



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 17th November, 2016

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1. The Senate met at 10:25 a.m. The Senate President read Prayers.
 2. **Votes and Proceedings:**
The Senate examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 16th November, 2016.
Question was put and the Votes and Proceedings were approved.
 3. **Announcement:**
Acknowledgment:
The Senate President acknowledged the presence of the Staff and Students of Iqra'a Nursery and Primary School, Federal Housing Authority, Lugbe, Abuja who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings.
 4. **Presentation of Bills:**
 - (i) Nigerian Tax Academy (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 330) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (ii) The Competition (Anti-Trust) Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.187) — *Read the First Time.*
 - (iii) Pre- Shipment Inspection of Exports Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (SB. 265) — *Read the First Time.*
 5. **Conference Committee:**
Report on the National Lottery Act 2005 (Amendment) Bill, 2016:
Presentation of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.
 6. **Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:**
Motion made: That the Senate do receive the Reports of the Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions in respect of:
 - (a) Petition from Sule Mode against the Nigerian Army for wrongful discharge from the Army;
 - (b) Petition from Ibrahim Ali against the Nigerian Army for wrongful dismissal from the Army;
 - (c) Petition from Kingdom Human Rights Foundation International against the Police Service Commission for alleged suppression of its petition:

- (d) Petition from Cpl. Maxwell Bibakedorn (rtd.) against the Nigerian Army over his non-inclusion in the payroll of the Directorate of the Military Pensions Board after retirement; and
- (e) Petition from Mr. Aniekan Umoh against Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (SPDC) over his unlawful disengagement from the service of the Company (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*)

Question put and agreed to.

Reports Laid.

7. Committee on Air Force:

Report on the Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB. 180):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Air Force on the Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Leader*)

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE AIR FORCE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, TO GIVE TECHNICAL TRAINING TO PERSONNEL OF THE NIGERIAN AIR FORCE, OTHER SERVICES OF THE ARMED FORCES OF NIGERIA, NIGERIANS AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES; AND FOR MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2016

**PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, STATUS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE AIR FORCE
INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute.

There is hereby Established an Institute to be known as the Air Force Institute of Technology.

(1) The Institute —

(a) Shall be a corporate body with Perpetual succession and Common Seal;

(b) May sue or be sued in its own name;

(c) Own or Dispose Moveable and Immoveable Property.

(2) Shall be situated in Kaduna.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 2: Objectives of the Institute.

The Objectives of the Institute shall be to —

- (1) To create a technological research and development institute of a world class standard in all facets of engineering and technological endeavor including but not limited to aerospace and aeronautical engineering, mechanical, electrical, automobile and automotive engineering, marine engineering.
- (2) Expose each of its students to a broad and balanced curriculum;
- (3) Meet a higher level maintenance capability locally for aviation aerospace and allied specialties of the Nigerian Air Force, other Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Government, Agencies and related organizations; Nigerians as well as other African Countries and people of other nationalities.
- (4) Expand the horizon for indigenous research and development efforts, through the provision of conducive atmosphere and infrastructure that will promote cooperation and collaboration with similar Institutions within and outside Nigeria.
- (5) Prepare Nigerian Air Force Personnel, those of the other sister Services of the Nigerian Armed Forces, Nigerians and Military Personnel from other African Countries for brighter post-service employment as a means of enhancing their integration to civil society and broadening the technical manpower of the aviation industry.
- (6) Attract international researchers and stakeholders in the aerospace, aeronautics, aviation and, allied industries.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Duro S Faseyi. — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART II — POWERS OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE GOVERNING COUNCIL**Clause 3: Powers of the Institute.**

The Institute shall have powers —

- (1) To establish such campuses, colleges, schools, extramural departments and other teaching and research units within the institute as may from time to time, be deemed necessary or desirable subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission or the National Board for Technical Education as the case may be;

Amendment Proposed;

Immediately after the words “subject to the” in lines 3 and 4, *insert* the words “accreditation and” (*Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North*).

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

- (2) To institute Professorships, readerships or associate professorships, readerships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

- (3) To award honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles; to hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a Course of study approved by the Institute and have satisfied such other requirements as the Institute may lay down from time to time;
- (4) To Institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions awards and other forms of assistance;
- (5) To provide for the discipline and welfare of member of the Institute;
- (6) To demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the institute for the purpose of instruction such fees as the institute may, from time to time, determine subject to the overall directive of the Governing Council;
- (7) To acquire, hold, grant, charge or otherwise deal with or dispose off movable and immovable property wherever situate;
- (8) To accept gifts, legacies and donations, but without obligation to accept the same for particular purpose unless it approves the terms and conditions attaching thereto;
- (9) To enter contracts, establish trusts, act as trustee, solely or jointly with any person and employ and act through agents;
- (10) To erect, provide, equip and maintain libraries, laboratories, lecture halls, halls of residence, refectories, sports grounds, playing fields and other buildings or thing necessary or suitable or convenient for any of the object of the Institute.
- (11) To hold public lectures, produce periodic journals and to undertake printing, publishing and book-selling
- (12) Subject to the provisions of this statute, to invest any money appertaining to the Institute by way of endowment, not being investments or securities or the purchase or improvement of land, with power from time to time to vary any such investments and deposit any money for the time being not invested with any bank on deposit or current account, not charge or surety;
- (13) To borrow whether on interest or not if need be upon the security of any or all of the properties, movable or immovable, of the Institute, such monies as the Council may from time to time, in its discretion find necessary or expedient to borrow or to guarantee any loan, advances or direct facilities;
- (14) To make gifts for any charitable purpose;
- (15) To arrange for the general welfare of children of members of staff;
- (16) To comply with all extant laws regulating the activities of similar Institutions and to do anything which it is authorized or required by this Act or by statute to do; and

- (17) To do all such acts or things, whether or not incidental to the foregoing powers, as may advance the objects to the institute;
- (18) The powers conferred on the Institute by subsection (1) of this section shall be exercisable by the Council in the manner, authorized by the statute (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

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

Clause 4: Constitution of the Governing Council.

- (1) The Council shall consist of —
- (a) A chairman who shall be the Chief of the Air Staff;
 - (b) Chief of Policy and Plans Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (c) Chief of Aircraft Engineering, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (d) The Air Officer Commanding, Training Command;
 - (e) Chief of Logistics & Communication, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (f) Chief of Accounts & Budgets, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (g) Director of Training, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (h) Director of Education, Headquarters, Nigerian Air Force;
 - (i) The Director Air Force Affairs, Ministry of Defence;
 - (j) The Commandant of the Institute;
 - (k) The Provost of the Institute;
 - (l) Representative of Ministry of Science and Technology;
 - (m) Representative of the Ministry of Aviation;

Amendment Proposed;

Immediately after the word “the” *leave out* all the words and *insert* the words “Nigeria Civil Aviation Authority” (*Senator Bala Ibn Na’Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (n) Representative of National Universities Commission;
- (o) Representative of National Board for Technical Education;
- (p) The Registrar of the Institute shall be Secretary of the Council (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

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

Clause 5: Visitor.

There shall be a Visitor for the Institute and shall be the President of the Federal republic of Nigeria and shall be responsible for:

- (a) Giving to the council direction of a general character, as to discharge of its functions in relation to matters of public interest.
- (b) Intervening where there is a deadlock or crisis that goes beyond the powers of the council.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 6:

- (1) The Governance of the Institute and the direction of its affairs shall vest in the Governing Council of the Institute (in the Act referred to as the Council),
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section and subject to this Act the Council shall have the power to consider and approve —
 - (a) The strategic plan of activities of the Institute.
 - (b) The academic programme, courses and research to be undertaken by the institute.
 - (c) The annual budget of the Institute; and
 - (d) Curricular and programmes taught in the Institute.
- (3) The Council may, subject to the provision of this Act, employ such number and category of officers as may be expedient for the proper running of the Institute.
- (4) The Council may make staff regulation relating to schedule of the terms and condition of service of its civilian employees and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing such regulations may provide for —
 - (a) The appointment, remuneration, promotion, tenure and discipline of civilian employees, are as made under any instrument relating to the condition of service of officers and junior staff in the civil service of the federation or those in the National Universities structure shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employees of the Institute.
 - (b) Until such regulations are made any instrument relating to the condition of service of officers and junior staff in the civil service of the federation or those in the National Universities structure shall be applicable with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employee.
 - (c) The Council shall have power to create any office or department, necessary for the efficient running of the Institute.

- (5) The decision of the Council on all matters pertaining to training, assessment, and certificate, award of degrees, academic titles, fellowship and discipline of participants shall be final.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 7: Meetings.

The Council shall meet as at and when necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act, and shall meet at least twice a year in accordance with the provisions of this Act as contained in the schedule.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART III — ACADEMIC BOARD OF THE INSTITUTE AND THE SCHOOL BOARD

Clause 8: The Academic Board.

- (1) There shall be an Academic Board which shall have control of the academic affairs of the Institute and, subject to the powers of the Governing Council, the Academic Board shall have the following functions, that is to —
- (a) Organize and control the teaching of academic courses and the examination thereto;

Amendment Proposed;

Leave out the word "thereto" and insert the words "subject to accreditation and approval by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and National Board for Technical Education (NBTE)" (Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North).

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

- (b) Determine the passes and failures of all courses in accordance with the criteria for passing as laid down in the academic assessment policy;
- (c) Deal with matters relating to admission into departments and schools;
- (d) Recommend to the Governing Council persons to be appointed as external examiners for the Diplomas, Degrees and Higher Degrees examination.
- (e) Deal with matters relating to research and development projects;
- (f) Any other functions assigned or delegated to it, from time to time, by the Governing Council.
- (2) The Academic Board shall consist of —
- (a) The Institute Provost, who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The Deans of schools;

- (c) The Heads of Academic Department;
- (d) All Professors, whether Heads of Departments or not;
- (e) Two military members of the Institute to be appointed by the Commandant; and
- (f) The Librarian of the institute
- (g) The Institute Registrar, who shall be the Secretary (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi. — Ekiti North*).

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

Clause 9: School Board.

- (1) There shall be established for the institute, schools in line with the various disciplines and departments under them as may be required.
- (2) There shall be established in respect of each School, a School Board which, subject to the provision of this statute and to the directions of the Institute Provost shall —
 - (a) Regulate the teaching, study and the conduct of examinations connected with the subjects assigned to the school;
 - (b) Deal with any other matter assigned to it by statute, or by the Institute Provost or by the Academic Board; and

Amendment Proposed;

Immediately after the word “matter” in line 1, *insert* the words “as may be” (*Senator Bala Ibn Na’Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (c) Advise the Institute Provost or the Academic Board on any matter referred to it by the Institute Provost or by the Academic Board.

Amendment Proposed;

Immediately after the word “by” *insert* the word “either” (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

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

- (3) Each school shall be divided into such number of departments as may be prescribed.
- (4) Where a School consists of two or more departments, each department shall have its own board of studies, which shall be responsible to and be under the control of the Academic Board.
- (5) Each school Board shall consist of —
 - (a) The Dean of the School;
 - (b) The persons severally in charge of the Departments of the school;
 - (c) Such numbers of lecturers assigned to the School and having prescribed qualifications as the school Board may determine; and

- (d) Such numbers of persons whether or not members of the Institute as the School Board may with general or special approval.
- (6) The quorum of the school Board shall be two third of the members of the school Board, and subject to the provision of this statute and any provision made by regulations on this behalf, the School Board may regulate its own procedure (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 10: Dean of the School.

- (1) The Dean of the School shall be appointed in such manner and hold office for such a time and subject to such conditions, as may be prescribed by regulations.
- (2) If there is no Professor in the School, the office of the Dean of the School shall be held by a member of the School holding the rank of reader or senior lecturer or senior military officer of comparative academic experience, on the basis of seniority as may be determined by the School Board,
- (3) The Dean shall be the Chairman at all meetings of the School Board when he is present and he shall be a member of all committees and other boards appointed by the school and when the Dean is absent from any meeting, the most senior member present shall preside in the meeting.
- (4) The Dean of the school shall exercise general superintendence over the academic and administrative affairs of the school, and it shall be the function of the Dean to present graduands for the conferment of Certificates, Degrees, after having qualified at examinations held in the department.
- (5) The Dean of the school may be removed from office by the Commandant for good cause and in event of a vacancy occurring following the removal of a Dean, an acting Dean may be appointed by the Commandant provided that arrangement shall be made for a new Dean to be appointed in the manner prescribed within a period of three months from the date when the acting Dean assumed office.
- (6) For the purpose of subsection (5) of this section-
"good cause" shall mean —
 - (a) Suspected for any offence which the Commandant 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 Commandant, after obtaining medical, advice, consider to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) Conducts which are of disciplinary nature such as scandalous or disgraceful and other offences, which the Commandant considers as what will render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or

- (d) Conducts which the Commandant considers to be such as failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the function of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of service; or
- (e) Conducts which the Commandant considers to generally or such nature as to render the continuous appointment or service of the person concerned prejudicial or detrimental to the Institute.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: Appointment of the Commandant.

- (1) There shall be appointed for the Institute, a Commandant, whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, and who shall be responsible to the Governing Council for —
 - (a) Giving to the Governing Council such information on the activities of the Institute as the Chairman of the Council may require;
 - (b) Authorizing programmes and plans for giving effect to policy approved by the Governing Council or to any direction of the Governing Council, subject to all or any of the powers in this section as may be delegated to him by the Governing Council.
- (2) The fact that any power has been delegated to the Commandant pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall not preclude the Governing Council itself from exercising them in any special case.
- (3) The powers referred to in subsection (2) of this section shall include —
 - (a) The executive control over the military and civilian staff of the Institute;
 - (b) The supervision of accounts and records;
 - (c) The preparation for approval programmes and plans necessary to carry into effect approved policy or any directive of the Governing Council.
 - (d) The interpretation of such policy to other members of staff of the Institute;
 - (e) The making of any recommendation on members of staff to the Governing Council and
 - (f) The establishment of organizational structures committee and definitions of duties;

Provided that nothing in this Act shall be deemed to detract from the military powers of command of the Commandant, which shall include trial powers to try service personnel in accordance with the Armed Forces Act, CAP. A20, LFN, 2004 (as amended).

- (4) The Commandant shall in the exercise of his disciplinary powers have similar powers to that of an Air Officer Commanding or its equivalent in the conduct of summary trial or convening a court martial under the Armed Forces Act, CAP. A20, LFN, 2004 (as amended).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 12: Appointment of Principal Staff Officer Coordination.

There shall be appointed for the Institute a Principal Staff Officer Coordinator, whose appointment and removal from office shall be in accordance with military posting, and who shall assist the Commandant in the running of the Institute in accordance with the provision of this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 13: Appointment of the Provost.

There shall be appointed an Institute Provost (in this Act referred to as "the Provost") who shall be responsible to the Commandant for the coordination of all academic activities of the Institute, be the head of Academic Branch and shall perform such other functions as the Governing Council or the Commandant as the case may be, shall assign to him from time to time. The provost shall have not less than a PhD in Engineering and at least eight (8) years cognate working experience.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 14: Appointment of Institute Registrar.

There shall be Institute Registrar, who shall be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administrative work of the Academic Branch. The registrar shall possess not less than a first degree or its equivalent in Engineering. Membership of a professional body shall be an advantage.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 15: Appointment of Institute Librarian.

There shall be an Institute Librarian who shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the library services in the Institute and its Schools and Departments.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 16: Appointment of Principal Officers of the Institute.

- (1) When a vacancy occurs in the offices of the Registrar and the Librarian of the Institute, HQ NAF will fill the vacancies accordingly whilst Appointment of Principal Officers of the Institute, Heads of non-academic positions, a selection committee shall be constituted consisting of —

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "occurs" in line 1, and insert the word "exists" instead thereof (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (a) the Commandant;
 - (b) the Principal Staff Officer Coordination;
 - (c) the Provost; and
 - (d) Two members appointed by the Academic Board.
- (2) The selection Committee after making such inquiries as it thinks fit shall recommend a candidate to the Council for appointment to the vacant post and after considering the recommendation of the selection committee, the Council may make an appointment to that post (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

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

Clause 17: Appointment of other Non-Academic Staff of the Institute.

- (1) An interview panel to interview candidates, not above the grade of a senior lecturer or equivalent shall be constituted consisting of —

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "An interview" in line 1, and insert the word "A" instead thereof (*Senator Emmanuel Bwacha — Taraba South*).

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

- (a) The institute Provost who shall be the Chairman;
- (b) The Deans of the relevant School;
- (c) The Heads of the Departments concerned, except that if the Head of Departments is himself a candidate, he shall not serve on the interview panel;
- (d) The Institute Registrar, who shall be the secretary of the interview panel;
- (e) At least two persons recommended by the Dean to the provost and such persons must have knowledge of the subject or field in respect of which candidates are being assessed or interviewed, and must not be of lower status than that of the post being interviewed for.

- (2) For the purpose of filling any vacancies occurring in the post of Professor or Reader, an Academic committee set up under subsection (3) of this section, shall sit as a selection board. To select and recommend to the Institute Governing Council, suitable persons to fill the vacant posts.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words "filling any vacancies occurring" in line 1, and insert the words "filling any vacancies existing" instead thereof (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

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

- (3) The Academic committee, when sitting as a selection board, under sub-section (2) of this section, shall consist of —
- (a) The Commandant;
 - (b) The Provost;
 - (c) The Dean of the School concerned;
 - (d) Two members of the Committee appointed by the Governing Council, one of who shall be a member of staff of the School or academic unit concerned.
 - (e) Two other persons who are not members of the academic staff, appointed from time to time, by the Governing Council; and
 - (f) The Registrar who shall be the Secretary.
- (4) The Governing Council shall have the power to interview candidates directly (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

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

Clause 18: Other Staff.

- (1) The Nigerian Air Force shall post officers and Airmen from time to time to fill administrative, teaching and other military or academic vacancies in the Institute.

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "shall" in line 1, insert the words "have power to" (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (2) The Governing Council may appoint such persons as civilian members of the academic staff of the Institute for teaching, research, academic and administration as it considers necessary and may approve terms and conditions of service including provisions for the payment of pensions.
- (3) Members of staff of the Institute shall, unless exempted by the Chairman of the Council, take oaths of secrecy on assumption of duty and as may be determined from time to time.
- (4) No civilian personnel employed in any capacity, whether or not a member of a trade union shall engage or take part in any strike (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*).

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

PART IV- FINANCIAL PROVISION

Clause 19: Management of the Institute Fund.

The Institute shall establish and maintain a Fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Governing Council and into which shall be paid—

- (1) All monies received by the Council pursuant to this Act.
- (2) Such monies as may be provided by the Federal Government to the Institute by way of grant, gift or otherwise.
- (3) All fees and other monies payable to the Institute pursuant to subsection (1) of this section.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 19 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 20: Expenditures.

There shall be paid out of the Fund of the Institute —

- (1) All expenditures incurred by the council in the discharge of its functions under this Act.
- (2) The remunerations and allowances of the Registrar and other employee of the Institute.
- (3) Such reasonable travelling and subsistence allowance of the members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Institute, as Management of Institute fund.
- (4) The Council may, from time to time honour money for the purpose of the Institute and any interest payable on monies so borrowed shall be paid out of the Fund.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "honour" in line 1, and insert the word "borrowed" instead thereof (*Senator Isaac M. Alfa — Kogi East*).

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

- (5) The Institute shall keep accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidance supplied by the Auditor- General of the Federation.
- (6) The auditor appointed for the purpose of this section, shall not be a member of the Council (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 20 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V- GENERAL PROVISION

Clause 21: Method of Resignation.

- (1) Any officer referred to in the provisions of this Act may resign his appointment in line with the terms and conditions in the Civil Service or National Universities with such modifications as may be necessary to the civilian employee —
- (a) In line with military tradition; or
- (b) If civilian, by notice to the Governing Council, through the Commandant.
- (2) Subject to as may be otherwise specified, a person who has ceased to hold an office so mentioned other than by removal for misconduct, shall be eligible for re-appointment to that office.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 22: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Council" means the council established as the Governing Council of the Institute.

Question: That the word "Council" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Fee" includes registration fees.

Question: That the word "Fee" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Institute" means the Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna.

Question: That the word "Institute" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Members" includes member of the Governing Council of the Institute.

Question: That the word "Members" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Registrar" means the registrar appointed pursuant to the provision of the Bill.

Question: That the word "Registrar" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Commandant" means the Commandant appointed pursuant to the Provision of this Bill.

Question: That the word "Commandant" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senator Duro Sammuel F. — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 23: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senator Duro S. Faseyi — Ekiti North*) — Agreed to.

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

SCHEDULE

Section 6 (4)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL

- (1) Subject to this Act and to section 27 of the Interpretation Act (which provides for the decisions of a statutory body to be taken by a majority of the members of the body and for the persons presiding to have a second or casting vote), the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or of any committee thereof.
- (2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman and six (6) other members and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be determined by the Council.
- (3) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman required it to do so by the notice given to him by the Commandant or Registrar of the Institute, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from date on which the notice is given.
- (4) The Chairman shall preside over the meeting of the Council, in the event of his absence he shall delegate any member of the council to represent him and carry out the responsibilities of the Chairman at that particular meeting or meetings subject to the mandate given by the Chairman.
- (5) Where the Council wishes to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as it thinks fit, but a person who is a member by virtue of this subsection shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and not count towards a quorum.

COMMITTEES

- (6) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Council, such of its function as the Council may determine.
- (7) A Committee appointed under sub-section (6) of this section shall consist of such number of person as may be determined by the Council and not more than one third of those persons who are members of the Council; a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with terms of the instrument of his appointment.

- (8) A decision of a committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is ratified by the Council.
- (9) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authorized by the signature of the Chairman or some other member authorized generally or specially by the Council.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 under the Head "proceedings of the governing council" stand part of the Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Air Force on the Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 and 2	—	As Recommended
Clauses 3 and 4	—	As Amended
Clauses 5 - 7	—	As Recommended
Clauses 8 and 9	—	As Amended
Clauses 10- 15	—	As Recommended
Clause 16-18	—	As Amended
Clause 19	—	As Recommended
Clauses 20 and 21	—	As Amended
Clauses 22 and 23	—	As Recommended
Schedule	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

8. **Joint Committee on Poverty Alleviation; and National Planning:**
Report on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (SB.023):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committees on Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare; and National Planning on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Senator Rabi M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report
(*Deputy Senate Leader*)

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL POVERTY ERADICATION COMMISSION AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH, 2016.

PART 1— ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL POVERTY ERADICATION COMMISSION (NPEC)

- Clause 1:**
- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Poverty Eradication Commission, (hereinafter in this Act referred to as "the Commission").
 - (2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal; and may sue, and be sued in its corporate name.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

- Clause 2: Establishment and Composition of the National Coordination Council**
- There is hereby established National Coordination Council (in this Act, referred to as "the Council") that is shall consist of:—
- (a) Chairman;
 - (b) Six other members representing each of the six geo-political zones of the country;

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word "Members," in line 1, *insert* the word "one" (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

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

- (c) the Special Adviser to the President on matters relating to Poverty Eradication;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out subclause 2(c) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- "(c) the Special Adviser or Special Assistant to the President on matters relating to Poverty Eradication if any;" (*Senator Barnabas A. I. Gemade — Benue North-East*).

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

- (d) the President of the National Association of Small Scale Industrialists; and
- (e) one representative of each of the following poverty eradication or reduction ministries and agencies who shall not be below the rank of a Director, that is;
 - (i) The Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development;

- (ii) The Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity;
- (iii) The Federal Ministry of Finance;
- (iv) The Federal Ministry of Health,
- (v) The Federal Ministry of Information and Culture;
- (vi) The Federal Ministry of Science and Technology;
- (vii) The Federal Ministry of Women affairs;
- (viii) The Federal Ministry of Youth and Social Development;
- (ix) The Federal Ministry of Budget and National Planning;
- (x) The Federal Ministry of Trade and Investment;
- (xi) The Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing;
- (xii) The Ministry of Water Resources;
- (xiii) The Federal Ministry of Environment;
- (xiv) The Federal Ministry of Solid Minerals Resources;
- (xv) Federal Ministry of Education; and
- (xvi) Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development of Nigeria
(*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Insert new subclause (e) (xvii) as follows:

“(xvii) Central Bank of Nigeria” (Senator Yahaya A. Abdullahi — Kebbi North).

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

Question that Clause 2 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Appointment of Members of the Council

- (1) Members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces subject to confirmation by the Senate.
- (2) Ex-officio members of the Council shall be nominated by the organizations they represent (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 4: Tenure of Office.

- (1) The Chairman and members of the Council other than ex-officio members shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more.
- (2) If a member of the Council dies or vacates his office for whatever reason before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, a fit and proper person shall be appointed for the remaining term of office of the predecessor. However, that successor shall represent the same interest (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the words “a fit and proper person” in lines 2 and 3, and *insert* the words “a person who is qualified in accordance with this Act” (*Senator James E. Manager — Delta South*).

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

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

Clause 5: Removal from Office.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of this Act, a member of the Council shall cease to hold office as a member if:—
 - (a) He resigns his appointment as a member of the Council by a notice addressed to the President; or
 - (b) he is removed from office by the President for inability to discharge the functions of his office (whether arising from infirmity of mind or body or any other cause) or for misconduct.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 6: Emoluments, Etc.

The Chairman and members of the Council shall be paid such emoluments, allowances and benefits as the President may from time to time approve in accordance with the recommendation of the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART II— FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION**Clause 7: Functions of the Commission.**

- (1) The functions of the Commission shall be:—
 - (a) implement all policies, projects, programmes, plans and international commitments related to poverty eradication or reduction.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "all" in line 1, and insert the word "such" instead thereof (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (b) coordinate, monitor and advise on all social protection activities of Government;
- (c) assist in formulating and reviewing policies on poverty eradication;
- (d) provide technical expertise and sensitize all levels of government and organizations on poverty eradication issues;
- (e) evaluate and monitor the level of social amenities throughout the country with direct impact on the poor;
- (f) act as government agency for catalyzing, mobilizing and synergizing resources at all tiers of Government and throughout the economy for the purpose of eradicating poverty for mass participation in the economic development process;
- (g) maintain a data bank on all poverty issues;
- (h) periodically extend palliative intervention projects as contained in the Schedule to this Act, as a cushioning measure for the poor to ensure their overall social protection; and
- (i) maintain an outreach to International Donor Agencies and Development Partners (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*).

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

Clause 8: Powers of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall have powers to:—
 - (a) ensure the implementation of the policies and decisions of the Commission;
 - (b) ensure that the programme and projects as budgeted for are implemented by the Commission.
 - (c) review all poverty eradication and reduction activities in the Federation;
 - (d) relate with Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), International Donor Agencies (IDAs) and all other major stakeholders in order to facilitate the development of their capabilities as well as foster partnership among them;
 - (e) strategize and formulate intervention programmes and projects based on needs and with a view to complementing the efforts of the implementing Ministries and Agencies;

- (f) undertake a periodic assessment of programme implementation and prepare reports accordingly for submission to the Federal Executive Council through the Minister;
- (g) set attainable targets periodically for all poverty reduction and eradication activities of Government;
- (h) set up such other sub-committees to undertake special assignments as may be required; and
- (i) do such other things and carry out such other directives as may be given from time to time by the Federal Executive Council (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Clause 8 (Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South).

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

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

NEW PART III—NATIONAL CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

Clause 9: National Coordination Committee.

- (1) There is hereby established a National Coordination Committee (in this Bill, referred to as "the Committee") which shall have the Director-General of the Commission who shall serve as the Chairman of the Committee; and
 - (a) the Commission shall approve the inclusion of any other Office or Agency as a member of the Committee if its activities are relevant to the Committee's mandate.
- (2) the National Coordination Committee shall consists of the following as members:—
 - (a) Directors from each of the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) that are members of the Council;
 - (b) the Director-General, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria;
 - (c) the Director-General, National Directorate of Employment;
 - (d) the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Bank of Industry;
 - (e) the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Bank Of Agriculture;
 - (f) the Governor, Central Bank of Nigeria;
 - (g) the Director-General, Universal Basic Education Commission;
 - (h) the Director-General, Raw Materials Research and Development Council;

- (i) the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer, Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria;
- (j) the Director-General/Chief Executive Officer, National Agricultural Extension, Research and Liaison Services;
- (k) the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Federal Roads Maintenance Agency;
- (l) the Managing Director/ Chief Executive Officer, Federal Housing Authority;
- (m) the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer, Rural Electrification Agency;
- (n) the Executive Secretary, National Primary Health-Care Development Agency; and
- (o) Representative of Ministry of Water Resources.
- (p) the Executive Vice Chairman, Nigerian Communication Commission; and
- (q) Representatives of Local and the International Donor Agencies operating in Nigeria.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word “Representatives” in line 1, and *insert* the words “One Representative each” instead thereof (*Senator Suleiman O. Hunkuyi — Kaduna North*).

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

- (3) Functions of the National Coordination Committee.
 - (a) The Committee shall be responsible for the technical coordination of all poverty eradication programmes in Nigeria; and
 - (b) The Committee shall submit reports of its regular meetings to the Council (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

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

Clause 10: Application to States and Local Governments.

- (1) In implementing their poverty eradication and reduction programmes, States and Local Governments may adopt the provisions of this Act with such modifications as may be appropriate and necessary.
- (2) The Federal Government may provide technical and discretionary financial assistance to States and Local Governments that give effect to the provisions of sub-section (I) of this section.
- (3) The Deputy Governors or the Chairmen of the State Poverty Eradication Councils, shall meet with the Vice President at least once a year to assess and evaluate the progress made on the implementation of all poverty related programmes being executed by all tiers of Government (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendments Proposed:

Leave out Subclause 10(3) (Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South).

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

Question that Clause 10 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III— STRUCTURE OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 11: Directorates of the Commission.

The Commission shall be structured into such number of departments as may be necessary or expedient for the effective discharge of its functions and in particular, the structure of the Commission shall include the following Directorates:—

- (a) Directorate of Research Monitoring and Evaluation (DRM&E)
- (b) Directorate of Coordination and Programmes Development (CPD);
- (c) Directorate of Finance and Accounts (DFA);
- (d) Directorate of Administration and Supplies (DA&S); and
- (e) such other Directorates or units as may be determined by the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

PART IV— STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 12: Director-General.

There shall be for the Commission, a Director-General who shall be appointed by the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria subject to the confirmation by the Senate.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 13: Functions of the Director-General.

The Director-General shall be:—

- (a) the accounting officer of the Commission;
- (b) responsible for the execution of policies, programmes and the day to day administration of the affairs of the Commission;
- (c) responsible for liaison with international donors for funding;
- (d) a person 'with cognate experience and skills in related fields;
- (e) responsible to the Chairman of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 14: Tenure of Office, Etc.

- (1) The Director-General shall hold office for a term of four years in the first instance and may be reappointed for a further term of four years and no more,
- (2) The terms and conditions of his service shall be as contained in the letter of appointment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 15: Other Staff of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall appoint such officers and other employees as it may deem fit.
- (2) The terms and conditions of service (including remuneration, allowances, benefits and pensions) of officers and employees of the Commission shall be determined by the Commission in conformity with the National Salaries, Income and Wages Commission.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1) of this section, the Commission shall have power to appoint either on transfer or on secondment from any public service in the Federation, such number of employees as may in the opinion of the Commission, be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of any of its functions under this Act and shall have the power to pay to persons so employed such remuneration (including allowances) as may be determined by the National Income, Salaries and Wages Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 16: Staff Regulations.

- (1) The Commission may, subject to the provisions of this Act, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the employees of the Commission and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for:—
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and disciplinary control (including dismissal) of employees of the Commission; and
 - (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of officers in the public service of the Federation shall be applicable.

- (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect until approved by the Commission and when so approved they need not be published in the Federal Gazette but the Commission shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 17: Pension Reform Act 2004

- (1) Service in the Commission shall be an approved service for purposes of the Staff Pension, and accordingly, employees of the Commission shall be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed under the Pension Act, 2014.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on the terms which preclude the grant of a pension, gratuity or other retirement benefits in respect of that office.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 17 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

PART V — FUNDS OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 18: Fund of the Commission

- (1) There shall be established and maintained a National Poverty Eradication Commission Fund (hereinafter referred to as the "NPEC-FUND") from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission;
- (2) There shall be paid and credited into the Fund established in pursuance of sub-clause (1) of this clause.—
- (a) annual budgetary allocation from the Federal Government;
- (b) such other sums as may be given to the Commission by the Federal Government for any newly introduced Poverty Alleviation Programmes;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in subclause 18(2) (b) (*Senator Abdullahi A. Yahaya — Kebbi South*).

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

- (c) all monies accruing to the Commission, including grants-in-aid, endowments and donations;
- (d) all charges, dues, fees or other amounts collected by the Commission;

- (e) all interests on money invested by the Commission;
- (f) Contributions from Companies as corporate social responsibilities
(*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word “responsibilities” insert the words “for the purpose of poverty alleviation” (*Senator Joshua M. Lidani — Gombe South*).

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

Question that Clause 189 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19: The Commission shall, when necessary, apply the Funds at its disposal for the purpose of the Commission (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Provision in Clause 19 (*Senator Bala Ibn Na’Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

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

Clause 20: The Commission may borrow according to the provisions of the Debt Management Act;

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in Clause 20 (*Senator Bala Ibn Na’Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

Question that Clause 20 as amended do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 21: The Commission may invest any of its surplus Funds in such securities as may be permitted by law;

Committee’s Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 22: The Commission shall submit to the President, in accordance with the prescription in the annual budget cycle each year, its programme of work and estimates of its income and expenditure for the following year (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Immediately after the word “year” insert the words “for onward transmission to the National Assembly for approval” (*Senator Solomon O. Adeola — Lagos West*).

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

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

Clause 23: The Director General shall keep proper Accounts of the Commission and proper records in relation and to those accounts:

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 24: The account of the Commission shall be audited after the end of the year to which the audit relates, by auditors appointed by the commission from among the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation; and

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 25: The Commission shall prepare and submit to the President through the Minister not later than 6 months after the end of the year a report, in such form as the President may direct on the activities of the Commission during the immediate preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Commission of that year and the auditor's reports thereon.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 26: Expenditure of the Commission

- (1) The Commission shall, from time to time, apply the funds at its disposal to:—
- (a) publicize and promote the activities of the Commission;
 - (b) to defray cost of acquisition and upkeep of premises belonging to the Commission and any other capital expenditure of the Commission;
 - (c) pay allowances, expenses and other benefits of members of the Commission or of any Committee set up by this 'Act or as may be set up by the council;
 - (d) pay the salaries, allowances and benefits of staff of the Commission;
 - (e) pay other overheads, allowances, benefits and other administrative costs of the commission; and

- (f) any other payment for anything incidental to the foregoing provisions or in connection with or incidental to any other functions of the commission under or pursuant to this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 27: Power to Accept Donations

- (1) The Commission may accept donation of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organizations making the donation.
- (2) The Commission shall not accept any donation if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the donation is inconsistent with the functions of the commission under this Bill (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the word "Bill" and insert the word "Act" instead thereof (*Senator Samuel N. Anyanwu — Imo East*).

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

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

Clause 28: Power to Borrow.

- (1) The Commission may, from time to time, borrow by overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Act.
- (2) The Commission shall not, without the approval of the Minister, borrow money, which exceeds, at any time, the limit set by the general guidelines on borrowing in accordance with the provisions of extant laws of Nigeria (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision Clause 28 (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

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

Clause 29: Annual Estimates and Audit.

- (1) The Commission shall cause to be prepared not later than 30th September in each year an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission during the next succeeding year and when prepared, they shall be submitted through the Minister to the Federal Executive Council.
- (2) The Commission shall cause to be kept accounts of the Commission and proper records in relation thereto and when certified by the Council, the Auditor-General of the Federation shall audit the accounts.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 30: Annual Reports.

- (1) The Commission shall, not later than 30th June in each succeeding year, submit to the Minister, a report on the activities and administration of the Commission during the immediate preceding year and shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the Commission and the auditor's report on those accounts.
- (2) the Commission shall submit copies of same annual reports to the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Rabi'u M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

PART VII — LEGAL PROCEEDING**Clause 31: Limitation of suit Against the Commission, etc.**

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the provisions of the Public Officers Protection Act shall apply in relation to any suit instituted against any officer or employee of the Commission
- (2) Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law or enactment, no suit shall lie or be instituted in any court of law against any member of the Commission, the Director-General, or any other officer or employee of the Commission for any act done in pursuance or execution or any public duty or authority in respect of any alleged neglect or default in the execution of this Act or such law or enactment, duty or authority unless:—
 - (a) it is commenced within a reasonable time in accordance with the provision of the law of Nigeria after the act, neglect or default complained of: or
 - (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within a reasonable time in accordance with the provision of the law of Nigeria after the ceasing thereof.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision in subclause 2(a) and (b) and *insert* the following instead thereof:

- “(a) it is commenced within three months after the Act, neglect or default complained of: or
- (b) in the case of a continuation of damage or injury, within 6 months after the ceasing thereof.” (*Senator Bala Ibn Na'Allah — Kebbi South*).

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

- (3) of this section shall clearly and explicitly state the cause of action, the particulars of the claim, the name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff and the relief which he claims (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*).

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

Clause 32: Service of Documents.

A notice, summons or other documents required or authorized to be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this Act or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Director-General of the Commission or by sending it by registered post and addressed to the Director-General at the Head Office of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 32 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 33: Restriction on Execution Against Property of the Commission

- (1) In any action or suit against the Commission, no execution or attachment of process in any nature thereof shall be issued against the Commission.
- (2) Any sum of money which may by the judgment of any court be awarded against the Commission shall, subject to any direction given by court where notice of appeal of the said judgment has been given, be paid from the fund of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 33 (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Clause 34: Indemnity of Officer.

A member of the Commission or the Director - General or any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Commission against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member, Director - General, officer or other employee of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 34 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 35: Directives by the President, Etc.

The President may through the Minister give to the Commission or the Director-General such directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise of its or his functions as he may consider necessary and the Commission or the Director-General shall comply with the directives if they are not inconsistent with its functions as prescribed under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 35 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 36: Regulations.

The Commission may, with the approval of the Minister, make such regulations as in its opinion are necessary or expedient for giving full effect to the provisions of this Act and for the due administration of its provisions.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 36 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 37: Power to Intervene Schedule.

The targets of the core Poverty Eradication and Reduction Ministries, Departments and Agencies set out in the Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the intervention powers of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 37 be retained (*Senator Rabiul M. Musa — Kano Central*) — Agreed to.

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

Clause 38: Interpretation

In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"Commission" means the National Poverty Eradication Commission established under section 1 of this Act;

Question: That the word "Commission" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Council" means the National Poverty Eradication Council of Nigeria;

Question: That the word "Council" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Functions" includes powers and duties;

Question: That the word "Functions" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister in charge of National Planning by whatever name called;

Question: That the word "Minister" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"President" means the President, Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria;

Question: That the word "President" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Public Service" has the meaning assigned to it in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999;

Question: That the word "Public Service" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 38 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

Clause 39: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 39 be retained (*Senator Rabiu M. Musa — Kano Central*) — *Agreed to.*

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Proceedings of the Council.

1. (1) Subject to this Act and Section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its Councils.
- (2) For the purpose of conducting a meeting, the quorum of the Council shall be one - third of all the members of the Council.
- (3) The Council shall meet not less than four times in each year and subject thereto, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice to not less than one-third of all the members of the Council, he shall summon a meeting to be held within 28 days from the date of the notice.
- (4) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside over the meeting.
- (5) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

COMMITTEES

2. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Committee, such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and a person shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
- (3) A decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.

MISCELLANEOUS

3. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Director General or any other person generally or specifically authorized by the Committee to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed.
- (3) The validity of any proceedings of the Council or of a committee shall not be adversely affected by:—
 - (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or committee; or
 - (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or committee; or
 - (c) the reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council or committee.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 stand part of the First Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

SECOND SCHEDULE

{SECTION 2}

SECTION 7

THE POVERTY ERADICATION SCHEMES

1. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council shall periodically extend intervention projects to complement the existing and traditional efforts of the implementing Ministries, Departments and relevant Parastatals through the creation of major schemes such as:—
 - (a) Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES);
 - (b) Farmers Empowerment Scheme (FES);
 - (c) Women Empowerment Scheme (WES);
 - (d) Rural Infrastructures Development Scheme (RIDS);
 - (e) Social Welfare Services Scheme (SQWESS);
 - (f) Natural Resources Development and, Conservation Scheme (NRDCS).

2. Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Council shall in addition to its regular budgetary allocation, have the power to mobilize resources for poverty eradication through the following partnership arrangements:—
 - (a) Multi-Partner Micro- Finance (MP-MF) Scheme;
 - (b) Promise Keeper Programme (PKP);
 - (c) Give Back Programme (GBP);
 - (d) Such other programmes as may be approved by the Committee.
3. The Youth Empowerment Scheme (YES), which is aimed at addressing issues of employment generation, skill acquisition and improvement, wealth generation and youth development is further sub-divided into the following programmes:—
 - (a) Capacity Acquisition Programme (CAP);
 - (b) Mandatory Attachment Programme (MA); and
 - (c) Micro Credit Delivery Programme (MCDP)
4. The Rural Infrastructures Development Scheme (RIDS), is aimed at addressing issues related at the provision and maintenance of basic rural infrastructure. This scheme has the following Programmes:—
 - (a) Rural Works and Transport Programme (RWTP);
 - (b) Rural Energy Programme (REP)
 - (c) Rural Water Programme (RWP)
 - (d) Rural Communication Programme (RCP); and
 - (e) Rural Housing Programme (RHP);
5. The Social Welfare Service Scheme (SOWES), is aimed at addressing the issues related to the provision of needed core social and welfare services, under the following programmes:—
 - (a) Special Education Programme (SEP);
 - (b) Primary Healthcare Programme (PHP)
 - (c) Social Services and Recreational Programme (SSRP).
6. Natural Resources Development and Conservation Scheme (NDCS), is aimed at addressing the issue of appropriate tapping of the natural resources while maintaining adequate care for the environment. The programmes under this scheme are as follows:—
 - (a) Agricultural Resources Programme (ARP);
 - (b) Water Resources Programme (WRP);
 - (c) Solid Minerals Resources Programme (SMRP); and
 - (d) Environmental Protection Programme (EPP)

7. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2 (1)(e)(i)-(viii) and 39 of this Bill, each core poverty eradication/reduction Ministry/Agency, shall maintain its implementation/execution autonomy while recognizing the complementary needs of other Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs).

Question that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 stand part of the Second Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

THIRD SCHEDULE

{SECTION 29}

THE FEDERAL CORE POVERTY ERADICATION/ REDUCTION/MINISTRIES/AGENCIES AND THEIR TARGETS

1. Employment
Federal Ministry of Employment; National Directorate of Employment (NDE).
2. Education
Federal Ministry of Education; Universal Basic Education (UBE).
3. Federal Ministry of Agriculture,
Federal Ministry of Water Resources; Nigerian Agricultural Cooperative and Rural Development Bank (NACRDB) and River Basin and Rural Development Agency (RBRDA)
4. Energy
Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development; Federal Ministry of Energy; Federal Ministry of Science and Technology; Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN); Nigerian National Petroleum, Corporation (NNPC); and Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN);
5. Healthcare, HIV/AIDS & STD
Federal Ministry of Health; National Programme on Immunization (NPI) National Action Committee on AIDS (NACA); National Primary Healthcare Development Agency (NPHDA)
6. Women, Youth & Gender Dev.
Federal Ministry of Women Affairs and National Youth; National Youth Service Corps (NYSC)
7. Federal Ministry of Trade and Investments;
Bank of Industry (BOI) and Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDAN).

Question that paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 stand part of the Third Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Poverty Alleviation and Social Welfare; and National Planning on the National Poverty Eradication Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 and approved as follows:

Clause 1	—	As Recommended
Clauses 2-4	—	As Amended
Clauses 5-7	—	As Recommended
Clauses 8 and 9	—	As Amended
Clauses 10-17	—	As Recommended
Clauses 18-21	—	As Amended
Clauses 22-26	—	As Recommended
Clauses 27 and 28	—	As Amended
Clauses 29 and 30	—	As Recommended
Clause 31	—	As Amended
Clauses 32-39	—	As Recommended
Schedules 1-3	—	As Recommended

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now Read the Third Time (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly Read the Third Time and Passed.

9. Committee on Interior:

Report on the Nigerian Peace Corps Bill, 2016 (SB. 173 & SB. 183):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the Non-payment of Compensation for Lands:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Committee on Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions:

Report on the Alleged Double Allocation of Plot No. 2022:

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

12. Committee on Communications:

Report on the Confirmation of Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Communications on the Confirmation of the following persons for appointment to the Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission:

No.	Names	Position
(i)	Senator Olabiyi Durojaiye	Chairman
(ii)	Sunday Dare	Executive Commissioner (Stakeholders Management)
(iii)	Aliyu Saidu Abubakar	Non-Executive Commissioner
(iv)	Clement Omeiza Baiye	Non-Executive Commissioner
(v)	Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla	Non-Executive Commissioner
(vi)	Pastor Ezekiel Yissa	Non-Executive Commissioner
(vii)	Senator Ifeanyi Ararume	Non-Executive Commissioner (Senator Gilbert E. Nnaji — Enugu East).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Deputy Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Communications on the Confirmation of the following persons for appointment to the Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission:

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Senator Olabiyi Durojaiye (Chairman)	—	Agreed to.
(ii)	Sunday Dare (Executive Commissioner)(Stakeholders Management)	—	Agreed to.
(iii)	Aliyu Saidu Abubakar (Non-Executive Commissioner)	—	Negated.
(iv)	Clement Omeiza Baiye (Non-Executive Commissioner)	—	Agreed to.
(v)	Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla (Non-Executive Commissioner)	—	Agreed to.
(vi)	Pastor Ezekiel Yissa (Non-Executive Commissioner)	—	Negated.
(vii)	Senator Ifeanyi Ararume (Non-Executive Commissioner)	—	Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Communications on the nominations for appointment to the Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Olabiyi Durojaiye for appointment as Chairman Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Olabiyi Durojaiye for appointment as Chairman Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Sunday Dare for appointment as Executive Commissioner (*Stakeholders Management*) Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Sunday Dare for appointment as Executive Commissioner (Stakeholders Management) Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Clement Omeiza Baiye for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Clement Omeiza Baiye for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Chief Okoi Ofem Obono Obla for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Senator Ifeanyi Ararume for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Senator Ifeanyi Ararume for appointment as Non-Executive Commissioner Governing Board of the Nigerian Communications Commission accordingly confirmed.

13. Committee on Niger Delta:

Report on the Screening of Mr. Igo Weli as a Member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Screening of Mr. Igo Weli for appointment as a member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) (*Senator Peter O. Nwaoboshi — Delta North*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on the Screening of Mr. Igo Weli for appointment as a member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC).

Nominee recommended for confirmation:

Igo Weli — *Agreed to.*

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on the Screening of Mr. Igo Weli for appointment as a member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) and approved the nomination.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nomination:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mr. Igo Weli for appointment as a member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC)?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mr. Igo Weli for appointment as a member of the Governing Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC) accordingly confirmed.

14. Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters:

Report on the Screening of Nominations of Justices of the Supreme Court:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA and Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA for appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria (*Senator David Umaru — Niger East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA and Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA for appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

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| (i) | Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |
| (ii) | Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA | — | <i>Agreed to.</i> |

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights and Legal Matters on the screening of Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA and Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA for appointment as Justices of the Supreme Court of Nigeria and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:
“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice Sidi Dauda Bage, JCA for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

Question:
“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Hon. Justice Paul Adamu Galinje, JCA for appointment as Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria accordingly confirmed.

15. Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission:

Report on the Confirmation of Commissioners:

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Confirmation of the following persons for appointment as National Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission:

No.	Names	Position	State of Origin
(i)	Prof. Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu	Member	Anambra
(ii)	May I. Agbamuche-Mbu	Member	Delta
(iii)	AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azu	Member	Gombe
(iv)	Mohammed Kudu Haruna	Member	Niger
(v)	Dr Adekunle Ladipo Ogunmola	Member	Oyo
(vi)	Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche	Member	Zamfara

(Senator Abubakar Kyari — Borno North).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (Deputy Senate Leader).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

Consideration of the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Confirmation of the nominees for appointment as National Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission.

Nominees recommended for confirmation:

(i)	Prof. Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu (Member)(Anambra)	—	Agreed to.
(ii)	May I. Agbamuche-Mbu (Member)(Delta)	—	Agreed to.
(iii)	AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azu (Member)(Gombe)	—	Agreed to.
(iv)	Mohammed Kudu Haruna (Member)(Niger)	—	Agreed to.
(v)	Dr Adekunle Ladipo Ogunmola (Member)(Oyo)	—	Agreed to.
(vi)	Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche (Member)(Zamfara)	—	Agreed to.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Independent National Electoral Commission on the Confirmation of the nominees for appointment as National Commissioners for the Independent National Electoral Commission and approved the nominations.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Confirmation of nominations:

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Prof. Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu (*Anambra*) for appointment as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Prof. Okechukwu Obinna Ibeanu (Anambra) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of May I. Agbamuche-Mbu (*Delta*) for appointment as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of May I. Agbamuche-Mbu (Delta) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azur (*Gombe*) for appointment as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of AVM Ahmed Tijani Mu'Azur (Gombe) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Mohammed Kudu Haruna (*Niger*) for appointment as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Mohammed Kudu Haruna (Niger) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Dr Adekunle Ladipo Ogunmola (*Oyo*) for appointment as National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Dr Adekunle Ladipo Ogunmola (Oyo) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

Question:

“Will the Senate confirm the nomination of Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche (*Zamfara*) for appointment as Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission?” — *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Nomination of Abubakar Ahmed Nahuche (Zamfara) for appointment as a National Commissioner for the Independent National Electoral Commission accordingly confirmed.

16. **Official Secrets Act CAP O3 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 317 & 426):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

17. **National Film and Video Censor Board Act CAP N40 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.224):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

18. **Pension Rights of Judges Act CAP P5 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 06):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

19. **Federal Capital Territory District Courts (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (HB. 07):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

20. **Mortgage Institutions Act CAP M19 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 253):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

21. **Oaths Act CAP O1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 169):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

22. **Nigerian Investment Promotion Commission Act CAP N117 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 248):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

23. **Dangerous Drugs Act CAP D1 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 292):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

24. **Adjournment:**

Motion made: That the Senate do now adjourn till Tuesday, 22nd November, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. (*Deputy Senate Leader*).

Adjourned accordingly at 1:47 p.m.

Abubakar Olubukola Saraki, CON
President,
Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.