



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 22 March, 2017

1. The House met at 11.15 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.

2. **Votes and Proceedings**

Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Tuesday, 21 March, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:

- (i) Members of the *Nigerian Economics Students Association (NESA)*, Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola Chapter, Adamawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Foothold Academy*, Kubwa Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Wonders Kid's Foundation School*, Gwagwalada, Abuja; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of *Fatimatu Al-Zahrau Model Science and Arabic School*, Keffi, Nasarawa State.

4. **Defection**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon Hassan Saleh (*Ado/Ogbadibo/Okpokwu Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the People's Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

5. **Petition**

A petition from the Civil Liberties Organization (Bayelsa State Chapter), on behalf of the Coastline communities in Bayelsa State, on the incursion by fishing trawler operators into the Coastline beyond the statutory limits of 5 nautical miles, was presented and laid by Hon. Diri Douye (*Yenagoa/K/Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Need for National Assembly and the Executive to Urgently Intervene in the Current Crisis of Unfunded Pension Arrears Threatening the Lives of Nigeria's Retired Senior Citizens:
 Hon. Toby Okechukwu (Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve it as one of urgent public importance.

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

Matter to stand over till next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 4 (3).

7. **Presentation and First Reading of Bills**

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 967).
- (2) Maritime Security Agency (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 968).
- (3) Companies and Allied Matters Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 969).
- (4) National Office for Technology Acquisition and Promotion Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 970).
- (5) National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 971).
- (6) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 972).
- (7) Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 973).
- (8) FCT Metropolitan Management Council (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 974).
- (9) FCT Area Council Service Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 975).
- (10) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 976).
- (11) Environmental Impact Assessment Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 977).
- (12) Deep Offshore and Inland Basing Production Sharing Contract Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 978).
- (13) Society of Nigeria Broadcasting Practitioners Council Bill, 2017 (HB. 979).
- (14) Standards Organization of Nigeria Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 980).
- (15) Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 (Alteration) Bill, 2017 (HB. 981).
- (16) Medical Residency Training Bill, 2017 (HB. 982).

8. **Presentation of Report**

Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Request for a Resolution of the National Assembly for the Issuance of USD 500 Million Euro Bond in the International Capital Market for the Funding of 2016 Budget Deficit" (Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Medical Laboratory Science, Jos and to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Fellowships, Diplomas and Certificates in Medical Laboratory Science, Biomedical Science, Other Related Courses and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 39) — *Third Reading*

Order withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 98) — *Third Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts of Nigeria to Regulate and Control the Practice of Financial and Investment Analysts in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 98), be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time, and passed.

11. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Service and for Other Related Matters (HB. 866) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

12. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) Act, Cap. T2, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 438) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Taxes and Levies (Approved List for Collection) Act, Cap. T2, Laws of Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 438) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Zakariya Galadima — Bade/Jakusko Federal Constituency).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Finance.

13. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Facilities Management charged with the Responsibility of Advancing Professionalism in the Study and Practice of Facilities Management, as well as Registration, Regulation, to set Standards, to Inspect Facilities, Discipline of the Members, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Facilities Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 598) — *Second Reading*
Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Facilities Management charged with the Responsibility of Advancing Professionalism in the Study and Practice of Facilities Management, as well as Registration, Regulation, to set Standards, to Inspect Facilities,

Discipline of the Members, to Regulate and Control the Practice of Facilities Profession and for Other Related Matters (HB. 598) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Austin Chukwukere — Ideato North/Ideato South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Civil Societies Regulatory Commission to strengthen their Capacities, Promote Democracy and Development in the Country and for Other Related Matters (HB. 579) — Second Reading**

Bill withdrawn by leave of the House.

15. **Call for Reconstruction of Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Federal High Way**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Federal Highway is the only major road linking the three States of Bauchi, Gombe and Adamawa in the Northeast and is therefore an economic lifeline that boosts trade and other economic activities among the people of the northeast, and the country in general;

Aware that owing to the high volume of trade and economic activities among the people of the Northeast zone, the road is always busy with much traffic plying it and because no maintenance has been carried out on the Road for a very long time, it has deteriorated with large potholes and washed off shoulders;

Concerned that the deteriorated nature of the road has affected the movement of goods and trade within the zone and resulted in an increase in accidents, leading to death, injuries and damages to vehicles;

Also concerned that insurgents and armed robbers are taking advantage of the deplorable condition of the road to attack travelers and dispossess them of their goods and money;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence remedial works on the Road to alleviate the sufferings of the people pending when the re- construction works shall begin;
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Works, and Appropriations to include the reconstruction and dualization of the Bauchi-Gombe-Yola Road in the 2017 Budget; and
- (iii) also mandate the Committee on Legislative Compliance to ensure implementation (*Hon. Ali Isa J. C. — Balanga/Biliri Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 136/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, and Appropriations, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

16. Need to Revive the Primary Health Care Centres in the Rural Communities

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the poor state of primary health care delivery services in the country, particularly in the rural communities;

Mindful that primary health care is not new to the country, as it dates back to the colonial times when functional dispensaries and maternity homes were established in every district/council for primary health care delivery needs of the people;

Also notes that the Federal Government deployed enormous resources through the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency and intervention Funds in building Primary Health Centres across the rural communities in the country;

Aware of the deteriorating health condition of the citizenry as noted in recent reports by the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other multilateral agencies in terms of increasing child/maternal mortality rate, resurgence of child killer diseases and drop in average life expectancy for the nation that call for urgent action;

Concerned that many of the numerous health care centres built all over the country have not been equipped or provided with staff, thus making them non-functional and of no benefits to the citizenry as they have remained abandoned and dilapidated;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Health to direct the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency to evolve a mechanism to take an inventory of the primary healthcare centres in the country to ascertain their status and needs with a view to making them functional; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to ensure implementation and report back in eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Joseph Edionwele — Esan Central/Esan West/Igueben Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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17. Call to Investigate the Abandonment of the Dredging and Establishment of Land Ports at Idah and Jamata in Kogi State by Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Aware that the project to dredge the lower River Niger was one of the most important strategic actions initiated by the Administration of the Late President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua;

Also aware that the project, which stretches through 572 kms, will affect 152 communities on the bank of River Niger in Edo, Anambra, Imo, Bayelsa, Delta, Kogi, Niger and Rivers States;

Further aware of the proposal to establish, as part of the project, seven (7) inland ports at Agenebode in Edo State, Yenegoa in Bayelsa State, Baro in Niger State, Lokoja and Idah in Kogi State, Aguata in Anambra State and Ogbabe in Abia State as well as the rehabilitation and expansion of the Onitsha River Port and establishment of a River training institute;

Concerned that despite the contractual agreements for both capital and maintenance for the dredging of the 118 km from Onitsha to Idah and establishment of land port at Idah awarded to Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited at the cost of ₦10,399,867,317.00, works on the said project never took off up to this day;

Cognizant that the dredging of 108km from Idah to Jamata which was awarded to Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited at the cost of ₦13,806,242,793.00 took off skeletally and was said to have reached 62 percent completion as at 2014 but was later abandoned;

Also concerned that economic activities that could have been revitalized by reason of these dredging activities have remained comatose and the people, who engage in these activities, are seriously groaning in frustration;

Further concerned that the safe and alternative means of transporting goods and services through the river from one part of the country to another and cargoes coming into and departing Nigeria through the seaports, which the dredging activities were meant to guarantee are yet to see the light of the day;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbour and Waterways to investigate the abandonment of the contract for the dredging and establishment of landports at Idah and Jamata in Kogi State by Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Benjamin Ikani Okolo — Bassa/Dekina Federal Constituency*).

*Debate.**Agreed to.**The House:*

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbour and Waterways to investigate the abandonment of the contract for the dredging and establishment of landports at Idah and Jamata in Kogi State by Messrs Van Oord Nigeria Limited and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 137/2017**).

18. **Need to Intervene in the On-Going Strike by the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals**
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals, the umbrella body of Pharmacists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Radiographers/Imaging Scientists, Medical Social Workers, Health Record Managers and other allied medical practitioners has been on an indefinite strike since 27 February, 2017;

Also notes that the Union embarked on the industrial action following the Federal Government's non-implementation of some mutually agreed terms, as well as flagrant abuse of certain court rulings;

Aware that the demands of the Union, which include revamping infrastructure in the health institutions, implementation of the National Health Act, professional autonomy for members, improved services in tertiary hospitals, payment of outstanding arrears and other welfare issues are challenges that are bedeviling the health sector in Nigeria;

Concerned that as a patriotic group, the Union had previously made concerted efforts through correspondence and visitation to relevant MDAs to find viable and pragmatic initiatives to address these issues but yielded no positive results;

Also concerned that between 2013 and 2015, following warning strikes and subsequent intervention of the Nigerian Labour Congress and other relevant stakeholders in the Health Sector, the Federal Government signed an agreement with the Union, few aspect of which were implemented by the past administration;

Worried that the continued industrial action by the Union whose members carry out professional duties that are very critical to the health sector and germane to the medical needs of Nigerians, poses serious threat to the well-being of the citizenry;

Also worried that as a result of the indefinite strike, coupled with the prevailing economic recession in the country, many Nigerians who go to public health institutions are unable to access prompt and appropriate medical services provided by the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to carry out detailed investigations on the issues that resulted in the lingering strike with a view to ending the strike and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Yusuf Tajudeen — Ijumu/Kabba-Bunu Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals, the umbrella body of Pharmacists, Medical Laboratory Scientists, Physiotherapists, Optometrists, Clinical Psychologists, Occupational Therapists, Radiographers/Imaging Scientists, Medical Social Workers, Health Record Managers and other allied medical practitioners has been on an indefinite strike since 27 February, 2017;

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Aware that the demands of the Union, which include revamping infrastructure in the health institutions, implementation of the National Health Act, professional autonomy for members, improved services in tertiary hospitals, payment of outstanding arrears and other welfare issues are challenges that are bedeviling the health sector in Nigeria;

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Worried that the continued industrial action by the Union whose members carry out professional duties that are very critical to the health sector and germane to the medical needs of Nigerians, poses serious threat to the well-being of the citizenry;

Also worried that as a result of the indefinite strike, coupled with the prevailing economic recession in the country, many Nigerians who go to public health institutions are unable to access prompt and appropriate medical services provided by the Nigerian Union of Allied Health Professionals;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, and Health Institutions to carry out detailed investigations on the issues that resulted in the lingering strike with a view to ending the strike and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (H.R. 138/2017).

19. Need to Protect Nigerians from the Harmful Effects of Fanta and Sprite Beverages Produced by the Nigerian Bottling Company

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls recent publications on two of the products of the Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (Coca-Cola Company), which could cause severe and/or terminal harm on unsuspecting members of the public;

Notes that Sprite and Fanta, which are products of the Coca-Cola Company, are said to contain unhealthy concentrations of Benzoic Acid and Sunset Yellow additives, which become poisonous when combined with Ascorbic Acid (Vitamin C);

Cognizant that the drinks, which were produced in Nigeria, were tested by the United Kingdom Health authorities (Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council's Trading Standard Department of Environment and Economy Directorate) and were discovered to be harmful for human consumption;

Aware that the Coca-Cola Company has now been ordered to inscribe a warning on Coke, Fanta and Sprite bottles stating that the drinks must not be taken with Vitamin C;

Also aware that the Company's response to this revelation is that they never intended for the drinks to be taken outside the country, which, in other words, means that they were produced for consumption in Nigeria only;

Concerned that the intake of Vitamin C among citizens is very high, thereby making Nigerians highly prone to the destructive effect of combining it with these deadly Coca-Cola Products;

Worried that the consumption of Sprite and Fanta, which have high concentrations of Benzoic Acid and Sunset Yellow additives, with Vitamin C could result in cancer and other diseases;

Determined to ensure an environment that produces consumables and products which are healthy for consumption and satisfy international health standards and best practices;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the production and distribution of the drinks by the Nigerian Bottling Company Limited (Coca-Cola Company) (*Hon. Oluwarotimi Agunsoye — Kosofe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In the Prayer, immediately after the word "Limited", *leave out* the words "Coca-Cola Company", and *insert* the words "and other drinks produced or marketed in Nigeria" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) *Insert* a new Prayer (ii) as follows:
"Urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), to review the composition of all soft or carbonated drinks in Nigeria to ascertain the chemical components that are harmful to human beings" (*Hon. Adamu Kamale — Michika/Madagali Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

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Determined to ensure an environment that produces consumables and products which are healthy for consumption and satisfy international health standards and best practices;

Resolved to:

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- (ii) urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), to review the composition of all soft or carbonated drinks in Nigeria to ascertain the chemical components that are harmful to human beings (**HR. 139/2017**).

20. Need to Curb the Security Challenges of Sea Piracy on Bonny Waterways

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Bonny Island in Rivers State is one of the hubs of the country's economy and has been facing serious security challenges of attacks by sea pirates on its water ways;

Also notes that at a minimum interval of twice a week, pirates attack boats conveying passengers and goods on the sea, robbing, maiming and sometimes raping, even pregnant and elderly women or kidnaping persons for payment of ransom and sometimes killing their victims;

Concerned that security operatives on the Island are concentrating their efforts in protecting only Federal Government investments as well as the expatriates and senior staff of such institutions housing the said investments, leaving the general populace, whose once peaceful existence has now been disrupted, at the mercy of those hoodlums;

Also concerned that most of the commercial boats plying the sea cannot outrun the newer boats used by the sea pirates as most of those commercial boats are either in a deplorable state or very old;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy gun boats and more security personnel on a permanent basis on the Bonny sea and other waterways in the country;
- (ii) also urge the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), the Marine Police, the Nigerian Navy and other security agencies to rise up to the occasion and curb these incessant attacks on travelers on the Bonny sea;
- (iii) mandate the Committee on Maritime Safety, Education and Administration to liaise with NIMASA to cause a review of the sea worthiness of boats that ferry passengers and goods across the Bonny Sea and other waterways across Nigeria with a view to issuing certificates/licenses of sea worthiness before the boats could operate on the waterways (*Hon. Randolph Iwo Oruene Brown — Degema/Bonny Federal Constituency and 3 others*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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21. Call on the Federal Government to Drop the 20% Tariff Imposed on Imported Medicines

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management:***
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 6 (2) to enable it consider the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Request for a Resolution of the National Assembly for the Issuance of USD 500 Million Euro Bond in the International Capital Market for the Funding of 2016 Budget Deficit and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"The issuance of USD 500 Million Eurobond in the International Capital Market for funding of the year 2016 Budget deficit (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"That the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debt Management should monitor the disbursement of the approved USD 500 million Eurobond as specified in the 2016 Appropriation Act (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceeding.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committee on Aids, Loans and Debts Management on the Request for a Resolution of the National Assembly for the Issuance of USD 500 Million Euro Bond in the International Capital Market for the Funding of 2016 Budget Deficit and approved Recommendations (i) and (ii) of the Report.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill For an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management for the Promotion, Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 100) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill For an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management for the Promotion, Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/ Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 100) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT; FOR THE PROMOTION, THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF PROPERLY MANAGING THE TREASURY AS A SAFEGUARD AGAINST FRAUD, OUTRIGHT EMBEZZLEMENT, EMASCULATION, MISAPPROPRIATION/MISAPPLICATION OF RESOURCES PLACED IN THE CUSTODY OF FUND MANAGERS; AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH (HB. 100)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known and referred to as the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which —

(a) shall be a body corporate with —

(i) perpetual succession;

(ii) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct;

(b) may sue and be sued in its corporate name; and

- (c) may acquire, hold and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable.
- (2) The Institute shall have the general duty of —
 - (a) determining the level of knowledge and skill to be attained by persons seeking to become members of the profession and reviewing such standards from time to time as may be required;
 - (b) establishing and maintaining of register of members and the publication of same in line with the provisions of this Bill;
 - (c) regulating the practice of the treasury management in its ramification; and
 - (d) performing all other functions conferred on the Council pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Membership of the Institute.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, a person admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered member of the profession in the category of —
 - (a) fellows;
 - (b) full members;
 - (c) associate members;
 - (d) graduate members;
 - (e) student members; or
 - (f) corporate/Institutional members.
- (2) Members of the Institute shall from time to time be required to attend Mandatory Continuous Professional Training Programme (MCPTP) as specified by Council for reorientation and development processes.
- (3) Provisions of subsection (2) of this section shall apply to members in the category of —
 - (a) fellows;
 - (b) full members;
 - (c) associate members;
 - (d) graduate members; and
 - (e) student members (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership privileges.

- (1) A member of the Institute shall be entitled to receive, from the Council, a certificate in such form as the Council may approve for that purpose.
- (2) A member shall be entitled to use such letters after his name as may be authorized by the Council from time to time as follows —
 - (a) if registered into the category of membership of Fellow shall use the initials "FITM";
 - (b) if registered into the category of membership of Full Member shall be entitled to use the initials "MITM"; and
 - (c) if registered into the category of membership of Associate Member shall be entitled to use the initials "AMITM" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Principal officer of the Institute and their responsibilities.

- (1) The principal officers of the Institute shall be the —
 - (a) President;
 - (b) Deputy President; and
 - (c) National Treasurer.
- (2) The principal officers shall —
 - (a) be members of the Institute;
 - (b) be elected at the Annual General Meeting of the Institute; and
 - (c) hold office each for a term of two years and may be eligible for re-election for one further term and no more.
- (3) The President shall be Chairman at the meeting of the Institute, however that, in the event of the death, incapacitation or inability for any reason of the President, the Deputy President shall act in his place for the unexpired portion of the term of office or as the case may require, and references in this to the President shall be construed accordingly.
- (4) The President, Deputy President, and the National Treasurer shall respectively be Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Treasurer of Council.
- (5) If the President, the Deputy President, or the National Treasurer ceases to be a member of the Institute he shall ipso facto cease to hold any office designated under this section (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Establishment of the Governing Council.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Institute a Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be charged with the responsibility for the administration and general management of the Institute.

- (2) The Council shall consist of —
- (a) the President of the Institute who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy President of the Institute who shall be the Vice-Chairman;
 - (c) the Treasurer;
 - (d) the two Vice Presidents;
 - (e) one person each, representing the —
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Education,
 - (ii) Federal Ministry of Employment, Labour and Productivity, and
 - (iii) Federal Ministry of Finance;
 - (f) six zonal chairmen elected every two years from the six geopolitical zones;
 - (g) twelve members of the Institute elected at the annual general meeting (AGM);
 - (h) seven corporate members nominated by Council;
 - (i) three educational and training Institutions nominated by Council;
 - (j) Chairman Board of Fellows; and
 - (k) immediate past Presidents of the Institute/Chairman of Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Board of Fellows.

- (1) There shall be appointed annually by the Council a Board of Fellows, to coordinate the activities of fellows of the Institute, and to recommend to the Council on yearly basis admission of members to the membership category of Fellow.
- (2) The Board of Fellows shall consist of persons who have been duly elected as Fellows of the Institute (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 7: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund, the management and control of which shall be in the hands of the Council and into which shall be paid:
 - (a) all fees and other monies payable to the Council in pursuance of this Bill; and

- (b) all revenue from other sources both locally and internationally.
- (2) There shall be paid out of the fund of the Institute —
- (a) all expenditure incurred by the Council in the discharge of its function under the Bill;
- (b) the remuneration and allowances of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute; and
- (c) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Council as the Council may determine.
- (3) The Council may invest money in fund or any security created or issued by, on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other securities in Nigeria approved by Council.
- (4) The Council may, from time to time, borrow money for the purpose of the Institute and any interest payable on money so borrowed shall be paid out of the fund.
- (5) The Council shall keep proper account on behalf of the Institute in respect of each year and proper records in relation to those accounts to those accounts and the Council shall cause the accounts to be audited by an auditor and when audited, the Audit Report shall be submitted to the members of the Institute for approval by them at a meeting of the Institute.
- (6) The Council shall cause the account to be audited by an auditor appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation.
- (7) The auditor so appointed for this purpose shall not be a member of the Council (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — REGISTRAR AND REGISTER

Clause 8: **Appointment of Registrar.**

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper as the Registrar of the Institute for the purpose of this Bill.
- (2) The Registrar must possess the following —
- (a) he/she must be a financial member of the Institute;
- (b) a fellow of the Institute.
- (3) The registrar shall be the chief executive of the Institute and secretary to the Council.
- (4) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rule of the council, a register of names, addresses, approved qualifications and other relevant requirements as may be specified from time to time for all persons who might enroll as Fellows, Full Members, Associate Members, and Graduate Members of the Institute.

- (5) The Council shall make rules as to the form and keeping of the register and in particular for —
- (a) the application for enrolment;
 - (b) determining the qualification which is in relation and relevant to the profession and as accepted for the purpose of this Bill; and
 - (c) specifying the fees and subscription to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names into the registers and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter any name whatsoever until a specified fee is paid (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Duties of the Registrar.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar —
- (a) to correct in accordance with the Council's directive, any entry in the register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which is incorrectly made;
 - (b) to make from time to time any alterations in the registered particulars of registered members;
 - (c) to remove from the register the name of a registered member who is deceased;
 - (d) to record the name of members of the Institute who are in default for more than four years in the payment of annual subscription and to take such actions as may be deemed fit under this Bill.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the Registrar —
- (a) to cause the register to be printed, published and put on sale to members of the public not later than two months from the commencement of this Bill;
 - (b) in each year after in which the register is first published under paragraph (a) of this subsection, to cause to be printed, published and put on sale as aforementioned either a corrected edition of the register or a list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed; and
 - (c) to cause a print of each edition of the register and of its list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute.
 - (d) a document purporting to be in print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar, or document purporting to be print of an edition so published, shall without prejudice to any other mode of proof be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the documents reads together, as being registered was so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.

- (4) Where a person is, in any proceedings, shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, he shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purpose of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continue to be, or not to be, so registered (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 10: (1) Subject to the provision of this Bill, an individual shall be eligible to be registered as a treasury manager if —
- (a) he passes the qualifying examination accepted by Council;
 - (b) he complete the practical training prescribed by the Institute under this Bill;
 - (c) he holds any other qualification accepted by the Institute for the time being; or
 - (d) he qualifies for enrolment as member in any of the categories specified for the purpose of this Bill.
- (2) An applicant for registration shall, in addition to evidence of qualification, satisfy the Council that —
- (a) he is of good character;
 - (b) has attained the age of 21 years; and
 - (c) has not been convicted by any court of law in Nigeria or elsewhere for an offence involving fraud or dishonesty (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Approval of qualification for membership.

- (1) The Council shall, from time to time, publish particulars of qualification accepted by the Council for registration.
- (2) The Council shall, approve any institution for the purpose of this Bill, and may for such purpose approve —
- (a) any course of training at an approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already treasury management practitioners and which the Council considers as designed to confer on persons competent, sufficient knowledge and skills for admission into the Institute; or
 - (b) any qualification which, as a result or an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidates reaching a standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the members of the Council that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill to practice the profession.

- (3) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution, but before withdrawing such an approval the Council shall —
- (a) give notice that it proposes to withdraw such approval to each person in Nigeria appearing to the Council to be a person by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted or the Institute is controlled, as the case may be;
 - (b) given each such person an opportunity of making to the Council representation with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representations made in respect of the proposal in pursuance of the provisions of paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (4) Any period during which the approval of the Council under this section for a course, qualification or institution is withdrawn, the course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved under this section, but the withdrawal of such an approval shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or eligible for registration immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (5) The giving or withdrawal of an approval under this section shall have effect from such date, either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in that instrument, and the Council shall —
- (a) publish as soon as possible a copy of every such instrument in the print media; and
 - (b) not later than seven (7) days before its publication as aforesaid, send a copy of the instrument to the Minister.
- (6) It shall be the duty of the members of the Council to keep themselves informed of the nature of —
- (a) the instrument given at approved institutions to persons attending approved course of training; and
 - (b) the examination as a result of which approved qualification are granted, and for the purpose of performing that duty the Council may appoint, either from among its own members or otherwise, persons to visit approved institutions, or to attend such examinations (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 12: Appointment of visitation panel.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a visitation panel which shall, from time to time, report to the Council on —
- (a) the sufficiency of the instruction given to persons attending approved course of training at the institution visited;

- (b) the sufficiency of the examinations attended; and
 - (c) any other matters relating to the institutions or examinations on which the Council may, either generally or in a particular case, request the visitation panel to report, provided that the visitation panel shall not interfere with the giving of any instruction or the holding of any examination.
- (2) On receiving a report made in pursuance of this section, the Council may, if it thinks fit, and shall if so required by the Institute, send a copy of the report to the person appearing to the Council to be in charge of the Institute or responsible for the examination to which the report relate requesting that person to make observations on the report to the Council within such a period as may be specified in the request, not being less than one (1) month beginning with the date of request (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Establishment of a disciplinary tribunal. Establishment of a disciplinary tribunal.

- (1) There is hereby established a tribunal to be known as Institute of Treasury Management Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill hereafter referred to as "the Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established by the provision of this Bill.
- (2) The Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman of the Council and six (6) other members appointed by the Council one of which may be a legal practitioner with not less than 10 years post call experience.
- (3) There is hereby established a panel to be known as Institute of Treasury Management Investigating Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Panel"), which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Tribunal established under subsection (1) of this section.
- (4) The Panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of two (2) members of the Council or the three (3) registered members who are not members of Council.
- (5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as applicable to the Tribunal and Panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Penalties for unprofessional conduct, etc.

- (1) Where —
 - (a) member is adjudged by the Tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect; or

- (b) a member is convicted, by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having powers to award imprisonment for an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which in the opinion of the Tribunal is incompatible with the status of a professional treasury consultant; or
- (c) the Tribunal is satisfied that the names of any person has been fraudulently registered,

the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the Registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.

- (2) The Tribunal may if it deems fit, defer its decision as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the tribunal, but —
 - (i) no decision shall be defer under this provision for a period exceeding one year;
 - (ii) no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purpose of reaching a verdict on a deferred or further deferred decision unless he was present as a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.
- (3) A person shall not be treated as a convict as therein mentioned unless the conviction stand at a point where no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.
- (4) When the Tribunal gives a directive for the purpose of effecting penalties for unprofessional conduct, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the directive to be served on the person to whom it relates.
- (5) The person to whom such a direction relates, at any time within twenty-eight days from the date of service on him of notice of the direction, may appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court and the Tribunal may appear as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling direction to be given as to the costs of the appeal and proceeding before the Federal High Court, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.
- (6) A directive of the Tribunal shall take effect —
 - (a) where no appeal under this section is brought against the directive within the time limited for such an appeal, on the expiration of the time;
 - (b) where such an appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution, or the withdrawal, on striking out of the appeal; or
 - (c) where such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out as aforesaid, if and when the appeal is dismissed.

- (7) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a directive of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a directive in that behalf giving by the Tribunal on the application of that person and a directive under this section for the removal of a person's name from the register may prohibit an application under this subsection by that person until the expiration of that period from the date of the direction (and where he has duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) as may be specified in that direction (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: When a person deemed to practice as a professional treasury management practitioner.

- (1) At the commencement of this Bill, any person not a member of the Institute before the passing of this Bill who, for this Bill, would have been qualified to apply for and obtain membership of the profession may within the period of three months beginning with the date of the commencement of this Bill apply for membership of the Institute in such a manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and if approved, he shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be according to his qualification.
- (2) A person shall be deemed as a professional treasury management practitioner if, for consideration of remuneration to be received whether by himself or in partnership with any other person —
- (a) he engages himself in the practice of treasury management or holds himself out to the public as a professional treasury management consultant; or
 - (b) he renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to treasury management or data;
 - (c) renders any other service that may by regulations made by the Council be designated as service constituting practice as a professional treasury management practitioner/consultant (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Rules of practice.

- (1) The Council may make rules for —
- (a) the training of suitable persons in treasury management;
 - (b) the licensing of people employed in the treasury;
 - (c) the fees to be paid by treasury practitioner/consultants; and
 - (d) the restriction of right of practice where conditions are not met.
- (2) The Council may also make rules prescribing the amount and due date for payment for membership annual subscription and for such purpose different amount may be prescribe by the rules according to the membership category of the Institute.

- (3) Rules when made shall, if the chairman of the Council so direct, be published in the Print media (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Honourary membership.

The Council shall be free to award honorary membership of the Institute to persons whom it considers worthy of such honour, on terms and condition prescribed by the Council and approved by the Institute in its general meeting (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Library facilities.

The Institute shall —

- (a) provide and maintain a library comprising books and publications for the advancement of knowledge in treasury management and such books and publication as the Council may include things necessary for the purpose;
- (b) encourage research into treasury management methods and allied subjects to such extent that the Council may from time to time consider necessary; and
- (c) encourage the production and sale of materials, books and journal arising from its research and consultancy activities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Rules and regulations.

Rules and regulations made under this Bill shall be subject to confirmation by the Institute at its next annual general meeting or at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose, and if then annulled, shall cease to have effect on the day after the date of annulment, but without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of any such rules (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Transfer of property.

1. On the commencement of this Bill —

- (a) all properties held immediately before by or on behalf of the Incorporated Institute before this Bill, by virtue of this section shall be vested on the Institute; and
 - (b) subject to subsection (2) of this section, any act, or matter made or done by the Incorporated Institute before this Bill shall continue to have effect.
- (2) The provisions of this Bill shall have effect with respect to matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property of the Incorporated Institute before this Bill, and with respect to the other matters mentioned in the Second Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Board" means the Board of Fellows (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Council established as the governing body of the Institute (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fees" includes annual subscription (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" the Minister charged with the responsibility for education (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"President" and "Deputy President" respectively mean the office holders as specified by this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "President" and "Deputy President" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Register" means the register maintained in pursuance of this Bill; and (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Tribunal" as assigned to, by the provision of this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 22: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2016 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES**FIRST SCHEDULE***Section 5 (3)***SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL***Qualification and Tenure of Office of Principal Officers of Council*

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected principal officer of Council shall hold office for two year in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years.
- (2) Any officer of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of Council, cease to hold office on the Council.
- (3) Any elected member may by notice in writing under his hand addressed to the President resign his office, and any appointed member may, likewise resign his office.
- (4) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Council, and any appointed member may be reappointed.
- (5) Election to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by rules made by the Council and until so prescribed they shall be decided by a secret ballot.
- (6) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next general meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some fit persons for such time as aforesaid.
- (7) The election of members of Council shall be effected in the manner herein prescribed —
 - (a) not less than eight weeks before each Annual General Meeting of the Institute, the Council may nominate for election to the Council, such candidates (if any) as it shall deem fit, who are willing to serve if elected, provided that the number of candidates so nominated shall not exceed 50 per cent of those retiring;
 - (b) not less than seven weeks before each Annual General Meeting of the Institute, the Secretariat shall issue to all professional members a notice which shall —
 - (i) specify the names of elected Council members whose terms of office will expire at the close of the next Annual General Meeting;
 - (ii) specify any other vacancies in the membership of the Council which may be filled by election;
 - (iii) specify the names of any candidates nominated by Council for election to the Council;
 - (iv) invite nominations of other candidates on the prescribed nomination form;

- (v) contain such other particulars as may be prescribed by the Council;
- (c) Candidates for election to Council, other than candidates nominated in the following manner —
 - (i) not less than five weeks before each Annual General Meeting, nomination forms including details of all particulars required to be given) shall be duly completed in the manner set out below and shall be sent to the Secretariat of the Institute;
 - (ii) each nomination form shall relate to one candidate only and shall contain the following particulars relating to such candidates —
 - (aa) his class and grade of membership in the Institute;
 - (bb) his full-time managerial or other appointment (if any) or, if retired, such appointment immediately before retirement and his date of retirement; and
 - (cc) such other particulars as shall be prescribed by the Council;
- (d) each candidate shall be sponsored by two persons who shall be members of the Institute entitled to vote and each nomination form shall contain, in addition to the particulars referred to in paragraph;
- (e) above, a statement of the names, address, class and grade of membership of each of the sponsors; and
- (f) vote shall be taken by secret ballot at the Annual General Meeting

Powers of Council

2. (1) The Council shall —
- (a) have powers to engage in legal activities, which in its opinion is calculated to facilitate the carrying on of the activities of the Institute;
 - (b) exercise such powers of the Institute and do on behalf of the Institute such acts as may be exercise and done by the Institute;
 - (c) exercise any power granted by the Institute in General Meeting, and subject to such Bye-laws or provisions, as may be prescribed by the Institute in General Meeting, but no Bye-law made by the Institute in General Meeting shall invalidate any prior act of the Council which would have been valid if such Bye-law had not been made;
 - (d) may exercise powers on behalf of the Institute to borrow money, to mortgage or charge its undertaking and property or any part thereof and to issue debentures, debenture stocks, and other securities whether outright or as security for any debt, liability or obligation of the Institute;
 - (e) set up every year as soon as practicable after the Annual General Meeting, an Executive Committee of Council, which shall meet regularly and carry out the normal business of Council between the regular meetings of Council; and

- (f) may at any time establish a branch of the Institute in any locality within the country.

Power to make, after or repeal Bye-law of the Institute

- (2) The Council shall have power from time to time to make, alter and repeal any Byelaw as they may deem necessary or expedient or convenient for the proper conduct and management of the Institute. The Council shall adopt such means as they shall deem sufficient to bring to the notice of the Institute and all its members Bye-laws, alterations and repeals made under the powers conferred by those present. Provided always that no Bye-laws shall be inconsistent with or shall affect or repeal anything contained in this Bill or constitute such an amendment of or addition to these presents as could only lawfully be made by special resolution.

Proceedings of the Council

3. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute, and make standing orders therefore.
- (2) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and, in the event of equality of votes, for the president or the chairman, as the case may be, to have a second or casting vote.
- (3) Standing orders made for a committee shall provide that the committee is to report back to the Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.
- (4) The quorum of the Council shall be seven and the Council shall fix the quorum of a committee.

Meeting of the Institute

(a) Annual General Meetings

4. (1) A General Meeting of the Institute shall be held once in every calendar year as its Annual General Meeting, at such time and place as may be determined by the Council, provided that every Annual General Meeting after the first Annual General meeting shall be held not more than fifteen months after the holding of the last preceding such meeting.

(b) Extra Ordinary General Meeting

- (2) (a) All General Meetings of the Institute, which are not Annual General Meetings, shall be called Extra Ordinary General Meetings.
- (b) The Council may call an Extraordinary General Meeting whenever it thinks fit and an Extraordinary General Meeting shall also be convened on requisition as hereafter provided.

Quorum at General Meeting

- (3) No business shall be transacted at any General Meeting unless a quorum is present when the meeting proceeds to business, save as herein otherwise provided the quorum shall be thirty-five members personally present.

Adjournment of Meetings

- (4) If within an hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting, if convened on the requisition of members shall be dissolved and in any other case it shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week, at the same time and place, or at such other place as the Chairman of the meeting shall appoint, and if at such adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for holding the meeting the members present shall be a quorum.

Special Business Transactions

5. All business shall be deemed special that is transacted at an Extraordinary Meeting, and all that is transacted at an Annual General Meeting shall also be deemed special with the execution of the consideration of the accounts and balance sheet, and the report of the Council and of Auditors and the fixing of the remuneration of the Auditors and the election of members of the Council.

Notices — Mode of Service

6. (1) A notice may be served by the Institute upon any member of the Council, its Committees and the Institute either personally or by sending it through the post in prepaid letter addressed to such member at his address as appearing in the professional Register of Members or other records of member not being Professional Members.
- (2) Any notice if served by post shall be deemed to have been served on the day following that on which the letter containing the same is put into the post and in proving such service, it shall be sufficient to prove that the letter containing the notice was properly addressed and put the post office as a prepaid.

Annual or Extra-Ordinary Meetings

7. An Annual or Special Meeting of the Institute shall be called by twenty-one days notice in writing at the least. The notice shall be exclusive of the day on which it is served or deemed to be served and of the day for which it is given and shall specify the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and in case of business other than ordinary annual business of the Institute, the general nature of business. In the case of an Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall also send to each Member with such notice a copy of the Annual Report of the Council, a copy of the Accounts of the Institute with the Auditors' Report thereon, and particular of all motions to be brought before the meeting.

When Members May Present Special Motions at Annual General Meetings

8. A member wishing to bring before the Annual General Meeting any motion not relating to the ordinary annual meeting of the Institute may do so provided —
- (a) that notice in writing of the proposed motion be sent or given to the Secretary and be received by him not later than forty-five days before the date of the Annual General Meetings;
- (b) that no less than ten members entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting shall have sent or given notice in writing to the Secretary to be received by him not later than thirty days before the date of the Annual General Meeting expressing their desire that the proposed motion should be brought before the Annual General Meeting and that the proposed motion relates to matters affecting the Institute.

Voting at General Meetings

9. (a) Save as provided in this Schedule regarding voting to elect Members to fill vacancies on the Council, a resolution put to the vote at any Annual General Meeting or Special Meeting of the Institute, shall be decided on a show of hand unless (before or on the declaration of the show of hands) a poll is demanded by at least ten per cent of those present provided that the matter arrived at is not less than five.
- (b) No amendment shall be permitted to any resolution to alter, amend or add to the Act or the rules and Byelaws of the Institute except with the consent of the Chairman of the meeting (whose decision shall be final) the amendment is one of form only and not of substance.
- (c) If a poll is duly demanded or is required to be taken, it shall be taken in accordance with the relevant Byelaws and the result of the poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll is demanded.
- (d) Save as provided in this Schedule regarding voting to elect members by ballot to fill vacancies on the Council, in the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the Chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which the poll is required to be taken shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- (e) A poll demanded on the election of a Chairman or on any question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith. A poll demanded or required to be taken of any other question shall be taken at such time and place as the Chairman of the meeting directs and any business other than upon which a poll has been demanded or is required may be proceeded with pending the taking of the poll.
- (f) On a show of hands or a poll every member present in person shall (save as provided in the case of electing members to fill vacancies of the Council) have one vote.

Voting Rights of Corporate Members

10. Each Corporate Member's voting power at any meeting of the Institute shall be vested in a single person entitled as a "Voting Representative", who, if he is a Professional Member of the Institute in his own right, may exercise his rights to vote as an individual member in addition to voting as a representative.

Meeting of the Council

11. (1) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders and or bye-laws of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman; and if the chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) At any meeting of the Council, the chairman or in his absence the vice chairman shall preside; but if both are absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their member to preside at that meeting.
- (3) Where the Council desires to obtain advice from any person on a particular matter, the council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this subparagraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

Notwithstanding anything in the foregoing provision of this paragraph, the first meeting of the Council shall be summoned by the Minister of Education, who may give such direction as he thinks fit as to the procedure which shall be followed at the meeting.

Committees

12. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or of the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council, and a person other than a member of the Council shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

Miscellaneous

13. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signature of the President or of some other member of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute or of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of the Institute or the Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the President or to the Council in question relating to the contract or arrangement.
- (6) A person shall not by reason only if his membership of the Institute be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts of the Institute (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 20 (2)

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS AS TO PROPERTY, ETC.

Transfer of property

1. (1) Every agreement to which the Incorporated Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such nature that the rights, liabilities and obligating thereunder could be assigned by the Incorporated Institute, shall have effect from the commencement of the Bill so far it relates to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute, as if —
 - (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
 - (b) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or members of the Council or the Incorporated Institute there were substituted as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of the Bill, a reference to the Institute; and
 - (c) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or members of the Council of the Incorporated Institute there were substituted, as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of the Bill, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill.
- (2) Other documents referring, whether specifically or generally, to the Incorporated Institute shall be construed in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, where, by the operation of any of them or any section of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights powers and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to the taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting or enforcing that right, liability or obligation as they would have had if it had at all times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the commencement of this Bill by or against the Incorporated Institute and relating to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.
- (5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Bill is situated provides for the registration of transfers or property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far it provides for alterations of a register but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter apply with the necessary modifications to the transfer of the property aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of Functions, etc.

2. (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date (not later than six months after the commencement of this Bill, for the Annual General Meeting of the Institute.
- (2) The members of the Council of the Incorporated Institute shall be deemed to be the members of Council of the Institute until the date determined in pursuance of the subparagraph (1) of this paragraph when the Institute shall have its first Annual General Meeting, and they shall cease to hold office at the conclusion of such meeting.
- (3) Any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, held office as the President or Deputy President of the Incorporated Institute by virtue of the articles of association shall on that day become the President or as the case may be, the Deputy President of the Institute, and shall be deemed —
 - (a) to have been elected to that office in pursuance of the provision of this Bill, corresponding to the relevant provision in the said articles of association; and
 - (b) to have been elected on the date on which he took office, or last took office, in pursuance of the relevant provision of those articles.
- (4) The members of the Incorporated Institute shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, be registered as member of the Institute and, without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was a member of the staff of the Incorporated Institute shall on that day become the holder of an appointment with the Institute with the status, designated and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those appertained to him in his capacity as a member of staff of the Incorporated Institute.
- (5) Any person being an office holder on, or member of, the Council of the Incorporated Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill and deemed under this paragraph to have been appointed to any position in the Institute, or the Council of the Institute, and hereafter ceasing to hold office otherwise than by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for appointment to office in the Institute or to membership of the Council, as the case may be.
- (6) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purpose of the Incorporated Institute and in force immediately before the commencement of this Bill shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, have effect with necessary modifications, as if duly made for the corresponding purpose of the Institute (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

Section 15 (5)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY
TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATING PANEL*The Tribunal*

1. (1) The quorum of the Tribunal shall be four.
(2) The Council shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purpose of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.
2. The rules shall in particular provide —
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given, at such time and in such manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) subject to the provisions of section 12 of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal;
 - (f) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegations have not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates; and
 - (g) for publishing in the print media notice of any direction of the Tribunal, which has, taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
3. For the purpose of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may sue out of the registry of the High Court writs of subpoena ad testificandum and duces tecum; but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled —
 - (a) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
4. (1) For the purposes of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings be an assessor to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of no less than ten years standing.

- (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph and in particular such rules shall contain provision for securing —
- (a) that where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rule, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered; and
- (b) that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
- (3) An assessor may be appointed under this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings, and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

5. (1) The quorum of the Panel shall be three. The panel may, at any meeting of the panel attended by the members of the panel, make standing orders with respect of the panel.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the panel may regulate its own procedure.

Miscellaneous

6. A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management; for the Promotion, the study and practice of properly managing the Treasury as a safeguard against Fraud, outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/Misapplication of Resources placed in the custody of Fund Managers; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill For an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Treasury Management for the Promotion, Study and Practice of Properly Managing the Treasury as a Safeguard against Fraud, Outright Embezzlement, Emasculation, Misappropriation/ Misapplication of Resources Placed in the Custody of Fund Managers and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HIB. 100) and approved Clauses 1 - 22, the Schedules, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

**A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE RECOVERY OF PUBLIC PROPERTY
SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, CAP. R4, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF
NIGERIA, 2004 AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 221)**

Clause 1: Repeal of Cap. R4, LFN, 2004.

The Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 is repealed (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) (Repeal) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Related Matters (HB. 221) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Recovery of Public Property (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. R4, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 221) and approved Clauses 1 - 2, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) **Committee on Justice:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 to, Among Other Things, Change the Name of the Institute from National Institute for Legislative Studies to National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies in Order to Empower the Institute to Provide Training and Research Services in Legislative and Democratic Studies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 827) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Razak Atunwa — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

Question agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES ACT, 2011 TO AMONG OTHER THINGS CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INSTITUTE FROM NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRATIC STUDIES TO NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES IN ORDER TO EMPOWER THE INSTITUTE TO PROVIDE TRAINING AND RESEARCH SERVICES IN LEGISLATIVE AND DEMOCRATIC STUDIES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Short Title.

The short title of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "legislative" the words "and Democratic" (Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of section 1.

Section 1 of the principal Act is amended by inserting after the word "legislative" the word "and Democratic (as above)" (Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of section 2.

Section 2 of the principal Act is amended by:
In subsection (2), by inserting new paragraphs "(n), (o), and (p)" after the existing paragraph (m) —

"(n) act as the center for continuing education and advocacy on democratic processes and institutions" (Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

"(o) undertake periodic review of the budget processes and legislative procedure";

"(p) periodic analysis of federal government economic policy and its implications on the economic growth and development of Nigeria".

Committee Recommendation:

Leave out the provisions of subclause (3) (o) and (p) (*Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*) — **Agreed to.**

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Amendment of section 3.

Subsection (3) (a) by inserting after the word "democracy" a coma (,) and legislative practice"

Subsection (3) (d) by inserting after the word "tertiary" the words "and professional"

Subsection (3) (h) by inserting after the word "schools" the word "professional"

Subsection (3) (i) by substituting the existing paragraph (i) — "(i) provide training courses on democracy, party politics, electoral process, legislative practice and procedures, political culture and development"

Subsection (3) (j) by inserting after the word "its " the words "professionals and" (*Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Amendment of section 24.

Section 24 of the principal Act is Amended by substituting the existing interpretation of the word "Institute" to mean the " National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies" (*Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Amendment of section 25.

Section 25 of the principal Act is amended by deleting the entire provision and substituting with the following:

This Bill may be cited as the National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

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

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 to Among Other Things Change the Name of the Institute from National Institute for Democratic Studies to National for Legislative and Democratic Studies in Order to Empower the Institute to Provide Training and Research Services in Legislative and Democratic Studies and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Atunwa Razak — Ilorin West/Asa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Institute for Legislative Studies Act, 2011 to, Among Other Things, Change the Name of the Institute from National Institute for Legislative Studies to National Institute for Legislative and Democratic Studies in Order to Empower the Institute to Provide Training and Research Services in Legislative and Democratic Studies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 827) and approved Clauses 1 - 6 and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

23. Adjournment

That this House do adjourn the First Sitting till 2.34 p.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.30 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker