowships, scholarships, prizes and similar awards in so far as the awards are within the control of the University; and
 - (h) determining what descriptions of dress shall be academic dress for the purposes of the University, and regulating the use of academic dress.

- (3) The Senate shall not establish any new campus, college, school, department, institute or other teaching and research units of the university, or any hall of residence or similar institution at the University without the approval of the Council.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the statutes, the Senate may make regulations for the purpose of exercising any function conferred on it either by the foregoing provisions of this section or otherwise or for the purpose of making provision for any matter for which provision by regulations is authorised or required by this Bill or by statute.
- (5) Regulations shall provide that at least one of the persons appointed as the examiners at each final or professional examination held in conjunction with any course of study at the University is not a teacher at the university but is a teacher of the branch of learning to which the course relates at some other university of high repute or a person engaged in practising the profession in a reputable organisation or institution.
- (6) Subject to a right of appeal to the Council from a decision of the Senate under this sub-section, the Senate may deprive any person of any degree, diploma or other award of the University which has been conferred upon him if after due enquiry he is shown to have been guilty of dishonourable or scandalous conduct in gaining admission into the University or obtaining that award (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Functions of the Vice-chancellor.

- (1) The Vice-chancellor shall, in relation to the University, take precedence before all other members of the University except the Chancellor and subject to section 4 of this Bill except the Pro-Chancellor and any other person for the time being acting as chairman of the Council.
- (2) Subject to sections 6, 7 and 14 of this Bill, the Vice-chancellor shall have the general function, in addition to any other functions conferred on him by this Bill or otherwise of directing the activities of the University and shall be the chief executive and accounting officer of the University and *ex-officio* chairman of the Senate (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — TRANSFER OF PROPERTY, ETC, TO THE UNIVERSITY

Clause 9: Transfer of Property.

- (1) All property held by or on behalf of the provisional council of the University shall, by virtue of this sub-section and without further assurance, vest in the University and be held by it for the purpose of the University.
- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and to matters arising from, the transfer of property by this section and with respect to the other matters mentioned in that Schedule.

- (3) The Condition of Service of Employees in the University shall be line with what is obtainable in the oil and gas industry to enable the University attract best brains or the training and research in Petroleum Technology (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwel Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — STATUTES OF THE UNIVERSITY

Clause 10: Power of the University to make statutes.

- (1) Subject to his Act, the University may make statutes for any of the following purposes, that is to say:
- (a) making provision with respect to the composition and constitution of any authority of the University;
 - (b) specifying and regulating the powers and duties of any authority of the University, and regulating any other matter connected with the University or any of its authorities;
 - (c) regulating the admission of students (where no other enactment provides to the contrary), and their discipline and welfare;
 - (d) determining whether any particular matter is to be treated as an academic or non-academic matter for the purposes of this Bill and of any statute, regulation or other instrument made there under; or
 - (e) making provision for any other matter for which provision by statute is authorised or required by this Bill.
- (2) Subject to section 26 (6) of this Bill, the Interpretation Act shall apply in relation to any statute made under this section as it applies to a subsidiary instrument within the meaning of section 29 (1) of that Act.

Third Schedule.

- (3) The Statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill shall be deemed to have come into force on the commencement of this Bill and shall be deemed to have been made under this section by each University.
- (4) The power to make statutes conferred by this section shall not be prejudiced or limited in any way by reason of the inclusion or omission of any matter in or from the statute contained in the Third Schedule to this Bill or any subsequent statute (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwel Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Mode of exercising power to make statutes.

- (1) The power of the University to make statutes shall be exercised in accordance with the provisions of this section and not otherwise.
- (2) A proposed statute shall not become law unless it has been approved—
- (a) at a meeting of the Senate, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting; and

- (b) at a meeting of the Council, by the votes of not less than two thirds of the members present and voting.
- (3) A proposed statute may originate either in the Senate or in the Council and may be approved as required by sub-section (2) of this section by either one of those bodies or the other.
- (4) A statute which:
 - (a) makes provision for or alters the composition or constitution of the Council, the Senate or any other authority of the University; or
 - (b) provides for the establishment of a new campus or college or for the amendment or revocation of any statute whereby a campus or college is established, shall not come into operation unless it has been approved by the President.
- (5) For the purpose of section 2 (2) of the Interpretation Act, a statute shall be treated as being made on the date on which it is duly approved by the Council after having been duly approved by the Senate, or on the date on which it is duly approved by the Senate after having been duly approved by the Council, as the case may be or, in the case of a statute falling within sub-section (4) of this section, on the date on which it is approved by the President.
- (6) In the event of any doubt or dispute arising at any time:
 - (a) as to the meaning of any provision of a statute; or
 - (b) as to whether any matter is for the purposes of this Bill an academic or non-academic matter as they relate to such doubt or dispute, the matter may be referred to the Visitor, who shall take such advice and make such decision thereon as he shall think fit.
- (7) The decision of the Visitor on any matter referred to him under sub-section (6) of this section shall be binding upon the authorities, staff and students of the University and where any question as to the meaning of any provision of a statute has been decided by the Visitor under that sub-section, no question as to the meaning of that provision shall be entertained by any court of law in Nigeria.
- (8) Nothing in sub-section (7) of this section shall affect any power of a court of competent jurisdiction to determine whether any provision of a statute is wholly or partly void as being ultra vires or as being inconsistent with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (as amended) (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Proof of statutes.

A statute may be proved in any court by the production of a copy thereof bearing or having affixed to it a certificate purporting to be signed by the Vice-Chancellor or the secretary to the Council to the effect that the copy is a true copy of a statute of the University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — SUPERVISION AND DISCIPLINE

Clause 13: The Visitor.

- (1) The President shall be the Visitor of the University.
- (2) The Visitor shall as often as the circumstances may require, not being less than once every five years, conduct a visitation of the University or direct that such a visitation be conducted by such person or persons as the Visitor may deem fit and in respect of any of the affairs of the University.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the bodies and persons comprising the University to make available to the Visitor, and to any other person conducting a visitation in pursuance of this section, such facilities and assistance as he or they may reasonably require for the purposes of a visitation (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 14: Removal of certain members of Council.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that a member of the Council (other than the Pro-Chancellor or the Vice-Chancellor) should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect through the Minister to the President, and the President, after making such enquiries (if any) as he may consider appropriate approve the recommendation, he may direct the removal of the person in question from office.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Minister to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument embodying a direction under subsection (1) of this section to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Removal and discipline of academic, administrative and professional staff.

- (1) If it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or professional staff of the University, other than the Vice-Chancellor, should be removed from his office or employment on the ground of misconduct or of inability to perform the functions of his office or employment, the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
 - (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter by the Council; and

- (c) for the person in question to be afforded an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the investigating committee with respect to the matter, and if the Council, after considering the report of the investigating committee, is satisfied that the person in question should be removed as aforesaid, the Council may so remove him by an instrument in writing signed on the directions of the Council.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor may, in a case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Vice-Chancellor is prejudicial to the interest of the university, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) For good cause, any member of the staff may be suspended from his duties or his appointment may be terminated by the Council; and for the purposes of this subsection "good cause" means:
 - (a) conviction for any offence which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or other disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of his service; or
 - (e) conduct which the Council considers to be generally of such nature as to render the continued appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the interest of the University.
- (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section shall be on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as:
 - (a) whether to continue such suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of his emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person concerned, in which case such a person shall not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine.

- (5) In any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (7) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall:
 - (a) apply to any directive given by the Visitor in consequence of any visitation; or
 - (b) prevent the Council from making regulations for the discipline of other categories of workers of the University as may be prescribed (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 16: Removal of examiners.

- (1) If, on the recommendation of the Senate, it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that person appointed as an examiner for any examination of the University ought to be removed from his office or appointment, then, except in such cases as may be prescribed by the Vice-Chancellor may, after affording the examiner an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Vice-Chancellor, remove the examiner from the appointment by an instrument in writing signed by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of regulations made in pursuance of section 7 (5) of this Bill, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Senate, appoint an appropriate person as examiner in the place of the examiner removed in pursuance of subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor, on signing an instrument of removal pursuant to this section, to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it related (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 17: Discipline of students.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Vice-Chancellor that any student of the University has been guilty of misconduct, the Vice-Chancellor may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by statute or regulations, direct:
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the directions, participate in such activities of the University, or make use of such facilities of the University, as may be so specified; or

- (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the direction, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified, or
 - (c) that the student be rusticated for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the University.
- (2) Where a direction is given under subsection (1) (c) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, that student may, within the prescribed period and in the prescribed manner, appeal to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council thinks fit.
 - (3) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection (2) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
 - (4) The Vice-Chancellor may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary board consisting of such members of the University as he may nominate.
 - (5) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a student's activities at the University otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
 - (6) A direction under subsection (1) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (1) (b) of this section (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS AND GENERAL

Clause 18: Exclusion of discretion on account of race, religion, etc.

- (1) No person shall be required to satisfy requirements as to any of the following matters, that is to say, race (including ethnic grouping), sex, place of birth or of family origin, or religious or political persuasion, as a condition of becoming or continuing to be a student at the university, the holder of any degree of the University or of any appointment or employment at the University, or a member of any body established by virtue of this Bill; and no person shall be subject to any disadvantage or accorded any advantage relation to the University, by reference to any of those matters:
 - (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) above, indigenes of the host Community and neighbouring Communities shall be accorded preference as provided for in this Bill.

- (2) Nothing in subsection (1) of this section shall be construed as preventing the University from imposing any disability or restriction on any of the persons mentioned in that subsection where such person wilfully refuses or fails on grounds of religious belief to undertake any duty generally and uniformly imposed on all such person or any group of them which duty, having regard to its nature and the special circumstances pertaining thereto, is in the opinion of the University reasonably justifiable in the national interest (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwui Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 19: Restriction on disposal of land by University.

Without prejudice to the provisions of the Land Use Act, the University shall not dispose of or charge any land or an interest in any land (including any land transferred to the University by this Bill) except with the prior written consent, either general or special, of the President:

Provided that such consent shall not be required in the case of any lease or tenancy at a rack-rent for a term not exceeding 21 years or any lease or tenancy to a member of the University for residential purpose (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwui Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In the first paragraph, last line, *leave out* the word “President” and *insert* the word “Governor” instead thereof (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 19 as amended, stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Quorum and procedure of bodies established by this Bill.

Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of any body of persons established by this Bill shall be as determined by that body (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwui Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 21: Appointment of committees, etc.

- (1) Any body of persons established by this Bill shall, without prejudice to the generality of the powers of that body, have power to appoint committees, which need not consist exclusively of members of that body, and to authorise a committee established by it:
- (a) to exercise, on its behalf, such of its functions as it may determine;
 - (b) to co-opt members, and
- (2) Any two or more such bodies may arrange for the holding of joint meetings of those bodies, or for the appointment of committees consisting of members of those bodies, for the purpose of considering any matter within the competence of those bodies or any of them, and either of dealing with it or of reporting on it to those bodies or any of them.

- (3) Except as may be otherwise provided by statute or by regulations, the quorum and procedure of a committee established or meeting held in pursuance of this section, shall be such as may be determined by the body or bodies which have decided to establish the committee or hold the meeting.
- (4) Nothing in the provisions of subsection (1), (2) and (3) of this section shall be construed as:
 - (a) enabling the statutes to be made otherwise than in accordance with section 1 of this Bill; or
 - (b) enabling the Senate to empower any other body to make regulations of the award degrees or other qualifications.
- (5) The Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor shall be members of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Council (other than a committee appointed to inquire into the conduct of the officer in question); and the Vice-chancellor shall be a member of every committee of which the members are wholly or partly appointed by the Senate (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 22: Retiring age of academic staff.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Pension Act, the compulsory retiring age of an academic staff of each University shall be 65 years.
- (2) A law or rule requiring a person to retire from the public service after serving for 35 years shall not apply to an academic staff of each University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 23: Special provisions relating to pension of professors.

A person who retires as a professor having served:

- (a) a minimum period of fifteen years as a professor in the University or continuously in the service of a university in Nigeria up to the retiring age; and
- (b) who during the period of service was absent from the University only on approved national or University assignments, shall be entitled to pension at a rate equivalent to his last annual salary and such allowances as the Council may, from time to time, determine as qualifying for pension and gratuity, in addition to any other retirement benefits to which he may be entitled (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 24: Miscellaneous administrative provisions.

- (1) The seal of each University shall be such as may be determined by the Council and approved by the Chancellor, and the affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by any member of the Council and by the Vice-Chancellor, secretary to the Council or any other person authorised by statute.

- (2) Any document purporting to be a document executed under the seal of the University shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (3) Any contract or instrument which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the University by any person generally or specially authorised to do so by the Council.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of any body established in pursuance of this Bill shall not be affected by any vacancy in the membership of the body, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the body or by reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the preceding.
- (5) Any member of any such body who has a personal interest in any matter proposed to be considered by that body shall forthwith disclose his interest to the body and shall vote on any question relating to that matter.
- (6) Nothing in section 12 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the application in relation to subordinate legislation of certain incidental provisions) shall apply to statutes or regulations made in pursuance of this Bill.
- (7) The power conferred by this Bill on any body to make statutes or regulations shall include power to revoke or vary any statute (including the statute contained in the Third Schedule of this Bill) or any regulation by a subsequent statute or, as the case may be, by a subsequent regulation and statutes and regulations may make different provisions in relation to different circumstances.
- (8) No stamp or other duty shall be payable in respect of any transfer of property to the University by virtue of section 8 or section 18 of this Bill or the Second Schedule to this Bill.
- (9) Any notice or other instrument authorised to be served by virtue of this Bill may, without prejudice to any other mode of service, be served by post (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 25: Interpretation.

- (1) In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Campus" means any campus which may be established by each University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Campus" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"College" means the Council established pursuant to section 2 (1) (b) of this Bill for the University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omapowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "College" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Host Community or Communities" means Uvwie, Udu, Orerokpe, Okpara Inland, and Sapele Communities (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Host Community or Communities" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Graduate" means a person on whom a degree, other than an honorary degree has been conferred by each University (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Graduate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to higher education (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Notice" means notice in writing (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Notice" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Officer" does not include the Visitor (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Officer" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Prescribed" means prescribed by statute or regulations (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Prescribed" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Professor" means a person designated as a professor of the University in accordance with provisions made in that behalf by statute or by regulations (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Professor" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Property" includes rights, liabilities and obligations (Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word "Property" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Provisional Council" means the provisional council appointed for the University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Provisional Council" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Regulations" means regulations made by the Senate or the Council (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Regulations" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Senate" means the Senate of the University established pursuant to section 2 (1) (c) of this Bill (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Senate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"School" means a unit of closely related academic programmes (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "School" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Statute" means a statute made by each University under section 10 of this Bill and in accordance with the provisions of section 11 of this Bill, and "the statutes" means all such statutes as are in force from time to time (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Statute" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Teacher" means a person holding a full-time appointment as a member of the teaching or research staff of the University (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Teacher" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Undergraduate" means a person in statu pupillari at each University other than:

- (a) a graduate; and
- (b) a person of such description as may be prescribed for the purpose of the definition (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Undergraduate" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"University" means Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwei Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "University" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

- (2) It is hereby declared that where in any provision of this Bill it is laid down that the proposals are to be submitted or a recommendation is to be made by one authority or another through one or more intermediate authorities, it shall be the duty of every such intermediate authority to forward any proposals or recommendations received by it in pursuance of that provision to the appropriate authority; but any such intermediate authority may, if it thinks fit, forward therewith its own comments thereon (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwel Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 26: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwel Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 2 (2)]

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS OF THE UNIVERSITY

The Chancellor

1. The Chancellor shall be appointed by and hold office at the pleasure of the President.

The Pro-Chancellor

2. (1) The Pro-Chancellor shall be appointed or removed from office by the President.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Pro-Chancellor shall hold office for a period of four years beginning with the date of his appointment.

The Vice-Chancellor

3. (1) There shall be a Vice-Chancellor of the University who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of a Vice-Chancellor, the Council shall:
- (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria, specifying:
- (i) the qualities of the persons who may apply for the post; and
- (ii) the terms of conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for the post for consideration:

- (b) constitute a Search Team consisting of:
 - (i) a member of the Council, who is not a member of the Senate, as chairman;
 - (ii) two members of the Senate who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor;
 - (iii) two members of Congregation who are not members of the Council, one of whom shall be a professor, to identify and nominate for consideration, suitable persons who are not likely to apply for the post of their own volition because they felt that it is not proper to do so.
- (3) A Joint Council and Senate Selection Board consisting of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as chairman;
 - (b) two members of the Council, not being members of the Senate;
 - (c) two members of the Senate who are professors, but who were not members of the Search Team, shall consider the candidates and person in the short list drawn up under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them, and recommend to the Council suitable candidates for further consideration.
- (4) The Council shall select three candidates from among the candidates recommended to it under subparagraph (3) of this paragraph and may indicate its order of preference stating the reasons therefore and forward the names to the President.
- (5) The President may appoint as Vice-chancellor anyone of the candidates recommended to him in accordance with the provisions of subparagraph (4) of this paragraph.
- (6) The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for a single term of five years only on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment.
- (7) The Vice-chancellor may be removed from office by the Visitor after due consultation with the Council and the Senate acting through the Minister of Education.

Deputy Vice-Chancellors

- 4. (1) There shall be for the University such number of Deputy Vice-Chancellors as Council may, from time to time, deem necessary for the proper administration of each University.
- (2) Where a vacancy occurs in the post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall forward to the Senate a list of two candidates for each post of Deputy Vice-Chancellor that is vacant
- (3) The Senate shall select for each vacant post one candidate from each list forward to it under subparagraph (2) of this paragraph and forward his name to the Council for confirmation.

- (4) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor shall:
 - (a) assist the Vice-Chancellor in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of the Vice-Chancellor when the post of the Vice-Chancellor is vacant or if the Vice-Chancellor is, for any reason, absent or unable to perform his functions as Vice-Chancellor; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Vice-Chancellor of the Council may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (5) A Deputy Vice-Chancellor:
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no more.

Office of the Registrar

- (1) There shall be for each University, a Registrar, who shall be the chief administrative officer of the University and shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administrative work of the University except as regards matters for which the Bursar is responsible in accordance with paragraph 6 (2) of this Schedule.
- (2) The person holding the office of the Registrar shall by virtue of that office be (3) Secretary to the Council, the Senate, Congregation and Convocation.

Other Principal Officers of the University

- 6. (1) There shall be for each University the following principal officers, in addition to the Registrar, that is:
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the University Librarian,who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under paragraph 7 of this Schedule.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of each University and be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the University.
- (3) The University Librarian shall be responsible to the Vice-Chancellor for the administration of the university library and the co-ordination of the library services in the University and its campuses, colleges, faculties, schools, departments, institutes and other teaching or research units.
- (4) Any question as to the scope of the responsibilities of the aforesaid officers shall be determined by the Vice-Chancellor.

Selection Board for other Principal Officers

7. (1) There shall be, for the University, a Selection Board for the appointment of principal officers, other than the Vice-Chancellor or Deputy Vice-chancellor, which shall consist of:
- (a) the Pro-Chancellor, as Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Senate; and (d) two members of the Senate.
- (2) The functions, procedure and other matters relating to the Selection Board constituted under subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine.
- (3) The Registrar, Bursar and Librarian shall hold office for a term of five years renewable for a further term of five years and no more.

Resignation and Re-appointment

8. (1) Any officer mentioned in the foregoing provisions of this Schedule may resign his office:
- (a) in the case of the Chancellor or Pro-Chancellor, by notice to the President;
 - (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council and the Council shall, in the case of the Vice-Chancellor, immediately notify the Minister.
- (2) Without prejudice to paragraph 4 of this Schedule, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the First Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SECOND SCHEDULE

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, FUNCTIONS, ETC.

Transfer of Property to University

1. Without prejudice to the generality of section 9 (1) of this Bill:
- (a) the reference in that subsection to property held by the Provisional Council shall include a reference to the right to receive and give a good discharge for any grants or contributions which may have been voted or promised to the provisional council;
 - (b) all debts and liabilities of the provisional council outstanding shall become debts or liabilities of the University.
2. (1) All agreements, contracts, deeds and other instruments to which the provisional council was a party shall, so far as possible and subject to any necessary modifications, have effect as if the University had been a party thereto in place of the provisional council.

- (2) Documents not falling within sub-paragraph (1) of this paragraph, including enactments, which refer, whether specially or generally, to the provisional council, shall be construed in accordance with that sub-paragraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending by or against the provisional council may be continued by or against the University.

Registration of transfers

3. (1) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers of property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far as it provides for alterations of a register (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with necessary modifications, to the property aforesaid.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the body to which any property is transferred by this Bill to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of Functions, etc.

4. (1) The first meeting of the Council shall be convened by the Pro-chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (2) The persons who were members of the provisional council shall be deemed to constitute the Council until the date when the Council as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (3) The first meeting of the Senate as constituted by this Bill shall be convened by the Vice-chancellor on such date and in such manner as he may determine.
- (4) The person who were members of the Senate immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to constitute the Senate of the University until the date when the Senate as set up under the Third Schedule to this Bill shall have been duly constituted.
- (5) Subject to any regulations which may be made by the Senate after the date on which this Bill is made, the schools, school boards and students of the University immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall on that day become schools, school boards and students of the University as constituted by this Bill.
- (6) Persons who were Deans or associate Deans of schools or members of school boards shall continue to be Deans or associate Deans or become members of the corresponding school boards, until new appointments are made in pursuance of the statutes.
- (7) Any person who was a member of the staff of the University as established or was otherwise employed by the provisional council shall become the holder of an appointment at the University with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him as member of that staff or as such an employee (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Second Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Section 9(3)]

FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES

Statute No.1

ARRANGEMENT OF ARTICLES

Articles

1. The Council.
2. The Finance and General Purposes Committee;
3. The Senate
4. The Congregation.
5. Convocation.
6. Division of schools.
7. School boards.
8. Dean of the school.
9. Selection of certain principal officers.
10. Creation of academic posts.
11. Appointment of academic staff.
12. Appointment of administrative and professional staff.
13. Interpretation.
14. Short Title.

The Council

1. (1) The composition of the Council shall be as provided in section 5 of this Bill.
- (2) Any member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill may, by notice to the Council resign his office.
- (3) A member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this Bill shall, unless he previously vacates it, vacate that office on the expiration of the period of four years beginning with effect from 1 August in the year which he was appointed.
- (4) Where a member of the Council holding office otherwise than in pursuance of section 5 (a), (b), (g), or (h) of this Bill vacates office before the expiration of the period aforesaid, the body or person by whom he was appointed may appoint a successor to hold office for the residue of the term of his predecessor.

- (5) A person ceasing to hold office as a member of the Council otherwise than by removal for misconduct shall be eligible for re-appointment for only one further period of four years.
- (6) The quorum of the Council shall be five, at least one of whom shall be a member appointed pursuant to section 5 (d) or (e) of this Bill.
- (7) If the Pro-Chancellor is not present at a meeting of the Council, such other member of the Council present at the meeting as the Council may appoint as respects that meeting shall be the chairman at that meeting, and subject to section 4 of this Bill and the foregoing provisions of this paragraph, the Council may regulate its own procedure.
- (8) Where the Council desires to obtain advice with respect to any particular matter may co-opt not more than two persons for that purpose, and the persons co-opted may take part in the deliberations of the Council at any meeting but shall not be entitled to vote.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee

- 2. (1) The Finance and General Purposes Committee of the Council shall consist of:
 - (a) the Pro-Chancellor, who shall be the chairman of the Committee at any meeting at which he is present;
 - (b) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (c) six other members of the Council appointed by the Council, two of whom shall be selected from among the three members of the Council appointed by the Senate and one member appointed to the Council by Congregation;
 - (d) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education, or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him; and
 - (e) the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Energy, or in his absence, such member of his Ministry as he may designate to represent him.
- (2) The quorum of the Committee shall be five.
- (3) Subject to any directions given by the Council, the Committee may regulate its own procedure.

The Senate

- 3. (1) The Senate shall consist of:
 - (i) the Vice-Chancellor and Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (ii) the Deans of the several colleges;
 - (iii) the Directors of the several institutes;
 - (iv) the Professors;
 - (v) the Provosts of the several colleges;

- (vi) the Librarian;
 - (vii) the persons for the time being holding such appointment on the staff of the University as may be specified by the Vice-chancellor;
 - (viii) such teachers, not being more than one third of the total number of non-elected members, elected by Congregation and at least one of whom shall come from each school; and
 - (ix) two members representing a variety of interests of the professional bodies outside the University appointed by the Senate on the recommendation of the Vice-chancellor.
- (2) The Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at all meeting of the Senate when he is present, and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as the Senate may appoint for that meeting shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of the Senate shall be one quarter or the nearest whole number less than one quarter; and subject to paragraph (2) of this article, the Senate may regulate its own procedure.
- (4) An elected member may, by notice to the Senate, resign his office.
- (5) Subject to paragraph (7) of this article, there shall be elections for the selection of elected members which shall be held in the prescribed manner on such day in the month of May or June in each year as the Vice-Chancellor may from time to time determine.
- (6) An elected member shall hold office for the period of two years beginning with 1 August in the year of his election, and may be a candidate at any election held in pursuance of paragraph (5) of this article in the year in which his period of office expires, so however that no person shall be such a candidate if at the end of his current period of office he will have held office as an elected member for a continuous period of six years or would have so held office if he had not resigned it.
- (7) No election shall be held in pursuance of this article in any year if the number specified in the certificate given in pursuance of paragraph (10) of this article does not exceed by more than one the figure which is thrice the number of those elected members holding office on the date of the certificate who do not vacate office during that year in pursuance of paragraph (6) of this article.
- (8) For the avoidance of doubt it is hereby declared that no person shall be precluded from continuing in or taking office as an elected member by reason only of reduction in the number of non-elected members occurring on or after 30 April in any year in which he is to continue in or take office as an elected member.
- (9) If so requested in writing by any fifteen members of the Senate, the vice-Chancellor or in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors duly appointed by him, shall convene a meeting of the Senate to be held not later than the tenth day following that on which the request was received.

- (10) In this article "total of non-elected members" means as respect any year, such number as may be certified by the Vice-Chancellor on 30 April of that year to be the number of persons holding office as members of the Senate on that day otherwise than as elected members.

Congregation

4. (1) Congregation shall consist of:
- (i) Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellors;
 - (ii) the full-time members of the academic staff;
 - (iii) the Registrar;
 - (iv) the Bursar;
 - (v) the Librarian;
 - (vi) the Director of Works;
 - (vii) the Director of Health Services; and
 - (viii) every member of the administrative staff who holds a degree, other than honorary degree, of any University recognised for the purposes of this statute by the Vice-Chancellor.
- (2) Subject to section 4 of this Bill, the Vice-chancellor shall be the chairman at all meetings of Congregation when he is present; and in his absence any of the Deputy Vice-Chancellors present at the meeting as Congregation may appoint for that meeting, shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (3) The quorum of Congregation shall be one third or the whole number nearest to one third of the total number of members of Congregation of fifty, whichever is less.
- (4) A certificate signed by the Vice-Chancellor specifying:
- (a) the total number of members of Congregation for the purpose of any particular meeting or meetings of Congregation; or
 - (b) the names of the persons who are members of Congregation during a particular period, shall be conclusive evidence of that number or, as the case may be, of the names of those persons.
- (5) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this article, Congregation may regulate its own procedure.
- (6) Congregation shall be entitled to express by resolutions or otherwise its opinion on all matters affecting the interest and welfare of the University and shall have such other functions, in addition to the function of electing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

Convocation

5. (1) Convocation shall consist of:

- (i) the officers of the University mentioned in the First Schedule to this Bill;
 - (ii) all teachers within the meaning of this Bill;
 - (iii) all other persons whose names are registered in accordance with paragraph (2) of this article.
- (2) A person shall be entitled to have his name registered as a member of Convocation if:
 - (a) he is either a graduate of the University or a persons satisfying such requirements as may be prescribed for the purposes of this paragraph; and
 - (b) he applies for the registration of his name in the prescribed manner and pay the prescribed fees.
- (3) Regulations shall provide for the establishment and maintenance of a register for the purpose of this paragraph and subject to paragraph (4) of this article may provide for the payment, from time to time, of further fees by persons whose names are on the register and for the removal from the register of the name of any person who fails to pay those fees.
- (4) The person responsible for maintaining the register shall, without the payment of any fees, ensure that the names of all persons who are for the time being members of the Convocation by virtue of paragraph (1) (a) or (b) of this article are entered and retained on the register.
- (5) A person who reasonably claims that he is entitled to have his name on the register shall be entitled on demand to inspect the register or a copy of the register at the principal times of the University at all reasonable times.
- (6) The register shall, unless the contrary is proved, be sufficient evidence that any person named therein is not, a member of Convocation; but for the purpose of ascertaining whether a particular person was such a member on a particular date, any entries in and deletions from the register made on or after that date shall be disregarded.
- (7) The quorum of Convocation shall be fifty or one third or the whole number nearest to one third or the whole number of members of Convocation whichever is less.
- (8) Subject to section 4 of the Act, the Chancellor shall be chairman at all meetings of Convocation when he is present, and in his absence the Vice-Chancellor shall be the chairman at the meeting.
- (9) Convocation shall have such functions, in addition to the function of appointing a member of the Council, as may be provided by statute or regulations.

Division of colleges

- 6. (1) Each college shall be divided into such number of branches as may be prescribed.

College boards

7. (1) There shall be established in respect of each school, a board of studies which, subject to the provisions of this Statute, and subject to the directions of the Vice-Chancellor, shall:
- (a) regulate the teaching and study of, and the conduct of examinations connected with, the subjects assigned to the college;
 - (b) deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute or by the Vice-Chancellor or by the Senate; and
 - (c) advise the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate on any matter referred to it by the Vice-Chancellor or the Senate.
- (2) Each college board of studies shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) the Dean;
 - (c) the persons severally in charge of the branches of the school;
 - (d) such of the teachers assigned to the college and having the prescribed qualifications as the board may determine; and
 - (e) such persons, whether or not members of the University, as the Board may determine with the general or special approval of the Senate.
- (3) The quorum of the board shall be eight members or one quarter, whichever is greater, of the members for the time being of the board; and subject to the provisions of this statute and to any provision made by regulations in that behalf, the board may regulate its own procedure.

Deans of the Colleges

8. (1) The board of each college shall, at a meeting in the last term of any academic year which the term of office of the Dean express, nominate one of its members, being one of the professors assigned to that teaching unit, for appointment by the Senate as Dean of the school
- (2) The person appointed under paragraph 1 of this article shall act as Dean of the college and chairman of all meetings of the College Board when he is present and shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the college.
- (3) The Dean shall hold office for two years and shall be eligible for re-appointment one further period of two years. Thereafter he shall not be eligible for re-appointment until two years have elapsed.
- (4) The Dean of a college shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the college.
- (5) It shall be the function of the Dean to present to Convocation for the conferment of degrees persons who have qualified for the degrees of the University at examination held in the branches of learning for which responsibility is allocated to that college.

(6) There shall be a committee to be known as the Committee of Deans consisting of all the Deans of the several colleges and that Committee shall advise the Vice-Chancellor on all academic matters and on particular matters referred to the University by the Senate.

(7) The Dean of college may be removed from office for good cause by the college board after a vote would have been taken at a meeting of the board, and in the event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Vice-Chancellor:

Provided that at the next school board meeting an election shall be held for a new Dean.

(8) In this article "good cause" has the same meaning as in section 14 (3) of the Act.

Selection of Director or Works

9. (1) When a vacancy occurs in the office of the Director of Works, a selection board shall be constituted by the Council which shall consist of:

- (a) the Pro-Chancellor;
- (b) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (c) two members appointed by the Council, not being members of the Senate; and
- (d) two members appointed by the Senate.

(2) The selection board after making such inquiries as it thinks fit, shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant office; and after considering the recommendation of the board the Council may make an appointment to that office.

Creation of Academic Posts

10. Recommendations for the creation of academic posts other than principal officers shall be made by the Senate to the council through the Finance and General purposes Committee.

Appointment of Academic Staff

11. (1) Subject to the Act and statutes, the filling of vacancies in academic posts (including newly created ones) shall be the responsibility of the Senate.

(2) For the purpose of filling such vacancies, suitable selection boards to select and make appointments on behalf of the Council shall be set up provided 20% of such consideration of staff strength shall be sourced from the host community or communities as catchment areas.

(3) For appointment to professorships, associate professorship or readerships or equivalent posts, a board of selection, with power to appoint, shall consist of:

- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
- (b) two members appointed by the Council;

- (c) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
 - (d) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;
 - (e) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit, or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and
 - (f) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
- (4) For other academic posts, a selection board, with power to appoint, shall consist of:
- (a) the Vice-Chancellor;
 - (b) four members appointed by the Senate, at least two of whom shall be members of the Senate, while the other two members shall be professional peers in the professional area in which an appointment is to be considered;
 - (c) if the post is tenable at a college, the Provost of the college;
 - (d) if the post is within a school, institute or other teaching unit in the University, the Dean of the school or the teaching unit or the director of the institute, as the case may be; and
 - (e) such other persons, not exceeding two in number, deemed capable of helping the board in assessing both the professional and academic suitability of a candidate under consideration, as the Senate may from time to time appoint.
- (5) All appointments to senior library posts shall be made in the same way as equivalent appointments in the academic cadre; and for all such posts other than that of the Librarian, the Librarian shall be a member of the selection board.
- (6) Boards of selection may interview candidates directly or consider the reports of specialist interviewing panels and shall in addition, in the case of professorships, associate professorship, readerships or equivalent posts, consider the reports of external assessors relevant to the area in which the appointment is being considered.

Appointment of Administrative and Professional Staff

12. (1) The administrative and professional staff of the University other than principal officers shall be appointed by the Council or on its behalf by the vice-chancellor or the Registrar in accordance with delegation of any powers made by the Council in that behalf.
- (2) In the case of administrative or professional staff that have close and important connection with the academic staff, there shall be Senate participation in the process of selection.

- (3) Notwithstanding any provisions of this Bill the Council shall implement the 2m'o catchment area for the host community or Communities in the recruitment or promotion of Administrative Staff generally, while 80% of its junior non-academic staff shall be sourced from the Host Community or Communities.

Interpretation

13. In this Statute, the expression *lithe Ad'* means the Federal University of Petroleum Resources Act and any word or expression defined in the Act has the same meaning in this Statute (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Third Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun; and Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Evelyn Oboro Omavowan — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr. Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun; and for Other Matters Connected Thereto (HB. 381), and approved Clauses 1 - 18, approved Clause 19 as amended, approved Clauses 20 - 26, the First, Second and Third Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (iii) **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 441) (Committee of the Whole) (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency).**

Question agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY;
AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL HOSPITALS MANAGEMENT BOARD

Clause 1: Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Federal Capital Territory a Board to be known as Hospitals Management Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").

- (2) The Board —
- (a) is a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and
 - (c) may acquire, hold or dispose of any property, moveable or immovable, for the purpose of carrying out any of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 2: Establishment of the Governing Board..

There is established for the Board, a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 2 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 3: Membership of the Board.

The Board shall consist of —

- (a) a Chairman who shall serve on part time basis;
- (b) two part time members who are residents of the Federal Capital Territory to represent the public interest on rotational basis ;
- (c) the Director, Medical and Diagnostics, Health and Human Services Secretariat;
- (d) the Director, Pharmaceutical Services, Health and Human Services Secretariat;
- (e) the Director, Clinical and Diagnostics, Hospitals Management Board;
- (f) the Director, Nursing Services, Hospitals Management Board;
- (g) a representative of the Medical Profession in Federal Capital Territory on part time basis;
- (h) a representative of other allied Medical Professions in Federal Capital Territory on part time basis;
- (i) the Director General of the Board who shall also serve as the Secretary to the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 3 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 4: Schedule of Tenure.

The Chairman and other members of the Board shall each hold office:

- (a) for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for one further term of 4 years and no more; and

- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in their letters of appointment (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 4 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 5: Cessation of Membership.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Bill, a person ceases to hold office as a member of the Board if the person:
- (a) becomes bankrupt;
 - (b) is convicted of a felony or offence involving dishonesty or fraud;
 - (c) becomes of unsound mind, or incapable of carrying out his or her duties;
 - (d) is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his or her duties;
 - (e) in the case of a person possessed of professional qualifications, he or she is disqualified or suspended from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority made in respect of that member; or
 - (f) resigns his or her appointment by a letter addressed to the Minister.
- (2) If a member of the Board ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Board for the unexpired term.
- (3) A member of the Board may be removed by the Minister, on the recommendation of the Secretary Health and Human Services, if the Council is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the council or the public that the member continues in office (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 5 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 6: Emoluments, etc. of members.

There shall be paid to the members of the Board such remuneration as the Minister may from time to time determine (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 6 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART II — POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE BOARD

Clause 7: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have the powers to:

- (a) consider plans and budgetary proposals of the hospitals and submit recommendations thereon to the Minister;
- (b) provide the general policy guidelines relating to the functions of the Board; and

- (c) award contracts for procurement of goods and services not more than ₦50,000,000.00 (Fifty million Naira) only; or such threshold as prescribed by the Public Procurement Act (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 7 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 8: Functions of the Board.

- (1) The functions of the Board shall be to :
- (a) administer, control and manage all secondary health care facilities in the Federal Capital Territory;
 - (b) ensure that the standards of curative and after care treatment provided for the public and patients at all Health institutions under the Board are of high standards;
 - (c) provide information and advice to Health and Human Services Secretariat of the Federal Capital Territory in order to facilitate the formulation of realistic health policies;
 - (d) provide proper training courses for staff including clinical institutions within or outside Nigeria to ensure competence in operations and adequate opportunities for advancement;
 - (e) implement the policies of Health and Human Services Secretariat;
 - (f) carry out such health functions and general directions as may be passed on to it in writing by the Minister, Federal Capital Territory;
 - (g) recruit Employees of the Board;
 - (h) promote, post, transfer and discipline staff of the Board;
 - (i) maintain comprehensive data base for all grades of its employees; and
 - (j) handle pension matters of all employees of the Board.
- (2) The Board shall enter into contracts for:
- (a) procurement of equipment, drugs, surgical consumables, reagents, furniture and general goods;
 - (b) procurement of services, including specialized services; and
 - (c) maintenance of medical equipment, infrastructural facilities, vehicles, plant and machinery.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the Board may enter into such contracts or do any such things necessary or expedient for due performance of any of its duties under this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 8 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART III — APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR-GENERAL AND OTHER STAFF OF THE BOARD

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 9: Appointment of the Director-General.**

There shall be for the Board a Director General:

- (a) who shall be appointed by the Minister after a competitive selection process;
- (b) who shall be the Chief Executive and Accounting Officer of the Board; and
- (c) who shall be responsible for the day to day management and administration of the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 9 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 10: Qualification of the Director-General.

The Director General shall be:

- (a) a qualified Medical Doctor or Allied Medical Practitioner registered with relevant professional bodies for a period of not less than 18 years, with considerable administrative experience in matters of health; and holds
- (b) a post-graduate medical fellowship qualification obtained not less than 8 years prior to his appointment as Director-General (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 10 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 11: Tenure.

The Director-General of the Board shall hold office:

- (a) for a term of 4 years in the first instance and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and not more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his or her letter of appointment (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 11 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 12: Appointment of other staff of the Board.

- (1) The Board may appoint such other staff as it considers necessary for carrying out its functions under this Bill and may determine the wages, salaries, and conditions of service, of such staff with the approval of the Minister.
- (2) The staff of the Board shall be:
 - (a) public servants as defined in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999; and
 - (b) governed by the Civil Service Rules and Regulations of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 12 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 13: Pensions.

Service in the Board must be approved service for the purposes of the pension Reform Act and accordingly employees of the Board are entitled to pensions, and other retirement benefits as are prescribed under the Pension Reform Act (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 13 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 14: Staff regulations.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Board shall make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff, and in particular, such regulations may provide for:
 - (a) the appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of staff or employees of the Board; and
 - (b) appeals by staff or employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service in the public service of the Federation are to be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary, to the employees of the board.
- (2) The staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect until published in the Federal Government official Gazette, but the Board shall cause a notice of the staff regulations to be issued to all affected staff in such manner as the service may from time to time determine.
- (3) Any officer aggrieved by any decision of the Board in respect of discipline, dismissal or termination of appointment may appeal to the Minister for redress (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 14 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 15: Staff Transfer.

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, relevant officers of the Health and Human Services Secretariat working in the secondary Health facilities immediately before the coming into force of this Bill shall be deemed to have been transferred to the Board.
- (2) Notwithstanding section (1) of this section Health and Human Services Secretariat may retain any officer or servant whose services in its opinion are for the time being required by the Secretariat.
- (3) During the period of transition the existing schemes of service, regulations and standing orders for the various grades of serving officers in the Health and Human Services Secretariat shall remain in force until the Board makes appropriate regulations and rules (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 15 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART IV — ESTABLISHMENT OF HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Clause 16: Establishment of Committees.

The Board shall appoint a Committee for each hospital in the Federal Capital Territory to be known as Hospital Management Committee (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 16 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 17: Composition of the Committee.

The Committee shall consist of —

- (a) the Medical Director of the Hospital, who shall be the head and accounting officer of the hospital;
- (b) all heads of major clinical departments and units in the hospital including but not limited to the following Departments —
 - (i) Paediatrics;
 - (ii) Obstetrics & Gynaecology;
 - (iii) Surgery;
 - (iv) Medicine;
 - (v) Nursing;
 - (vi) Pharmacy;
 - (vii) Medical Records;
 - (viii) Dental;
 - (ix) Laboratory;
 - (x) Radiology
- (c) a representative of the local community to be nominated by the Councilor for Health in the Area Council; and
- (d) the hospital Secretary shall be the Secretary to the Committee (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 17 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 18: Functions of the committee.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the functions of the Committee are to —
 - (a) control and manage health services provided within a Hospital;
 - (b) identify community health care needs and provisions of services thereto;

- (c) provide the Board with a full annual and performance reports as may be required by the Board;
 - (d) receive and investigate any complaints from the public against the services provided in the Hospital.
- (2) The Committee is to be responsible to the Board for —
- (a) the hospital's day to day administration and services;
 - (b) the hospital's revenue and expenditure through their Drugs and Services Revolving Fund (DSRF) scheme, regular running cost and Health Insurance fees;
 - (c) limited maintenance of buildings and equipment as well as environmental sanitation in hospitals;
 - (d) purchase of stationeries, furniture, drugs, consumables, reagents and sundry items;
 - (e) processing of preliminary disciplinary matters that may be forward to the Board further action; and
 - (f) supervising any health facility affiliated to the hospital (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 18 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 19: Complaints against the committee.

Any person aggrieved by any act of the Committee may appeal to the Board for redress (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 19 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Delegation of powers.

The Minister may by notice delegate to any person or body all or any of the powers conferred upon him by this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 20 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 21: Funds of the Board.

- (1) The Funds and resources of the Board shall consist of all —
- (a) monies as may from time to time be allocated to the Board by way of budgets by the Federal Capital Territory Administration;
 - (b) legacies, grants, endowments, donations and other gifts received by the Board;
 - (c) all monies earned in respect of any service or services provided by the Hospitals and institutions under this Bill;
 - (d) any investment or other property acquired by or vested in the Board including money arising from the investment or property;

- (e) all monies received by the Board in respect of any loan made by the Board or interest payable in respect of the loan;
 - (f) all other monies which may lawfully accrue to the Board from any other source.
- (2) The Board shall operate its own account(s) but may delegate powers to the Hospital Management Committees to collect and disburse revenue on its behalf (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 21 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VI — ACCOUNTS, AUDIT AND REPORTS

Clause 22: Annual reports.

The Board shall not later than 30th June in each year, submit to the appropriate authority, a report of its activities covering its performance against agreed set target during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in that report an audited account of the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 22 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 23: Estimates.

The Board must prepare and submit to the appropriate authority not later than the 30th day of September in each financial year an estimate of its income and expenditure for the succeeding year (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 23 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 24: Accounts and audits.

The Board must keep proper accounts and records to be audited by an auditor or auditor's approved by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 24 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 25: Submission of reports.

A copy of the annual report, the financial statement and the audited accounts of the Board must be submitted to the Minister (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 25 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 26: General directives.

The Minister may give to the Board directives of a specific or general nature with regard to the exercise of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 26 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 27: Power to make regulations.

The Board shall with the approval of the Minister make regulations for —

- (a) prohibiting or restricting the access of members of the public to any premises vested in or under the control of the Board or to any portion of such premises;
- (b) ensuring the maintenance of good order and discipline amongst members of the public at all time upon any such premises;
- (c) prevent the unauthorized or improper use of any property under the control of the Board; and
- (d) prescribing the fees payable in respect of any services provided by Hospitals under the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 27 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 28: Commencement date and regulations.

Regulations made under the provisions of this section are operational and effective only upon their gazetting (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 28 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 29: Appointment of special committees.

- (1) The Minister may, by notice and on the advice of the Board appoint a Committee to be known as a Special Committee with responsibilities for hospitals in the said notice.
- (2) The notice shall specify the constitution of the Special Committee and its functions (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 29 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 30: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires -

"appointed or appropriate authority" means the Federal Government representative responsible for the administration of Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "appointed or appropriate authority" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Board" means the Federal Capital Territory Hospitals Management Board established under section 1 of this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chairman" means and includes Hospital Management Committee established under this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Chairman" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Commencement date" means the effective date the Act comes into operation (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Commencement date" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Director-General" means the Chief Executive Officer of the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Director-General" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Employee" means any person employed in any capacity by the Board pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Employee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"FCT" means the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the abbreviations "FCT" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"hospital" means any hospital, convalescent home, clinic or nursing home with associated institutions and specialist services maintained or controlled by the Government, used or intended to be used for the reception and treatment of persons suffering from any sickness, injury, bodily or mental infirmity and for the reception of women in childbirth immediately after childbirth for the purposes of providing such person with nursing, medical or surgical attention (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "hospital" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"member of the Committee" means a member of the Committee appointed by the authority under this Bill and includes the Chairman of the Committee (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "member of the Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"member of the Board" means a member of the Governing Board appointed by the Minister, and includes the Chairman of the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "member of the Board" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Medical Director" means Medical Officer in charge of Hospital under the Federal Capital Territory Administration (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Medical Director" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means Minister of the Federal Capital Territory or any person appointed or elected for the time being, responsible for the administration of the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the word "Minister" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 30 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 31: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory Hospitals Management Board (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 31 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULE RELATING TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings of the Board

1. The Board shall meet no less than quarterly, and more often as required, at a time and place determined by and upon reasonable notice to all members from the Chairman to —
 - (a) address all matters related to implementation of its operational or strategic health plans at all levels;
 - (b) coordinate and oversee all matters related to every Hospital Management Committee; and
 - (c) discharge its functions in terms of this law.
2. Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman and in his absence the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be not less than one-third of the total number of members of the Board at the date of the meeting and the quorum of a Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.
4. The Board shall for the purposes of this Bill, meet every quarter and not less than three times in each year and subject, thereto, the Board shall meet whenever it is convened by the Chairman, and if the Chairman is requested to do so, by notice given to him by not less than 5 other members, he shall convene a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice was given.

5. Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count towards a quorum.
6. A member of the Board who is directly or indirectly interested in any matter being deliberated on by the Board, or is interested in any contract made or proposed to be made by the Board shall
 - (a) as soon as possible after the relevant facts have come to his knowledge, disclose the nature of his interest at a meeting of the Board and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board;
 - (b) not, take part in any deliberation or decision of the Board;
 - (c) be excluded for the purpose of constituting a quorum of any meeting of the Board for any deliberation or decision, with regard to the subject matter in respect of which his interest is so disclosed,
 - (d) not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.

Voting and Casting

7. An issue to be decided by the Board, vote shall be determined by a simple majority of members present and voting and the Chairman or other person presiding over the meeting shall have a casting vote wherever necessary to avoid an equality of votes.
 - (1) The Director General shall provide secretarial services and shall take and retain minutes of all board meetings for proper custody.
 - (2) Minutes of a Board meeting shall be reviewed, revised as required and approved at the next Board meeting.
 - (3) The Chairman shall direct that minutes approved in terms of subsection (2) shall be timeously submitted to the Members.
 - (4) The minutes of the Board shall at all reasonable times be open for inspection by any person, who shall be entitled to obtain a copy or extract, upon the payment of the prescribed fee.

Vacancy

8. The proceedings of the Board shall not be invalidated by reason of a vacancy among its members or by any defect in the nomination, appointment or qualification of a member.

Committees

9.
 - (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing and ad-hoc Committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Board is concerned.
 - (2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Board and consists of such number of persons, (not necessarily all members of the Board as may be determined by the Board), and a member, other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

- (3) The quorum of any Committee set up by the Board shall be as may be determined by the Board.
- (4) A decision of a Committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.

Miscellaneous

- 10. The fixing of the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the Director-General of the Board.
- 11. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by the Secretary or by any other person generally or specially authorize by the Board to act for that purpose.
- 12. Any document purporting to be a contract, instrument or other document duly signed or sealed on behalf of the Board shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed without further proof to have been properly signed or sealed.
- 13. The validity of any proceedings of the Board or any of its Committees shall not be affected by —
 - (a) any vacancy in the membership of the Board, or Committees;
 - (b) any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or Committee; or
 - (c) reason that any person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Board or Committee.
- 14. A member of a Committee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Committee shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Committee and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- 15. No member of the Board shall be personally liable for any act or omission done or made in good faith while engaging in the business of the Board (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the provisions of the Schedule stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory and for Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/East Federal Constituency*).

Question that the Long Title stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Hospitals Management Board of the Federal Capital Territory; and for Other Related Matters (HB. 441), and approved Clauses 1 - 31, the Schedule, and the Long Title of the Bill.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

- (iv) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerians in Diaspora Commission, Provide for the Engagement of Nigerians in Diaspora in the Policies, Projects and Participation in the Development of Nigeria and for the Purposes of utilizing the Human, Capital and Material Resources of Nigerians in Diaspora towards the overall Socio-Economic, Cultural and Political Development of Nigeria; and for Other Matters Related Thereto (HB. 160)***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

- (v) ***Committee on Public Petitions:***

Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association against the Nigerian Ports Authority on alleged non-placement of the petitioners after their Training and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Nigerian Ports Authority to absorb the petitioners, having trained them for four years, certified and documented as worthy officers of the organization before their disengagement" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"In the alternative, the Nigerian Ports Authority should pay each of the petitioners ₦2,000,000.00 (Two Million Naira) only in lieu of their possible entitlements, inconvenience, cost of pursuing their case all the while and starter pack for the petitioners to commence a new phase of life" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwá East/West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Technical Trainee Graduates Association against the Nigerian Ports Authority on alleged non-placement of the petitioners after their Training and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

(vi) Committee on Public Petitions:

Report on the Petition by Miss Nkechi Okeugo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Nkechi Okeugo against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged dismissal from service and approve the recommendation therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Question that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report — Agreed to.

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

"Urge the Nigerian Customs Service to recall Miss Nkechi Okeugo with Service No. 51955 ASCII into the service and place her on the level her mates are presently occupying" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Miss Nkechi Okeugo against the Nigerian Customs Service on alleged dismissal from service and approved the only Recommendation of the Report.

Question that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Agreed to.

20. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 18 May, 2016 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Pally Iriase .O. — Deputy Chief Whip).

The House adjourned accordingly at 4.04 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker