



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 17 May, 2017

1. The House met at 11.18 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, 16 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcements**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Students of the *Department of Political Science & International Relations, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State*; and
 - (ii) Members of the *Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament.*
4. **Admittance into the Chamber**
Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber the following persons, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (1) (x), (xi) and (2):
 - (i) the Speaker, Deputy Speakers and General Secretary of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Parliament; and
 - (ii) the Governor of Plateau State, Simon Lalong" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).
Agreed to.
5. **Defection**
Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Edward Gyang Pwajok (*Jos South/Jos East Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

6. **Matters of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**

- (i) ***Need to Investigate the Killing of Two Unarmed Innocent Young Men in Ifie Community of Warri South Local Government Area, Delta State by Naval Personnel:***

Hon. Reyenieju Daniel (Warri South/Warri West 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).

- (ii) ***Recurring Attacks by Militants/Kidnapers in Ogun Waterside Local Government Area in Ijebu, Ogun State:***

Hon. Adebute Oladipupo (Ikene/Sagamu/Remo North 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) National Minimum Wage Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1028).
- (2) Nigerian Ports and Harbours Authority Bill, 2017 (HB. 1031).
- (3) Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1032).
- (4) Council of Ministers (Evidence) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1027).
- (5) Chartered Polymer Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1029).
- (6) National Institute for Educational Planning and Administration Bill, 2017 (HB. 1030).

8. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Universities of Technology, Kaduna, Lagos and Enugu to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every Aspect of Education and such Other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and to Establish the Federal University of Education, Zaria to Provide Training and Teaching Instruction in every aspect of Education and such Other Fields of Applied Learning Relevant to the Needs of the Development of Education in Nigeria, Matters of Administration and Discipline of Students and for Other Related Matters (HB. 990 and HB. 991) — *Second Reading***

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria Charged with Responsibility for, among Others, Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualifications to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria; and for Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications and for Other Related Matters (HB. 973) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria Charged with Responsibility for, among Others, Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualifications to be Attained by Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria; and for Licensing

and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications and for Other Related Matters (HB. 973) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Abbas Tajudeen — Zaria 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.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Land (Title Vesting, etc.) Act, Cap. L17, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to increase some Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 680) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Anatomy Act, Cap. A16, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Increasing the Prescribed Penalties and for Other Related Matters (HB. 277) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. **Reconsideration of Outstanding Bills from the Preceding Assembly (Order Twelve, Rule 16, Standing Orders of the House of Representatives)
Nigerian Metallurgical Industry Bill, 2015 (HB. 134):
Motion made and Question proposed;**

The House:

Notes that pursuant to Order Twelve, Rule 16 of the Standing Orders of the House, Bills passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the Senate for concurrence for which no concurrence was made or negatived or passed by the Senate and forwarded to the House for which no concurrence was made or negatived or which were passed by the National Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the Assembly, the House may resolve that such Bills, upon being re-gazetted or clean copies circulated, be re-considered in the Committee of the Whole without being commenced *de-novo*;

Also notes that the Nigerian Metallurgical Industry Bill, 2015 was passed by the preceding Assembly and forwarded to the President for assent but for which assent or withholding thereof was not communicated before the end of the tenure of the last Assembly;

Aware that the Bill has been re-gazetted as HB. 134 and read the first time on Wednesday, 25 November, 2015;

Resolves to:

Commit the Bill to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (Hon. Daniel Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Call for Reconnection of Electricity to Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas of Adamawa State were among the several local government areas that were occupied by the Boko Haram insurgents before they were recovered in March 2015, which enabled residents to return to their homes;

Also notes that almost all public and private infrastructure in those local government areas were destroyed by the insurgents, including the national electrification grid line from Uba leading to Michika and Madagali, with several components vandalized;

Concerned that since the return of the residents, the whole Federal Constituency has remained in darkness and as a result, commercial activities in the area are at a low ebb, thereby compounding the poverty of the returnees;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to, as a matter of urgency cause the restoration of electricity to Michika and Madagali Local Government Areas of Adamawa State; and

(ii) mandate the Committee on Power to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Adamu D. U. Kamale — Madagali/Michika Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 202/2017).

Motion referred to the Committee on Power, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Need to Avert the Imminent Collapse of Kaiama Bridge

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Kaiama bridge, which runs across River Nun in Kolokuma Opokuma Local Government Area of Bayelsa State has developed structural failure which has created a wide gap that makes the bridge unsafe and leads to severe gridlock and loss of man hours;

Aware that the bridge which is along the East West Road, was constructed over thirty-five (35) years ago and is the only connection from the South West to the Niger Delta area and is therefore very critical in the movement of people and goods in the oil producing states of the Niger Delta;

Cognizant that unless urgent steps are taken to repair the bridge which is showing signs of imminent collapse, the lives and properties of the people who use the facility will be endangered and the states will be cut off from other parts of the country and consequently suffer severe economic and social distress;

Resolves to:

(i) urge the Federal Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, Power, Works and Housing to urgently repair the bridge in order to mitigate the sufferings of those plying it;

- (ii) also urge the Ministry of Niger-Delta to expedite action on the construction of a new bridge across River Nun; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Works, Niger Delta Affairs, and Legislative Compliance to ensure compliance and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Douye Diri — Yenagoa/ Kolokuma /Opokuma Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 203/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Works, Niger Delta Affairs, and Legislative Compliance, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

15. Need to Investigate the Failure to Recruit into the Nigerian Army in the Last Twelve (12) Months

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

16. Need to Investigate the Prevention of Candidates by Students of Ladoke Akintola University of Technology from writing JAMB Examination

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that prospective candidates for admissions into universities and other tertiary institutions are currently writing the Computer Based Test (CBT) being organized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB);

Also notes that Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, LAUTECH, Ogbomoso is one of the centers designated for candidates to write the examination which ensures proximity to the examination center for candidates from Ogbomoso and its environs;

Informed that students of Ladoke Akintola University locked up the gate to the institution while embarking on a protest, thereby preventing candidates from entering the University to write the examination, an action that cast a pall on the educational future of the candidates;

Aware that the action of the students of the University was borne out of long standing disagreement between the Governments of Oyo and Osun States over ownership and management of the University, a situation that has led to perpetual suspension of academic activities at the institution and put the future of the students and others who depend on the institution for sustenance at great jeopardy;

Resolves to:

- (i) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to interface with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to arrange an alternative date for the affected candidates to write the examination; and
- (ii) engage the National Universities Commission (NUC) to find a lasting solution to the lingering dispute between the two owner States as well as other internal crisis in the University and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Odebunmi Olusegun Dokun — Ogo-Oluwa/Surulere Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayer (i) (Hon. Akinade-Fijabi Saheed — Ibadan Southwest/Ibadan Northwest Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that prospective candidates for admissions into universities and other tertiary institutions are currently writing the Computer Based Test (CBT) being organized by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB);

Also noted that Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, LAUTECH, Ogbomoso is one of the centers designated for candidates to write the examination which ensures proximity to the examination center for candidates from Ogbomoso and its environs;

Informed that students of Ladoke Akintola University locked up the gate to the institution while embarking on a protest, thereby preventing candidates from entering the University to write the examination, an action that cast a pall on the educational future of the candidates;

Aware that the action of the students of the University was borne out of long standing disagreement between the Governments of Oyo and Osun States over ownership and management of the University, a situation that has led to perpetual suspension of academic activities at the institution and put the future of the students and others who depend on the institution for sustenance at great jeopardy;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to engage the National Universities Commission (NUC) to find a lasting solution to the lingering dispute between the two owner States as well as other internal crisis in the University and report back in four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 204/2017).

17. Consideration of Reports

- (i) *A Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency as well as Tackling the Menace of Poverty, Illiteracy and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) (Committee of the Whole):*

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency as well as Tackling the Menace of Poverty, Illiteracy and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) and approve the recommendations therein” (Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NORTH-EAST DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AMONG OTHER THINGS RECEIVING AND MANAGING FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND INTERNATIONAL DONORS FOR THE RESETTLEMENT, REHABILITATION, INTEGRATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF ROADS, HOUSES AND BUSINESS PREMISES OF VICTIMS OF INSURGENCY AND TERRORISM AS WELL AS TACKLING THE MENACE OF POVERTY, ILLITERACY, ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS AND ANY OTHER RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL OR DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES IN THE NORTH-EAST STATES, AND OR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Amendment of the Arrangement of Sections.

Part IV — Staff of the Commission: 13. Pension Pensionable Service

Part IV — Miscellaneous Provisions: 20. Application of Public Officer Protection Act (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Amendment of Clause 2.

- (1) There is established for the Commission a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) (d) one person each to represent the six geopolitical zones of the country —
 - (i) North-Central,
 - (ii) North-West,
 - (iii) North-East,
 - (iv) South-East,
 - (v) South-South,
 - (vi) South-West;
- (e) one person to represent the —
 - (i) Federal Ministry responsible for Finance and
 - (ii) Federal Ministry responsible for Budget and National Planning;
- (f) Deleted
- (5) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be —

- (a) appointed by the President, subject to confirmation by the Senate; and (Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).

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

Clause 3: Amendment of Clause 5.

- (2) (c) is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty; or
- (4) Where a vacancy exists in the membership of the Board, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of a person from the same State or Zone to complete the remainder of the term of office of the predecessor (Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 4: Amendment of Clause 7.

- (1) The commission shall —
- (vi) requirements for the re-orientation of youth and out of school children including modernisation of schools and almajiri education, and
- (1) (c) develop a master plan based on the needs assessment of the zone to be known as the North-East Stabilisation and Development Master Plan (in this Bill referred to as "the Master Plan"), which shall contain —
- (e) liaise with Federal Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), States and Development Partners on the implementation of all measures approved in the Master Plan for the stabilisation and development of the North-East Zone by the Federal Government;
- (f) subject to appropriation by the National Assembly, implement programmes and schemes contained in the Master Plan but not captured by Federal MDAs, State Governments and Development Partners;
- (h) assess and report on any project being funded or carried out in the North-East Zone by any Federal MDA or company that has an agreement with the Federal Government, and ensure that funds released for such projects are properly utilised;
- (j) liaise with various MDAs industries and companies within the zone on all matters of pollution prevention and control, and environmental disaster management;
- (m) coordinate civil-military confidence building and stabilisation measures and also activities that lie within the civil-military interface especially before, during and after military and security operations; and

- (n) act as the focal point to coordinate and harmonise all other intervention programmes and initiatives that the Federal Government is involved with in the North-East Zone (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Amendment of Clause 10.

- (1) There shall be for the Commission a Management Committee which shall consist of the —
- (a) Managing Director, Executive Directors and Directors responsible for the Departments established under this Bill; and (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Amendment of Clause 12.

- (1) There shall be for the Commission, a Managing Director who shall —
- (d) Deleted (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — STAFF OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 7: Amendment of Clause 13Marginal note.

Pensionable Service (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 8: Amendment of Clause 14: Funds of the Commission.

- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established under subsection (1) of this section —
- (a) in each financial year, a Federal Government Appropriation of not less than 10% of the total annual statutory allocations due to the Member States of the Commission from the Federation Account as the contribution of the Federal Government to the Commission;
- (b) a sum of not less than 10 percent of the Ecological Fund annually for a period of 10 years;
- (c) a sum equivalent to 3 percent of the annual VAT collection, as first line charge, to accrue to the Commission for a period of 10 years, notwithstanding the provisions of any other law.

- (g) fees charged by the Commission
- (h) Deleted
- (i) Deleted
- (j) Deleted
- (k) Deleted (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Amendment of Clause 15.

- (4) The Commission may borrow money from financial organisations or other institutions for the purpose of executing its mandate under this Bill, subject to the approval of the Board (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Amendment of Clause 16.

- (1) The Board shall, not later than 31st August in each year, submit to the President an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission during the next succeeding year for approval and forwarding to the National Assembly for Appropriation (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Amendment of Clause 17.

- (3) The President, upon receipt of the Report referred to in subsection (1) of this section, shall cause a copy of the Report and the audited accounts of the Commission and the Auditor's Report thereon to be submitted to each House of the National Assembly (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Clause 12: Amendment of Clause 19.

President's Directives (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Amendment of Clause 20 Marginal note.

Application of Public Officer Protection Act (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Amendment of Clause 25.

In this Bill —

"Board" means the Governing Board established for the Commission under section 2 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Board appointed under section 2 (2) (a) of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commission" means the North-East Development Commission established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Geopolitical Zones" means a group of States in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as follows:

- (i) 'North- Central' comprises Benue, Kogi, Kwara, Nasarawa, Niger, Plateau States and Federal Capital Territory,
- (ii) 'North-West' comprises Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara States,
- (iii) 'North-East' comprises Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba and Yobe States,
- (iv) 'South-East' comprises Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo States,
- (v) 'South-South' comprises Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Bayelsa, Rivers, Delta and Edo States,
- (vi) 'South-West' comprises Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo States (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Management Committee" means the Management Committee established under Section 10 of this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member States" means Adamawa, Bauchi, Borno, Gombe, Taraba, and Yobe States (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"North-East Zone" means Member States (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "North-East Zone" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"President" means the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Stakeholders" includes all the Federal Government Ministries, Departments, and Agencies, Member States, Local Governments in the Member States, Development Partners, Non-Governmental Organisations, Civil Society Organisations, Communities and grassroots (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 15: Amendment of Clause 26.

This Bill may be cited as the North East Development Commission (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Amendment of First Schedule, Section 2 (7): Supplementary Provisions Relating to the Board, etc.

2. (2) At any meeting of the Board the Chairman shall preside but in his absence, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of them to preside at the meeting (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Amendment of Explanatory Memorandum.

This Bill establishes the North-East Development Commission charged with the responsibility of, among other things, receiving and managing funds allocated by the Federal Government and international donors for the settlement, rehabilitation and reconstruction of roads, houses and business premises of victims of insurgency as well as tackling the menace of poverty, illiteracy, ecological problems and any other related environmental or developmental challenges in the North-East States (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Amendment of the Long Title.

A Bill for an Act to establish the North-East Development Commission Charged with the Responsibility of among other things Receiving and Managing Funds Allocated by the Federal Government and International donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation, Integration and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency and Terrorism as well as Tackling the Menace of Poverty, Illiteracy, Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North-East States; and or Related Matters (*Hon. Mohammed Sani Zoro — Gumel/Maigatari/S/Tankar/Gagarawa Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the North-East Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account and International Donors for the Resettlement, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Roads, Houses and Business Premises of Victims of Insurgency as well as Tackling the Menace of Poverty, Illiteracy and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the North-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 158) and approved Clauses 1 - 18.

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

(ii) Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts and for Other Related Matters (HB.708) and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE DEEP OFFSHORE AND INLAND BASIN PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACTS AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 708)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. D3, LFN, 2004.

The Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Act (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 2: Amendment of Section 5.**

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting paragraph (d) and substituting with a new paragraph (d) as follows:

- (d) In areas in excess of 1,000 metres depth — 3 per cent (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 3: Citation.**

This Bill may be cited as the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Act to enable the Federal Government start earning revenue from oil and gas produced beyond the 1,000 metres depth offshore (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Victor Nwokolo — Ika North East/Ika South 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 Petroleum Resources (Upstream) on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Deep Offshore and Inland Basin Production Sharing Contracts and for Other Related Matters (HB. 708) and approved Clauses 1 - 3, the Explanatory Memorandum, 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 Works:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Works on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upwards and for Other Related Matters (HB. 545) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE SURVEYORS REGISTRATION COUNCIL OF NIGERIA ACT, CAP. S18, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO REVIEW THE FINES UPWARDS AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 545)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of the Surveyor Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, LFN, 2004.

The Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S 18, LFN, 2004, (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 3 of the Principal Act.

Qualification and Tenure of Office of Members.

Subsection (6) of section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by Inserting immediately after the word "re-appointment" and before the "full stop", the phrase, "for an additional term of three years and no more" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Amendment of Section 18 of the Principal Act.

Offences.

Subsection (4) of section 18 of the Principal Act is amended:

(a) in paragraph (a), by:

(i) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦500" in line 1, with the phrase "of ₦200,000", and

(ii) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦50" in line 2 with the phrase "of ₦20,000";

(b) in paragraph (b), by:

(i) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦1,000" in line 1 with the phrase "of ₦400,000.00", and

(ii) substituting the phrase "not exceeding ₦100" in line 3 with the phrase "of ₦40,000", and (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S. 18, Laws of the Federation Nigeria, 2004, to review the penal fines and for related matters (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upwards and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-Uzo 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 a Bill for an Act to Amend the Surveyors Registration Council of Nigeria Act, Cap. S18, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Review the Fines Upwards and for Other Related Matters (HB. 545) and approved Clauses 1 - 4, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 18 May, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.24 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker