



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 31 May, 2017

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1. The House met at 11.35 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, 30 May, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
 3. **Oaths of Allegiance and Membership**
A Member-elect, Mansur Aliyu Mashi (*Dutse/Mashi Federal Constituency*) took and subscribed the Oaths of allegiance and membership as prescribed by law.
 4. **Announcement**
Visitors in the Gallery:
Mr Speaker recognized the presence of the following visitors:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Bloombreed High School*, Port Harcourt, Rivers State; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Kingdom Heritage Model Schools*, Madalla, Niger State.
 5. **Presentation of Bills**
The following Bills were read the *First Time*:
 - (1) Community Service Bill, 2017 (HB. 1046).
 - (2) National Orientation Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1047).
 - (3) National Youth Service Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1048).
 - (4) National Renal Centre (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1049).
 - (5) Federal Polytechnic, Shendam (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1050).

6. Presentation of Report***Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:***

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Agricultural Seeds Act, Cap. N5, LFN, 2004 and Re-enact the National Agricultural Seeds Council, 2016 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 472)" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Munguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. Consolidation of Bills:

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (Establishment) Act No. 25, 2007 to Provide for the Payment of all Monies Received by the Agency into the Federation Account in Accordance with Section 162 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 951), a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency NESREA (Establishment) Act, Cap. N164, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for and Adopt Clean Air Policies and for Other Related Matters (HB. 992), and a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency Act, Cap. N164, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1043) be now consolidated" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

8. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigeria Maritime University, Okerenkoko, Delta State and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1032) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. A Bill for an Act to Establish the South-East Development Commission charged with Responsibility, among other things, to Receive and Manage Funds from Allocation of the Federation Account for the Reconstruction and Rehabilitation of Roads, Houses and Other Infrastructural Damages suffered by the Region as a Result of the Effects of the Civil War as well as Tackle the Ecological Problems and any Other Related Environmental or Developmental Challenges in the South-East States and for Other Related Matters (HB. 915) — Second Reading

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

10. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Metropolitan Management Council charged with Responsibility to Provide Efficient Running and Operation of Municipal Services within the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 974) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed. "That a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the Federal Capital Territory Metropolitan Management Council charged with Responsibility to Provide Efficient Running and Operation of Municipal Services within the Federal Capital Territory and for Other Related Matters (HB. 974) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East Ukwu West Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

11. **A Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prevention and Control of Public Littering, the Prevention of Defacement of Public Places and for Other Related Matters (HB. 955) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to make Provisions for the Prevention and Control of Public Littering, the Prevention of Defacement of Public Places and for Other Related Matters (HB. 955) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda Kannike Garba — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned for further consultation.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization Act, Cap. N13, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Effective and Efficient Repairs and Maintenance of Agricultural Equipment and for Other Related Matters (HB. 916) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

13. **Devastating Gully Erosion Threatening Odo-Eleyin, Igede-Ekiti in Irepodun/Ifelodun Local Government Area, Ekiti State**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the new Itawure-Ado Ekiti Federal Road which was abandoned in 1984 at about 40% construction stage has led to devastating gully erosion posing serious danger to the lives and properties of the people;

Aware that the gully erosion has cut off Odo Eleyin residents of Ilamoye Quarters of the town who are now compelled to trek about one kilometer distance to cross to the other side while many houses on the stretch are faced with threat of collapse;

Concerned that no positive step has been taken by the Federal Government to stop the devastation caused by the gully erosion which started more than twenty five years ago and is on the verge of causing loss of lives and destruction of properties;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Environment and the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to construct proper drainage system along Baptist Primary School/Eyeluae and Abasaribi rivers stretch of the new Itawure-Ado Ekiti Road at Ilamoye Quarters, Igede Ekiti, Ekiti State to check the gully erosion; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency to ensure implementation and report back in six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ayodele Oladimeji — Ado Ekiti/Irepodun/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 234/2017).

Motion referred to the Committees on Environment and Habitat, and Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

14. Need to Investigate the \$200 Million (USD) Clean Technology Fund Meant for Solar Energy Development in the North East Zone

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Clean Technology Fund (CTF) is one of the two multi-donor Trust Funds within the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) which is meant to promote scaled-up financing for demonstration, deployment and transfer of low-carbon technologies with significant potentials for long-term greenhouse gas emissions savings;

Also notes that funding initiative in Nigeria was intended to help overcome the financing and market barriers for low carbon investments and support the deployment and application of clean energy and energy efficiency solutions in various industries, homes and service centres;

Aware that sometime in May 2012, the CTF Trust Fund Committee nominated Nigeria among Phase II beneficiary countries and allocated the sum of \$250 million USD to finance its investment plan for renewable and clean energy with low carbon growth;

Also aware that out of the \$250 million USD, \$200 million was approved in the investment plan to finance the development of a 100 MW grid- connected solar power plant (renewable energy sector) in Bauchi and two other states in the North East based on feasibility and Federal Government support for initiatives in the development of the North East;

Concerned that five (5) years after the approval and subsequent release of the funds to the Federal Government, the project has not commenced;

Also concerned about the image of Nigeria in the international donor community over the monumental loss or mismanagement of the funds;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Environment and Habitat to interface with the Ministers of Environment and Finance on the status of the project, including evidence of disbursement of the funds and report back within three (3) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Shehu Aliyu Musa — Bauchi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Clean Technology Fund (CTF) is one of the two multi-donor Trust Funds within the Climate Investment Funds (CIFs) which is meant to promote scaled-up financing for demonstration, deployment and transfer of low-carbon technologies with significant potentials for long-term greenhouse gas emissions savings;

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Resolved to:

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15. Need to Determine the Status of On-going/Abandoned Federal Government Projects

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the alarming infrastructure gap in the Country over the past 17 years that is characterized by poor and dilapidated road network, epileptic power supply, a virtually moribund railway system, airports requiring rehabilitation and dilapidated structures in the education and health sectors;

Also notes that trillions of Naira were committed over the years in a bid to provide critical infrastructure in areas such as agriculture, aviation, transportation, education, health, environment, security, science and technology, roads and power supply;

Further notes that implementation of Capital budgets annually has never, in the past 17 years, reached an average of 50%, thus resulting in proliferation of uncompleted projects all over the country;

Aware that as at May 2011, there were over 11,886 on-going projects that required over ₦10 trillion and more than ten (10) years to complete even if an average sum of ₦1 trillion is provided annually to fund the projects;

Also aware that of the total commitment of ₦7.8trillion for the 11,886 on-going projects, only ₦2.7 trillion was paid to Contractors, implying an outstanding commitment of ₦5.1 trillion as at May 2011;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Finance, and National Planning and Economic Development to investigate in order to ascertain the:

- (i) number and location of on-going and/or abandoned Critical Federal Government Capital Projects across the country;
- (ii) amount committed, paid and outstanding to date on all on-going and/or abandoned capital projects and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the alarming infrastructure gap in the Country over the past 17 years that is characterized by poor and dilapidated road network, epileptic power supply, a virtually moribund railway system, airports requiring rehabilitation and dilapidated structures in the education and health sectors;

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16. Spate of Kidnaping in Lagos State and the Recent Abduction of Six (6) Students of Lagos State Model College, Igbónla, Epe

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the current spate of kidnaping in the riverine communities of Lagos state, particularly the abduction of six students namely: Peter Jonah, Isiaq Rahmon, Adebayo George, Judah Agbausi, Pelumi Phillips and Farouq Yusuf of Lagos State Model College Igbónla, Epe by unknown gun men who attacked the school in the early hours of Thursday, 25, May 2017;

Also notes that the school was earlier attacked by kidnapers on Thursday 6, October 2016 resulting in the kidnaping of four students who were later released after spending some days in captivity;

Further notes that the riverine communities of Ishawo in Ikorodu, Igboodu in Epe, Ebute Lekki in Ibeju Lekki and Ise in Epe have come under siege lately following the incidences of 1 April, 2017, where Mr Ademola Salami was kidnaped in Ise town and was not released until 5 May, 2017 after negotiation between the kidnappers and the family and also on May 19, 2017, the Baale of Ebute Lekki, Alh. Salina Kareem was abducted from his village and is yet to be released;

Cognizant that if this spate of kidnaping is not arrested, it may pose a threat to the ongoing investments worth billions of dollars in the Lekki Free Trade Zone, which include the First Indigenous Private Refinery in Nigeria and the Lekki Deep Sea Port, among others:

Acknowledges that though the joint security efforts of the Federal and Lagos State Governments in trying to arrest the menace is commendable, there is need for review of security strategies to avert future occurrence:

Resolves to:

- (i) commend the Lagos State Police Command for its swift response to the incident and call on the Inspector General of Police to spare no effort towards the rescue of the kidnaped students as soon as possible and put necessary measures in place to prevent re-occurrence; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Basic Education and Services, Police Affairs and Navy to pay a commiseration visit to the Lagos State Government and conduct an investigation into the state of insecurity in the riverine communities, waterways and schools in Lagos State and make recommendations on ways to permanently arrest the scourge of militancy and kidnaping in the State (*Hon. Tasir Olawale Raji — Epe Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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17. Need to Deploy Security Personnel to Stem Incidences of Kidnaping at Balmo Forest in Bauchi State

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that Balmo forest between Gwaram Local Government Area of Bauchi State and Jigawa State serves as farm lands for thousands of farmers from both States, is the food basket of the area and is also providing employment for thousands of people working as farm laborers and farm assistants, and in the process boosting the economy of those areas;

Aware that the forest is fast becoming a den of kidnapers where innocent people are seized, tortured and sometimes killed even after the payment of ransom, actions that are threatening the hitherto peaceful environment in the areas;

Conscious of the need to prevent Balmo forest from being turned into another haven for criminals and remnants of the Boko Haram sect who have been routed and dislodged from Sambisa forest by the military.

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the National Security Adviser, the Chief of Defense Staff, the Inspector General of Police and the Commandant-General of Nigerian Security and Civil Defense Corps to deploy security personnel to flush out the bandits hiding in the Balmo forest;
- (ii) urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish an operational unit for quick response to emergency situations in the area; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defense, Police Affairs, Army, and Interior to ensure implementation (*Hon. Yuguda Hassan Kila — Gwaram Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Balmo forest between Gwaram Local Government Area of Bauchi State and Jigawa State serves as farm lands for thousands of farmers from both States, is the food basket of the area and is also providing employment for thousands of people working as farm laborers and farm assistants, and in the process boosting the economy of those areas;

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- (ii) urge the Chief of Army Staff to establish an operational unit for quick response to emergency situations in the area; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on National Security and Intelligence, Defense, Police Affairs, Army, and Interior to ensure implementation (**HR. 238/2017**).

18. **Consideration of Reports**

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1018) (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 Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1018) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze 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 ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL COLLEGE OF DENTAL TECHNOLOGY AND THERAPY TO PROVIDE FOR COURSES LEADING TO THE AWARD OF DEGREES, DIPLOMAS AND CERTIFICATES IN DENTAL TECHNOLOGY, DENTAL THERAPY AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1018)

Clause 1: Establishment of the College.

- (1) There is established a Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy (in this Bill referred to as "the College") which shall have the functions and powers conferred on it by this Bill.
- (2) The College shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Establishment and composition of the Governing Council of the College.

- (1) There is established for the College the Governing Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council").
- (2) The Council shall consist of:

- (a) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister;
 - (b) a representative each of the following Federal Ministries:
 - (i) Health,
 - (ii) Education;
 - (c) a representative of each of the following professional bodies:
 - (i) Dental Technologists Registration Board of Nigeria;
 - (ii) Dental Therapists Registration Board of Nigeria;
 - (d) two persons, at least one of whom shall be a woman, selected on their personal merit based on their contribution either to the development of dental technology and dental therapy, or their special interest in technological education;
 - (e) the Rector of the College;
 - (f) a representative of the Academic Board of the College.
- (3) The supplementary provisions set out in the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and other matters contained therein (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu – Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Tenure of office of member of Council.

- (1) A member of the Council (other than an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for a term of three years and subject to subsection (2) of this section, shall be eligible for re appointment for a further period of three years and no more.
- (2) A member of Council other than an *ex-officio* member may, by notice addressed to the Council, resign his appointment.
- (3) The Minister may, in writing, with the approval of the President, remove any member of the Council if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the College that the member concerned should continue in office.
- (4) Members of the Council other than *ex-officio* members shall be paid such remuneration and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the President (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu – Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Functions of the College.

The functions of the College shall be to:

- (a) provide courses of instruction, training and research in:

- (i) Dental Technology;
 - (ii) Dental Therapy;
 - (iii) such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria in the areas of Dental Technology and Dental Therapy and other Para-dental courses; and for research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the Council may from time to time determine leading to award of relevant degrees and certificates;
- (b) produce technical, professional and such other skilled personnel normally required for dental technology and dental therapy;
 - (c) arrange conferences, seminars and study groups relevant to the fields of learning specified in paragraph (a) above;
 - (d) perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may serve to promote the objectives of the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the Council.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall be the Governing Body of the College and shall control the management of the affairs, property and finances of the College and shall have power to promote the interest of the College.
- (2) The Council may acquire and hold such movable or immovable property as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill and for the same purpose may sell, lease, mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property so acquired.
- (3) The Council may enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Powers of the College.

The College shall have power to —

- (a) award degrees, diplomas and certificates for courses provided by it under section 4 of this Bill;
- (b) enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the provisions of this Bill;
- (c) acquire, hold, lease, sell, mortgage or otherwise alienate or dispose of any property, moveable or immovable;
- (d) invest its funds in such manner and to such extent as it may think necessary or expedient;

- (e) establish and maintain a library, comprising such books, journals, records, reports and other publications and information systems as may be required for the discharge of the functions conferred on the College by this Bill;
- (f) accept gifts of land, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift, but shall not accept any gift(s) if the terms and conditions attached thereto are inconsistent with the functions of the College under the Bill.
- (g) establish and maintain such colleges and other teaching units within the College or extramural departments as the Council may from time to time decide (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Directives by the Minister.

The Minister may give the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the exercise by the Council of functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directives (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: Appointment of the Rector of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Rector for the College (in this Bill referred to as "the Rector") who shall be appointed by the President in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) The Rector shall be the head of the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Qualification for the post of Rector.

A person to be appointed Rector shall possess:

- (a) PhD in Dental Technology or Dental Therapy or its equivalent with evidence of publications in the relevant fields;
- (b) appropriate professional qualifications in Dental Technology or Dental Therapy and be registered with the Dental Technologists or Dental Therapists Board of Nigeria;
- (c) not less than 15 years cognate experience in the field of Dental Technology or Dental Therapy;
- (d) evidence of community service or hospital administration experience (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: Duties of the Rector.

The Rector shall be responsible for:

- (a) the day to day affairs of the College;

- (b) the exercise of authority over the employees of the College; and
- (c) the discipline of the students in the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Tenure of office of the Rector.

The Rector shall hold office for a period of four years and may be re-appointed for a further period of four (4) years and no more (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: Terms and conditions of office of the Rector.

The Rector shall hold office on such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Minister as set out in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Vacancy of office of Rector.

Where the post of the Rector is vacant, the Council shall:

- (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal and three widely circulated newspapers in Nigeria specifying:
 - (i) the qualities of a person who may apply for the position; and
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter, draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;
- (b) a Joint Committee of the Council and the Academic Board consisting of:
 - (i) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (ii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer shall consider the candidates on the short list drawn up under subparagraph (a) (ii) of this section through an examination of their curriculum vitae and interaction with them and recommend to the Council, qualified candidates for its consideration (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Registrar of the College.

- (1) There shall be a Registrar for the College who shall be responsible to the Rector for the day-to-day administration of the College and shall perform such other duties as the Council or, as the case may be, the Rector may from time require him to do.

- (2) The Registrar shall be the Secretary to the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and shall attend all the meetings of those bodies unless excused for good cause or reason by the Chairman of the Council.
- (3) Where the Registrar is absent for a meeting of the Council, the Chairman of the Council may, after consultation with the Rector, appoint a suitable person to act as Secretary for any particular meeting of the Council.
- (4) The Secretary to the Council or a person appointed to act under subsection (3) of this section shall not be entitled to vote on any question before the Council or be counted towards a quorum unless such a person is so entitled as a member of the Council (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Tenure of office of the Registrar.

- (1) A Registrar —
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of five years effective from the date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of his appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- (2) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Registrar has held office:
 - (a) for five years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be re-appointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his position and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the college (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Appointment of the Deputy Rector.

- (1) There shall be for the College a Deputy Rector.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Rector from among the chief lecturers in the College in one of the following ways:
 - (a) from a list of three candidates, in order of preference, submitted by the Rector; or
 - (b) on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted for the College.

- (3) The Selection Board referred to in subsection (2) of this section-
- (a) shall consist of —
 - (i) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (ii) the Rector;
 - (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board;
 - (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and
 - (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under subsection (2) (b).
- (3) The Deputy Rector shall:
- (a) assist the Rector in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) perform the functions of the Rector when the post of Rector is vacant or if the Rector is for any reason absent or unable to perform his functions as Rector; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Rector may, from time to time, assign to him.
- (4) The Deputy Rector —
- (a) shall hold office for a period of two (2) years and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be re-appointed for one further period of two years and no more (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Other principal officers of the College.

- (1) There shall be for the College the following other principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:
- (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the Selection Board constituted under section 16 (3) of this Bill.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief Financial Officer of the College and shall be responsible to the Rector for the day to day administration and control of the financial affairs of the College.

The Librarian shall be responsible to the Rector for the administration of the college Library and the co-ordination of the library services in the teaching units of the College.

- (4) The Bursar or Librarian —
- (a) shall hold office for a period of four (4) years in the first instance and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment;
 - (b) may be re-appointed for a further period of four (4) years and no more.
- (5) Where on the commencement of this Bill, a Bursar or Librarian has held office:
- (a) for four (4) years or less, he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of four (4) years;
 - (b) for more than four (4) years but less than eight (8) years, he shall complete the maximum period of eight (8) years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the College;
 - (c) for eight (8) years or more, he shall relinquish his post and be assigned to other duties in the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 18: Resignation of appointment by principal officers.

A principal officer may resign his appointment:

- (a) in the case of the Rector, by notice to the President;
- (b) in any other case, by notice to the Council (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Appointment of other employees of the College.

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the College as the Council may determine to assist the Rector and the principal officers of the College in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) The power to appoint all other staff of the College apart from the Rector and the principal officers shall be exercised:
 - (a) in the case of a senior staff, by the Council on the recommendation of the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under the provisions of paragraph 2 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill;
 - (b) in the case of a junior staff, by the Rector on the recommendation of the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee set up under paragraph 2 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (3) The remuneration and tenure of office of staff of the College shall be determined by the Council with the approval of the Minister (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Staff regulations.

- (1) The Council may, subject to the provisions of this Bill, make staff regulations relating generally to the conditions of service of the staff of the College and without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, such regulations may provide for:
 - (a) the appointment, promotion and discipline of employees of the College; and
 - (b) appeals by such employees against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, and until such regulations are made, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of public officers in the university system shall be applicable, with such modifications as may be necessary, to employees of the College.
- (2) Staff regulations made under subsection (1) of this section shall not have effect until approved by the Minister and when so approved, the regulations need not be published in the Gazette but the Council shall cause them to be brought to the notice of all affected persons in such manner as it may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Establishment of an academic board for the College.

- (1) There shall be established for the College a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Rector of the College, as the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Rector of the College;
 - (c) all Heads of Departments;
 - (d) the Librarian; and
 - (e) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads of departments who may be appointed by the Academic Board.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:
 - (a) the direction and management of academic matters of the College including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates and diploma, scholarships, prizes and other academic distinctions;
 - (b) presenting to the Council of such periodic reports on such academic matters as the Academic Board may think fit or as the Council may from time to time direct; and
 - (c) the discharge of any other functions which the Council may delegate to it (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Removal of the Rector from office.

Where it appears to the Council that the Rector should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall make a recommendation to that effect to the President and if the President, after making such inquiries as he considers necessary, approves the recommendation, the President shall in writing, declare the office of the Rector vacant (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Removal of staff of the College from office.

(1) Where it appears to the Council that there are reasons for believing that any person employed as a member of the academic, administrative or technical staff of the College, other than the Rector, should be removed from office on the ground of misconduct or inability to perform the functions of his office, the Council shall:

- (a) give notice of those reasons to the person in question;
- (b) afford him an opportunity of making representations in person on the matter to the Council within a specific period of time; and
- (c) if the person in question is an administrative staff, he may request in writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board of the College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;
- (d) if the person in question is an academic staff, he may request in writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Academic Board of the College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;
- (e) if the person in question is a technical staff, he may request in writing that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Technical Board of the College, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its report to the Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final;
- (f) on the other hand, any three (3) members of the Council may request that a Committee of the Council be constituted to conduct a joint investigation of the reasons for the removal with the Administrative Board, Academic Board or Technical Board of the College depending on category of the person sought to be removed notwithstanding that the person sought to be removed did not make such request, and the joint investigation Committee shall submit its

report to the Council within one month of constituting the joint investigation committee and the decision of the Council on the matter shall be final.

- (2) The Rector may, in the case of misconduct by a member of the staff which in the opinion of the Rector is prejudicial to the interests of the College, suspend such member and any such suspension shall forthwith be reported to the Council.
- (3) A member of staff may be suspended from office for good cause, or his appointment may be terminated by the Council. For the purpose of this subsection, 'good cause' means:
 - (a) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining advice from a panel of two (2) medical experts constituted by the Council, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit for the discharge of the functions of his office; or
 - (b) any physical or mental incapacity which the Council, after obtaining medical advice from a panel of two (2) medical experts constituted by the Council, considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (c) conduct of a scandalous or disgraceful nature which the Council considers to be such as to render the person concerned unfit to continue to hold his office; or
 - (d) conduct which the Council considers to be such as to constitute failure or inability of the person concerned to discharge the functions of his office or to comply with the terms and conditions of service.
- (4) Any person suspended pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of this section, shall be placed on half pay and the Council shall before the expiration of the three months after the date of such suspension consider the case against that person and come to a decision as to:
 - (a) whether to continue such person's suspension and if so on what terms (including the proportion of the emoluments to be paid to him);
 - (b) whether to reinstate such person, in which case the Council shall restore his full emoluments to him with effect from the date of suspension;
 - (c) whether to terminate the appointment of the person in question, in which case such a person, will not be entitled to the proportion of his emoluments withheld during the period of suspension; or
 - (d) whether to take such lesser disciplinary action against such person (including the restoration of such proportion of his emoluments that might have been withheld) as the Council may determine, and in any case where the Council, pursuant to this section, decides to continue a person's suspension or decides to take further disciplinary action against a person, the Council shall before the expiration of a period

of three months from such decision come to a final determination in respect of the case concerning any such person.

- (5) It shall be the duty of the person by whom an instrument of removal is signed in pursuance of subsection (1) above to use his best endeavours to cause a copy of the instrument to be served as soon as reasonably practicable on the person to whom it relates.
- (6) Nothing in the foregoing provisions of this section shall prevent the Council from making such regulations for the discipline of other categories of staff and workers of the College as it may think fit (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Discipline of students.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Rector to enquire into alleged acts of misconduct and indiscipline among students.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of this section, where it appears to the Rector that any student of the College has been guilty of misconduct, the Rector may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or regulations, made hereunder direct:
 - (a) that the student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the College, or make use of such facilities of the College, as he may specify; or
 - (b) that the activities of the student shall, during such period as may be specified in the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or
 - (c) that the student be suspended for such period as may be specified in the directions; or
 - (d) that the student be expelled from the College.
- (4) Where the post of the Rector is vacant or where the Rector refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (1) of this section to any student of the College who is considered guilty of misconduct.
- (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (c) or (d) above in respect of any student, the student may, within a period of twenty one (21) days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council; and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.

- (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is pending pursuant to subsection (5) of this section shall not affect the operation of the direction while the appeal is pending.
- (7) The Rector may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the College as he may nominate.
- (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as terminating a student's activity (ies) at the College except on the ground of misconduct.
- (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section.
- (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Governing Council shall be final (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 25: Audit of accounts.

- (1) The Council shall keep proper records and accounts of its activities and shall cause to be prepared not later than 1st October in each financial year an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the ensuing financial year and when prepared the estimates shall be submitted to the Minister for approval.
- (2) At the end of each financial year but not later than 30th June, the Council shall cause to be prepared a statement of its income and expenditure during the previous financial year. The statement referred to in subsection (2) above shall, when certified by the Rector, be audited by a firm of auditors appointed by the Council from a list of four (4) firms in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor General of the Federation and shall be published in the annual report of the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 26: Establishment of fund for the College.

- (1) The College shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the College in the performance of its functions under this Bill.
- (2) The funds of the College shall include:
 - (a) such sums as may, from time to time, be granted to the College by the Federal Government of Nigeria;
 - (b) fees charged and payable to the College by the students;
 - (c) any other amount, charged or dues recoverable by the College;
 - (d) revenue from time to time accruing to the College by way of subvention, grants-in-aid, endowment or otherwise;
 - (e) interest on investments; and

- (f) donations and legacies accruing to the College from any source, for the general or special purpose of the College (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 27: Donations for particular purposes.

- (1) Donations of money to be applied to any particular purpose shall be placed to the credit of a special reserve account approved by the Council until such time as they may be expended in fulfilment of such purpose.
- (2) The Council shall not be obliged to accept a donation for a particular purpose unless it approves of the terms and conditions attached to such donation (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 28: Payment into bank.

All sums of money received on account of the College shall be paid into such bank as may be approved for the credit of the College's general, current or deposit account (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 29: Annual report.

The Council shall on or before 31st December in each year prepare and submit to the President through the Minister a report of its activities during the preceding financial year and shall include in the report, the audited accounts of the College in respect of that financial year and the auditor's comments on the account (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 30: Power to make bye-laws.

- (1) The Council may make bye-laws relating to any matter within its competence under this Bill other than matters for which provision is to be made by standing orders pursuant to paragraph (6) of the Schedule to this Bill.
- (2) All such bye-laws shall be in writing and shall come into force when sealed with the seal of the Council unless some other date for their commencement is prescribed therein.
- (3) Nothing in subsection (2) above shall make it obligatory for the Council to publish any of the said bye-laws in the Gazette but the Governing Council shall bring such bye-laws to the notice of all affected persons (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 31: Exclusion or discrimination on account of race, religion, etc.

- (1) A person shall not on ground of race, place of birth, sex, family background, religious or political interest be denied:

- (a) admission into the College;
 - (b) appointment at the College;
 - (c) membership of any body established in pursuant to this Bill; or
 - (d) be given/preferential advantage or be subjected to any other form of discrimination.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subsection (1) above, the College shall not be prevented from imposing any restriction on any person(s) where a person willfully refuses on grounds of the above circumstances to undertake any duty which may be imposed on national interest or any other justifiable reasons (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: Transitional Provisions.

- (1) By virtue of this Bill, all property (movable and immoveable) held by or on behalf of the College shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, vest in the College.
- (2) Upon the commencement of this Bill:
 - (a) all rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the College existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument; or at law or in equity, apart from any contract or instrument, shall, by virtue of this Bill, be assigned to and vested in the College;
 - (b) any such contract or instrument as is mentioned in subparagraph (a) above shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the College and shall be enforced fully and effectively as if the College had been named therein or had been a party thereto; and
 - (c) the College shall be subject to all the obligations and liabilities to which the College was subject to immediately before the commencement of this Bill and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill, have the same rights, power and remedies against the College as they had against the College immediately before the said commencement.
- (3) If immediately before the commencement of this Bill a person was a member or an employee of the College, that person shall by virtue of this Bill become a member or an employee of the College.
- (4) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing before the commencement of this Bill by or against the College may be commenced, continued or enforced by or against the College as it might have been against the College if this Bill had not been made (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 32 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 33: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Academic Board" means the board established under section 21 of this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that name established under paragraph 2 (2) (a) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" means a body by that name set up under paragraph 2 (2) (b) of the Schedule to this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Minister" means Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to Health (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Registrar" means the Registrar of the College appointed under section 14 of this Bill (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 33 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 34: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 34 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULE**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL**

1. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or the absence of any member or that a person not entitled to do so took part in its proceedings.

Committees

2. (1) The Council may appoint one or more committees to which it may delegate any of its functions.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subparagraph (1) of this Schedule, the Council shall appoint the following committees, that is:
- (a) the Senior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall:
 - (i) consist of a chairman and four (4) members who shall be appointed by the Council, and four (4) other members who shall be appointed by the Rector from members of the senior staff of the College;
 - (ii) be charged with the responsibility of making recommendations to the Council on the appointment and promotion of the academic and senior staff of the College and have a quorum of five (5) members; and if the Chairman of the committee is absent from any meeting of the committee, the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman for that particular meeting;
 - (b) the Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee which shall consist of a Chairman and four (4) other members to be appointed by the Rector and shall have the powers set out in sections 19 (2) (b) of this Bill.
 - (c) the Committee on Students' Affairs which shall consist of the following members:
 - (i) a Chairman who shall be appointed by the Rector from among the senior employees of the College;
 - (ii) one member of the Council;
 - (iii) two members of the academic staff of the College; and
 - (iv) four (4) students of the College;
 - (d) the Committee on Students' Affairs shall be charged with the duty of:
 - (i) considering any matter which relates to the welfare of students;
 - (ii) any other matter referred to it by either the Council or students of the College;
 - (e) any matter which the students refer to the Council shall be referred to the Committee on Students' Affairs in the first instance.
- (3) No decision of a committee shall have effect unless same is confirmed by the Council.

Proceedings of the Council

3. (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times as the Chairman of the Council may appoint but the meeting of the Council shall hold not less than twice in a year.
- (2) The Chairman of the Council may at any time and shall at the request in writing of not less than five members of the Council summon a meeting of the Council.

- (3) Particulars of the business to be transacted by the Council shall be circulated to members with the notice of the meeting at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
4. Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, it may co-opt such person as a member for a meeting whether or not expressly convened for the purpose of considering the particular matter but no co-opted member shall be entitled to vote or considered as part of the quorum.
5.
 - (1) Every question put before the Council at a meeting shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present and voting.
 - (2) Seven members shall form a quorum at any meeting of the Council.
 - (3) The chairman shall, at any meeting of the Council, have a vote and in the case of an equality of votes, may cast a deciding vote.
6. The Council may make standing orders with respect to holding meetings, the nature of notices to be given, the proceedings thereat, the keeping of minutes of such proceedings and the custody and production for inspection of such minutes.
7. Where the Chairman of the Council is absent from a meeting of the Council, the members present shall elect one of their members to act as Chairman for the purposes of that meeting.

Miscellaneous

8. Any contract or instrument which if entered into by a person not being a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may in like manner be entered into or executed on behalf of the Council by any person generally or specifically authorised by it for that purpose.
9.
 - (1) The common seal of the Council shall not be used or affixed to any document except in pursuance of a resolution duly passed at a properly constituted meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes of such meeting.
 - (2) The fixing of the seal of the Council shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman of the Council and some other member authorized generally or specifically by the Council to act for that purpose.
 - (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
10. Any member of the Council or a committee thereof who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council or a committee thereof shall forthwith disclose his interest to the Council and shall not vote on any question relating to such contract or arrangement (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy, Enugu, to make the institution more effective in the discharge of its functions by strengthening the organisational framework; and to bring its provisions in conformity with current democratic principles and operations of existing educational and technological institutions, and the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

The Bill also empowers the College to Provide Courses of instruction Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and Other Related Courses (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1018) (*Hon. Patrick Oziokoja Asadu — Nsukka/Igboeze 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 on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy to Provide for Courses Leading to the Award of Degrees, Diplomas and Certificates in Dental Technology, Dental Therapy and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1018) and approved Clauses 1 - 34, the Schedule, 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.

- (ii) **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by Adding a New Member to the Council, Amending the Procedure for Appointing the Director General of the Bureau and Extending the Application of the Act to Defence Procurement and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 475).**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 1 June, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Munguno — Munguno/Marte/Nganzai House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.22 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker