



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 26 October, 2017

1. The House met at 11.0611 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 Wednesday, 25 October, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

- (a) **Bereavements:**

Mr Speaker read the following communication from:

- (i) Hon. Emmanuel Memga Udende (*Katsina Ala/Ukum/Logo Federal Constituency*), announcing the transition of Lt General Victor Samuel Leonard Malu (*rtd*), who was Force Commander of the Economic Community of West African States Monitoring Group (ECOMOG) (1996 - 1998), and the Chief of Army Staff (COAS) (1999 - 2001); and
 - (ii) Hon. Onwubuariri Obinna Kingsley (*Isiala Mbano/Onuimo/Okigwe Federal Constituency*), announcing the demise of Hon. Cletus Uzodinma Nwokoro, a former Member of the House of Representatives (*Okigwe South Federal Constituency*, 1979 - 1982).
 - (iii) By leave of the House, Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo (*Ilaje/Ese-odo Federal Constituency*), announced the demise of the Royal Custodian of Traditional Paraphernalia of the Ancient Mahinland, Oba Lawrence Adetemi Ayemimowa Omowole, Amapetu of Mahinland in Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State, who passed away on Tuesday, 19 September, 2017. He urged the House to observe a minute silence in honour of the departed

The House observed a minute silence in honour of the deceased.

- (b) **Ad-hoc Committee on the Plan to Shut Down the National Economic Reconstruction Fund (NERFUND) (HR.119/2017):**

Mr Speaker named the membership of the *Ad-hoc* Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Oladimeji Ayodele | — | Chairman |
| (2) | Hon. Olabode Ayorinde | — | Member |

(3)	Hon. Musa Ado Tsamiya	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Joseph Edionwele	—	Member
(5)	Hon. John Dyegh	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Tata Omar	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Chidi Frank Wahioka	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Nwazunku Chukwuma	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Shehu Garba Sarkin Noma	—	Member

(c) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Investigate the Disappearance, Reappearance and Reinstatement of the former Chairman of the Presidential Taskforce on Pensions, Abdulrashid Muina:***

Mr Speaker named the membership of the Ad-hoc Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Aliyu Sani Madaki	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Jagaba Adams Jagaba	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Ayo Omidiran	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Solomon Adielu	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Kingsley Chinda	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Yunusa Abubakar	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Timothy Golu	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Kehinde Odeneye Olusegun	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Sergius Ogun Oseasochie	—	Member

(d) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Gas Flared Penalties by International Oil Companies (IOCs) from April 2008 - 2016 (HR.121/2017):***

Mr Speaker named the membership of the Ad-hoc Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Yakubu Barde	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Abdullahi Faruk	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Shiddi Usman Danjuma	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Daniel Reyenieju	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Kabir Ajanah	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Ayo Joseph	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Darlington Nwokocha	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Solomon Ahwinahwi	—	Member
(10)	Hon. Mpigi Barinada	—	Member
(11)	Hon. Dahiru Istifanus Dung	—	Member
(12)	Hon. Mohammed Gudaji Kazaure	—	Member

(e) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Non Compliance with the Provisions of the Maritime Academy of Nigeria Act to Avoid Collapse of the Institution (HR.123/2017):***

Mr Speaker named the membership of the Ad-hoc Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Hassan Yuguda Kila	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Chime Orji	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Johnson Oghuma	—	Member
(4)	Hon. Isah Bashir Kalen Jerry	—	Member
(5)	Hon. Solomon Maren	—	Member
(6)	Hon. Bukar Goni	—	Member
(7)	Hon. Lam Adesina	—	Member
(8)	Hon. Emmanuel Isaac Ukoette	—	Member
(9)	Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok	—	Member

(f) ***Ad-hoc Committee on Non-Compliance of the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC) (HR.124/2017):***

Mr Speaker named the membership of the Ad-hoc Committee as follows:

(1)	Hon. Ahman-Pategi Aliyu Bahago	—	Chairman
(2)	Hon. Ahmed Usman Babba Kaita	—	Member
(3)	Hon. Shadinu Mutiu Alao	—	Member

(4)	Hon. Hassan Adamu Shekarau	—	<i>Member</i>
(5)	Hon. Bassey Ewah	—	<i>Member</i>
(6)	Hon. Jisalo Zaphaniah	—	<i>Member</i>
(7)	Hon. Shauibu Abdulrahman	—	<i>Member</i>
(8)	Hon. Faruk Muhammadu Bala	—	<i>Member</i>
(9)	Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo	—	<i>Member</i>

4. Petitions

- (i) A petition from Reverend Okudo Sylvester Chukwuebuka Egbuna, on the alleged financial fraud against him by Promeranian Business College, Poland, was presented and laid by Hon. Obinna Chidoka (*Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Obioha's family, on the alleged torture to death of Leonard Okoli Obioha in the Luxemburg, was presented and laid by Hon. Rita Orji (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*);
- (iii) A petition from Aminu Abdullahi, on his dismissal from the service of the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Munir Babba Dan' Agundi (*Kumbotso Federal Constituency*); and
- (iv) A petition from four hundred and fifty (450) staff of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State, on the termination of their appointments by the management of the University, was presented and laid by Hon. Henry Nwawuba (*Mbaitoli/Ikeduru Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. Personal Explanation (Standing Order Eight, Rule 5)

Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno (*Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*) informed the House that Mr President had assented to the Bill to establish the North-East Development Commission (NEDC), sponsored by the Speaker, Rt. Hon. Yakubu Dogara. He commended the House for unanimously supporting the passage of the Bill and urged the President to put in place all necessary structures for the operation of the Commission and dissolve all Inter-Ministerial bodies on the North East Development Commission.

6. Presentation of Reports

(i) *Committee on Healthcare Services:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Healthcare Services on the 2017 Budget Proposal of the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) (*Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 47 (2) (b)(iv) of the Standing Orders of the House*)" (Hon. Chike John Okafor — *Ehime Mbano/Ihittel Uboma/Obowo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

(ii) *Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways:*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways on the 2017 Budget Proposals of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC), National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and Council for the Regulation of Freight Forwarding in Nigeria (CRFFN) (*Pursuant to Order Eighteen, Rule 78 (2) (d), (e), (f) and (g) of the Standing Orders of the House*)" (Hon. Pat Asadu — *Nsukka/Igboeze South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation, to among other things, set National Priorities on Research, Innovation and Development, Promote the Gains of the Application of the outputs of Research and Innovation, set Directions to Coordinate Innovation Activities; and for Related Matters (HB.1139) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Engineers (Registration, etc.) Act, Cap. E11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Introduce New Register for Engineering Firms, include Engineering Personnel, Broaden the Power of the Council and its Registrar and the Recognition of Other Professional Bodies outside the Nigerian Society of Engineers to Nominate Representatives to the Council, among Others; and for Related Matters 2017 (HB. 1092) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Lagos Act, Cap. U9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB.1106) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the University of Lagos Act, Cap. U9, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB.1106) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. O2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB.1111) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act, Cap. O2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the Minimum Qualification for the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and to Provide for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority; and for Related Matters (HB.1111) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran — Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Tertiary Education and Services.

11. Need to Declare a State of Emergency on Rehabilitation of Federal Roads Across the Country

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the dilapidated state of most Federal roads that link all parts of the Federation, a situation that is causing concern to the citizens;

Also notes that budgetary allocations for rehabilitation/maintenance of the roads are usually less than forty five (45) percent, whereas road infrastructure deficit was estimated in 2015 at ₦2 trillion;

Aware that the absence of a railway system covering the length of the country makes road transportation the most widely available means of movement from one part of the country to another, in the process, exacting immense toll on the road network;

Observes that the zero budgeting system being implemented by the Federal Government is hampering effective rehabilitation and construction of roads in the country given that there is no alternative means of funding this critical sector;

Concerned by the absence of public private partnership scheme and the failure of successive Administrations to prioritize road construction and maintenance, such that practically all Federal roads like Owo-Ikare-Kabba, Ikare-Omuo-Kabba, Ipele-Kabba, Isua-Ibilo-Okene, Okene-Obajana, Abuja-Lokoja-Okene, Lagos-Ibadan expressway, Okigwe-Umuahia, Enugu-Awka-Onitsha, etc. are at various states of disrepair;

Also concerned by the harrowing experiences commuters are having on the roads in form of accidents and attacks by hoodlums who rob and kill at will on the roads;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to declare a state of emergency on the dilapidated Federal roads in the country and initiate measures to rehabilitate them; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to ascertain the status of Federal Roads across the country, the contracts awarded for their rehabilitation, the budgeted sums and states of execution from 2007 till date, and report back within twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Segun Alexander Adekola — Ekiti Southwest/Ikere/Ise/Oron Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 133/2017).

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

12. Need for the Federal Government to Concession Gele-Gele Seaport to Edo State Government and Declare it an Export and Import Free Trade Zone

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Gele-Gele Seaport played a prominent role in trade between the Portuguese traders and Benin Empire in the 15th century during which commercial activities flourished so much that the Benin Monarch established an embassy in Portugal with a Benin Crown Prince as the first Ambassador, hence Oba Ewuare II, the Oba of Benin Kingdom is among those leading the quest for the establishment and concession of the seaport to Edo State;

Also notes that from its historical importance, Gele-Gele Seaport will play a significant role in the economic development of Nigeria as Edo State is connected to various parts of the country, which makes it an economic hub for transportation of merchandise;

Aware that the establishment and concession of the seaport to Edo State Government will not only provide for export free trade zone with enormous trading activities but will also lead to the creation of good road infrastructure and agro-industrial park and container terminals in the State, thereby urbanizing the predominantly rural communities in the state;

Believes that the concession will put the seaport to optimal utilization when Edo State Government, in partnership with private investors, manage the seaport as this will boost revenue generation, create more jobs, boost economic activities in the State, assist in the decongestion of other seaports, attract foreign investments and ensure increase in timely delivery and distribution of merchandise to consumer markets;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to, as a matter of priority, establish Gele-Gele Seaport and concession its management to Edo State Government and also declare it an export and import free trade zone; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Ports, Harbours and Waterways to ensure implementation and report back in twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ehiozuwa Johnson Agbonayinma — Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Question — Negatived.

13. Need to Enlighten Motorists on Taking Advantage of the Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Section 68 (1) of the Insurance Act of 2003 provides that no person shall use or cause any other person to use a motor vehicle on a road unless a liability which he may thereby incur in respect of damage to the property of a third party is insured with an Insurer registered under this Act;

Also notes that a Third Party Insurance Policy of ₦5000 is usually purchased under the Act by the Insured for protection against another party's claims that is known as the Third Party;

Aware that motorists are systematically being denied information on the essence of the ₦5000 insurance premium paid at the point of registering a vehicle or renewal of the particulars;

Also aware that most owners of accident vehicles which were covered by insurance and ought, ordinarily to have been compensated did not receive any compensation and rather ended up bearing the costs of the repairs of their vehicles owing to the fact that majority of vehicle owners still do not know the real reason for the ₦5000 insurance policy they paid, as a result, the Insurance Companies are raking in fortunes without paying compensation to the Insured;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Information and Culture, to initiate enlightenment campaigns on the rights of the Insured under the Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme; and

- (ii) mandate the Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters, to investigate the operations of the Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme in order to determine whether the Insured are deriving benefits from the Scheme and constraints in its operations, and report back in twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Francis Charles Uduyok — Ikot Abasi/Mkpat Enin/Eastern Obolo Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Amendments Propose:

- (i) In Prayer (i), line 1, immediately after the word “the” *leave out* the words “Federal Ministry of Information and Culture” and *insert* the words “Nigeria Insurers Association” (*Hon. Oladele Olatunbosun George — Irepo/Orelope/Olorunsogo Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (ii), line 1, immediately after the word “Matters” *insert* the words “Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC)” (*Hon. Abubakar Yunusa Ahmad — Yamaltu/Deba Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that Section 68 (1) of the Insurance Act of 2003 provides that no person shall use or cause any other person to use a motor vehicle on a road unless a liability which he may thereby incur in respect of damage to the property of a third party is insured with an Insurer registered under this Act;

Also noted that a Third Party Insurance Policy of ₦5000 is usually purchased under the Act by the Insured for protection against another party's claims that is known as the Third Party;

Aware that motorists are systematically being denied information on the essence of the ₦5000 insurance premium paid at the point of registering a vehicle or renewal of the particulars;

Also aware that most owners of accident vehicles which were covered by insurance and ought, ordinarily to have been compensated did not receive any compensation and rather ended up bearing the costs of the repairs of their vehicles owing to the fact that majority of vehicle owners still do not know the real reason for the ₦5000 insurance policy they paid, as a result, the Insurance Companies are raking in fortunes without paying compensation to the Insured;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Insurers Association, to initiate enlightenment campaigns on the rights of the Insured under the Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Insurance and Actuarial Matters, and Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), to investigate the operations of the Third Party Motor Vehicle Insurance Scheme in order to determine whether the Insured are deriving benefits from the Scheme and constraints in its operations, and report back in twelve (12) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 134/2017**).

14. Call for Harmonization of Bio-metric Data of Nigerian Citizens

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that the issue of National Identity Scheme in Nigeria was first conceived in 1977 but was eventually executed almost twenty five (25) years later in view of the importance of biometric data in planning and development of all sectors of a country's economy;

Notes that several countries of the world like the United States, Canada, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, among others have achieved great outcomes in economic development and crime detection, prevention and fighting as a result of the harmonization of the biometric data of their citizens;

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Road Safety Commission, the Federal Inland Revenue Service, the National Pension Commission, the Independent National Electoral Commission, the National Health Insurance Scheme, the National Population Commission, Telecom Service Providers and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development have all separately initiated their own biometric data gathering which has led to duplicity of efforts due to lack of coordination, thus leading to the storage of the same biometric data by multiple agencies;

Observes that following the biometric data capturing exercises, some of those agencies have obtained biometric data records thus:

- (i) Central Bank of Nigeria/Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System — 16 million persons,
- (ii) Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) — 60 million persons,
- (iii) Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) — 150 million persons,
- (iv) Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) — 5 million persons,
- (v) Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) — 20 million persons;

Recognizes that harmonization of biometric databases of the agencies of Government and private entities will help in saving about ₦40 billion in operational costs and citizens will not be required to have their bio-metrics taken over and over again by different agencies working for the same Government;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to initiate measures for the harmonization of the biometric data of Nigerians that have been captured by different agencies of Government; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Population and Governmental Affairs to ensure implementation and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ochiglegor Idagbo — Obanliku/Obudu/Bekwarra Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendments Propose:

- (i) *Leave out* Prayer (i) and *insert* a new Prayer as follows:
“Urge the Federal Government of Nigeria, to mandate the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), to coordinate the harmonization of database through National Identification Number (NIN) for a successful outcome” (*Hon. Jimoh A. Olajide — Lagos Mainland Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(ii) *Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:*

“Urge the National Population Commission (NPC), to commence the digital registration of deaths and births in seven hundred and seventy-four (774) Local Government Areas of the federation” (Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iii) *Leave out Prayer (i) (Hon. Mahmud Mohammed — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

(iv) *In Prayer (ii), line 1, immediately after the words “Affairs to”, leave out the words “ensure implementation” and insert the following “follow up on the progress of harmonisation” (Hon. Mahmud Mohammed — Agaie/Lapai Federal Constituency).*

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that the issue of National Identity Scheme in Nigeria was first conceived in 1977 but was eventually executed almost twenty five (25) years later in view of the importance of biometric data in planning and development of all sectors of a country's economy;

Noted that several countries of the world like the United States, Canada, South Africa, United Arab Emirates, among others have achieved great outcomes in economic development and crime detection, prevention and fighting as a result of the harmonization of the biometric data of their citizens;

Aware that the Central Bank of Nigeria, the Federal Road Safety Commission, the Federal Inland Revenue Service, the National Pension Commission, the Independent National Electoral Commission, the National Health Insurance Scheme, the National Population Commission, Telecom Service Providers and the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development have all separately initiated their own biometric data gathering which has led to duplicity of efforts due to lack of coordination, thus leading to the storage of the same biometric data by multiple agencies;

Observed that following the biometric data capturing exercises, some of those agencies have obtained biometric data records thus:

- (i) Central Bank of Nigeria/Nigeria Inter-Bank Settlement System — 16 million persons,
- (ii) Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) — 60 million persons,
- (iii) Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC) — 150 million persons,
- (iv) Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) — 5 million persons,
- (v) Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS) — 20 million persons;

Recognized that harmonization of biometric databases of the agencies of Government and private entities will help in saving about ₦40 billion in operational costs and citizens will not be required to have their bio-metrics taken over and over again by different agencies working for the same Government;

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Population and Governmental Affairs to follow up on the progress of harmonisation and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action; and
- (ii) Urge the National Population Commission (NPC), to commence the digital registration of deaths and births in seven hundred and seventy-four (774) Local Government Areas of the federation (**HR. 135/2017**).

15. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committees on Federal Capital Territory and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦222,360,551,512 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, of which the Sum of ₦52,574,479,667 (Fifty-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Four Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦40,460,373,354 (Forty Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the Balance of ₦129,325,698,492 (One Hundred and Twenty Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1 January and Ending on 31 December, 2017 (HIB 1065) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHORISE THE ISSUE FROM THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION STATUTORY REVENUE FUND OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNT, THE TOTAL SUM OF ₦222,360,551,512 (TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO BILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED AND TWELVE NAIRA) ONLY, OF WHICH THE SUM OF ₦52,574,479,667 (FIFTY-TWO BILLION, FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FOUR MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-NINE THOUSAND, SIX HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR PERSONNEL COSTS AND THE SUM OF ₦40,460,373,354 (FORTY BILLION, FOUR HUNDRED AND SIXTY MILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR OVERHEAD COSTS WHILST THE BALANCE OF ₦129,325,698,492 (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE BILLION, THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO NAIRA) ONLY, IS FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY, ABUJA, FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR COMMENCING FROM 1ST JANUARY AND ENDING ON 31ST DECEMBER, 2017:

Clause 1: Issue a Bill of ₦222,360,551,512 from Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund.

- (1) The Director of Treasury of the Federal Capital Territory Administration shall, when authorized to do so by warrants signed by the Minister Federal Capital Territory Administration with responsibility to pay out of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration during the financial year 2017 the sum specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦222,360,551,512 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only
- (2) The amount mentioned in Clause (1) of this clause shall be appropriated to heads of Expenditure as indicated in the schedule to this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 1 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 2: Release of Funds.

All amounts appropriated under this Bill shall be made from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund only for the purposes specified in the schedule to this Bill.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Payment of Revenue into the Statutory Account.

- (1) All revenues accruing to the Federal Capital Territory Administration including the Statutory Revenue distribution shall be paid into the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Account.
- (2) No monies shall be withdrawn from the Account mentioned in Clause 3(1) above without appropriation by the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provisions in Clause 3 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Virement.

In the event that the implementation of any of the projects intended to be undertaken under this Bill cannot be completed without virement, such virement shall only be effected with the prior approval of the National Assembly.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Quarterly Report.

The Minister of Federal Capital Territory and the Director of Treasury Federal Capital Territory Administration shall immediately upon the coming into force of this Bill furnish the National Assembly, on a quarterly basis, the status of the records of the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Accounts.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Waiver not to incur Expenditure.

Where, due to revenue shortfall, amounts appropriated under this Bill cannot be funded, the Minister of Federal Capital Territory shall seek from the National Assembly a waiver not to incur such expenditure.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Federal Capital Territory Appropriation Bill, 2017.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE**FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY FIRST LINE CHARGE****PART A — RECURRENT NON-DEBT EXPENDITURE**

	2017 Appropriation (₦)
(1) Federal Capital Territory Administration	
Personnel Costs	631,523,312
Overhead Costs	4,344,109,980
Sub-Total	4,975,633,292
<i>Question.</i>	
That the Expenditure of Four Billion, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira (₦4,975,633,292) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Federal Capital Territory Administration stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — <i>Agreed to.</i>	
(2) Protocol Department	
Personnel Costs	35,645,636
Overhead Costs	564,427,501
Sub-Total	600,073,137

Question,

That the Expenditure of Six Hundred Million, Seventy-Three Thousand, One Hundred and Thirty-Seven Naira (₦600,073,137) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Protocol Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(3) Security Services Department

Personnel Costs	51,216,366
Overhead Costs	1,556,840,000
Sub-Total	1,608,056,366

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Six Hundred and Eight Million, Fifty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira (₦1,608,056,366) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Security Services Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(4) Treasury

Personnel Costs	1,492,690,749
Overhead Costs	2,163,110,000
Sub-Total	3,655,800,749

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Billion, Six Hundred Fifty-Five Million, Eight Hundred Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira (₦4,975,633,292) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Treasury Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(5) Department of Economic Planning

Personnel Costs	183,668,912
Overhead Costs	102,225,000
Sub-Total	285,893,912

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Three Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twelve Naira (₦285,893,912) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Economic Planning stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(6) FCT Establishment and Training Department

Personnel Costs	409,983,632
Overhead Costs	1,598,392,157
Sub-Total	2,008,375,789

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Billion, Eight Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Nine Naira (₦2,008,375,789) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Establishment and Training Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(7)	FCT Audit Department	
	Personnel Costs	79,285,093
	Overhead Costs	308,500,000
	Sub-Total	387,785,093

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five Thousand and Ninety-Three Naira (₦387,785,093) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Audit Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(8)	Department of Monitoring and Inspection	
	Personnel Costs	78,287,214
	Overhead Costs	153,816,125
	Sub-Total	232,103,339

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, One Hundred and Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Nine Naira (₦232,103,339) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Monitoring and Inspection stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(9)	Land Administration Department	
	Personnel Costs	159,239,503
	Overhead Costs	281,395,000
	Sub-Total	440,634,503

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Hundred and Forty Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Three Naira (₦440,634,503) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Land Administration Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(10)	FCT Procurement Department	
	Personnel Costs	75,454,362
	Overhead Costs	70,002,700
	Sub-Total	145,457,062

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand and Sixty-Two Naira (₦145,457,062) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Treasury Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(11)	FCT Directorate of Muslim Pilgrims Affairs	
	Personnel Costs	112,136,840
	Overhead Costs	219,242,220
	Sub-Total	331,379,060

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand and Sixty Naira (₦331,379,060) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Directorate of Muslim Pilgrims Affairs stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(12) FCT Directorate of Christian Pilgrims Affairs

Personnel Costs	48,977,787
Overhead Costs	382,360,842
Sub-Total	431,338,629

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Hundred and Thirty-One Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Naira (₦431,338,629) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Directorate of Christian Pilgrims Affairs stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(13) FCT Pension Department

Personnel Costs	2,438,001,739
Overhead Costs	2,389,245,618
Sub-Total	4,827,247,357

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Billion, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Seven Million, Two Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Seven Naira (₦4,827,247,357) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Pension Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(14) FCT Archives and Historical Bureau

Personnel Costs	69,846,998
Overhead Costs	111,610,065
Sub-Total	181,457,063

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Eighty-One Million, Four Hundred and Fifty-Seven and Sixty-Three Naira (₦181,457,063) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Archives and Historical Bureau stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(15) FCT Urban and Regional Planning Tribunal

Personnel Costs	106,803,627
Overhead Costs	105,778,140
Sub-Total	212,581,767

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Twelve Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-One, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira (₦212,581,767) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Urban and Regional Planning Tribunal stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(16)	Department of Outdoor Advertisement and Signages	
	Personnel Costs	43,681,333
	Overhead Costs	136,075,211
	Sub-Total	179,756,544

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira (₦179,756,544) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Outdoor Advertisement and Signages stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(17)	Department of Information and Communication	
	Personnel Costs	32,109,640
	Overhead Costs	274,111,027
	Sub-Total	306,220,666

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Six Million, Two Hundred and Twenty Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira (₦306,220,666) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Information and Communication stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(18)	FCDA Administration	
	Personnel Costs	11,836,367
	Overhead Costs	51,204,550
	Sub-Total	63,040,917

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixty-Three Million, Forty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventeen Naira (₦63,040,917) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCDA Administration stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(19)	Finance and Administration	
	Personnel Costs	593,612,307
	Overhead Costs	301,861,116
	Sub-Total	895,473,423

Question,

That the Expenditure of Eight Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Three Naira (₦895,474,423) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Finance and Administration stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(20)	Engineering Services	
	Personnel Costs	558,938,395
	Overhead Costs	10,000,000
	Sub-Total	568,938,395

Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Hundred and Sixty-Eight Million, Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Naira (₦568,938,395) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Engineering Services stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(21) **Public Building**

Personnel Costs	404,896,011
Overhead Costs	8,177,451
Sub-Total	413,073,462

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Hundred and Thirteen Million, Seventy-Three Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Two Naira (₦413,073,462) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Public Building stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(22) **Resettlement and Compensation Department**

Personnel Costs	138,693,362
Overhead Costs	21,143,065
Sub- Total	159,836,427

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifty-Nine Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Thousand, Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Naira (₦159,836,427) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Resettlement and Compensation Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(23) **Urban and Regional Planning**

Personnel Costs	181,029,166
Overhead Costs	67,029,340
Sub-Total	248,058,506

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Fifty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Six Naira (₦248,058,506) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Urban and Regional Planning stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(24) **Survey and Mapping**

Personnel Costs	106,936,966
Overhead Costs	29,820,000
Sub-Total	136,756,966

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira (₦136,756,966) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Survey and Mapping stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(25) **Mass Housing Department**

Personnel Costs	37,609,609
Overhead Costs	18,979,883
Sub- Total	56,589,492

Question,

That the Expenditure of Fifty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira (₦56,589,492) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Mass Housing Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(26)	FCDA Procurement Department	
	Personnel Costs	77,332,669
	Overhead Costs	16,755,230
	Sub-Total	94,087,899

Question,

That the Expenditure of Ninety-Four Million, Eighty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira (₦94,087,899) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCDA Procurement Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(27)	FCDA Internal Audit	
	Personnel Costs	24,317,649
	Overhead Costs	6,083,450
	Sub-Total	30,401,099

Question,

That the Expenditure of Thirty Million, Four Hundred and One Thousand and Ninety-Nine Naira (₦30,401,099) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCDA Internal Audit stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(28)	Public Relations	
	Personnel Costs	37,927,168
	Overhead Costs	9,035,000
	Sub-Total	46,962,168

Question,

That the Expenditure of Forty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Eight Naira (₦46,962,168) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Public Relations stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(29)	Engineering Design	
	Personnel Costs	61,928,220
	Overhead Costs	3,409,800
	Sub-Total	65,338,020

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-Eight Thousand and Twenty Naira (₦65,338,020) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Engineering Design stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(30)	FCT Legal Secretariat	
	Personnel Costs	249,228,301
	Overhead Costs	687,161,020
	Sub-Total	936,389,321

Question,

That the Expenditure of Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six, Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Twenty-One Naira (₦936,389,321) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Legal Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(31)	Area Council Secretariat	
	Personnel Costs	46,683,951
	Overhead Costs	2,866,603,651
	Sub-Total	2,913,287,602

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Billion, Nine Hundred and Thirteen Million, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Two Naira (₦2,913,287,602) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Area Council Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(32)	ACSS Inspectorate, Planning and Monitoring	
	Personnel Costs	31,614,203
	Overhead Costs	72,300,000
	Sub-Total	103,914,203

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fourteen, Two Hundred and Three Naira (₦103,914,203) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the ACSS Inspectorate, Planning and Monitoring stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(33)	ACSS Chieftaincy and Community Development	
	Personnel Costs	127,358,866
	Overhead Costs	48,336,800
	Sub-Total	175,695,666

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira (₦175,695,666) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the ACSS Chieftaincy and Community Development stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(34)	ACSS Primary Health Care Department	
	Personnel Costs	39,801,944
	Overhead Costs	25,700,000
	Sub-Total	65,501,944

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixty-Five Million, Five Hundred and One Thousand, Nine Hundred and Forty-Four Naira (₦65,501,944) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the ACSS Primary Health Care Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(35)	ACSS Planning, Research and Statistics	
	Personnel Costs	24,165,694
	Overhead Costs	30,000,000
	Sub - Total	54,165,694

Question,

That the Expenditure of Fifty-Four Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Four Naira (₦54,165,694) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the ACSS Planning, Research and Statistics stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(36)	Area Council Service Commission	
	Personnel Costs	166,563,409
	Overhead Costs	67,540,224
	Sub-Total	234,103,633

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, One Hundred and Three Thousand, Six Hundred and Thirty-Three Naira (₦234,103,633) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Area Council Service Commission stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(37)	FCT Area Councils Staff Pension Board	
	Personnel Costs	72,409,403
	Overhead Costs	252,824,691
	Sub-Total	325,234,094

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Thousand and Ninety-Four Naira (₦325,234,094) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Area Councils Staff Pension Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(38)	Office of the Auditor-General for FCT Area Councils	
	Personnel Costs	166,062,257
	Overhead Costs	190,491,475
	Sub-Total	356,553,732

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Fifty-Six Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Thirty-Two Naira (₦356,553,732) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Office of the Auditor-General for FCT Area Councils stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(39)	Transport Secretariat	
	Personnel Costs	98,701,259
	Overhead Costs	77,240,046
	Sub-Total	175,941,305

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Seventy-Five Million, Nine Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Five Naira (₦175,941,305) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Transport Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(40) Road Traffic Services

Personnel Costs	977,652,695
Overhead Costs	635,625,700
Sub-Total	1,613,278,395

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Six Hundred and Thirteen Million, Two Hundred and Seventy-Eight Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Five Naira (₦1,613,278,395) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Road Traffic Services stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(41) Bus Rapid Transit and Transport Regulations (BRT&TR)

Personnel Costs	27,582,467
Overhead Costs	36,248,557
Sub-Total	63,831,024

Question,

That the Expenditure of Sixty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-One and Twenty-Four Naira (₦63,831,024) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Bus Rapid Transit and Transport Regulations (BRT&TR) stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(42) Department of Public Transportation

Personnel Costs	50,033,588
Overhead Costs	97,667,321
Sub-Total	147,700,909

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Forty-Seven Million, Seven Hundred Thousand, Nine Hundred and Nine Naira (₦147,700,909) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Public Transportation stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(43) Department of Transportation

Personnel Costs	70,057,198
Overhead Costs	21,369,002
Sub-Total	91,426,200

Question,

That the Expenditure of Ninety-One Million, Four Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand, Two Hundred Naira (₦91,426,200) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Transportation stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(44)	Education Secretariat	
	Personnel Costs	194,541,660
	Overhead Costs	212,035,000
	Sub-Total	406,576,660

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Hundred and Six Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty Naira (₦406,576,660) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Education Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(45)	Agency for Mass Education	
	Personnel Costs	805,946,409
	Overhead Costs	187,951,996
	Sub-Total	993,898,405

Question,

That the Expenditure of Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Five Naira (₦993,898,405) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Agency for Mass Education stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(46)	FCT Education Resource Centre	
	Personnel Costs	398,110,644
	Overhead Costs	311,616,836
	Sub-Total	709,727,480

Question,

That the Expenditure of Seven Hundred and Nine Million, Seven Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred and Eighty Naira (₦709,727,480) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Education Resource Centre stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(47)	FCT Universal Basic Education	
	Personnel Costs	11,175,889,034
	Overhead Costs	1,169,577,300
	Sub-Total	12,345,466,334

Question,

That the Expenditure of Twelve Billion, Three Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Four Naira (₦12,345,466,334) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Universal Basic Education stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(48)	FCT Secondary Education Board	
	Personnel Costs	7,850,533,688
	Overhead Costs	1,743,120,502
	Sub-Total	9,593,654,190

Question,

That the Expenditure of Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, One Hundred and Ninety Naira (₦9,593,654,190) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Secondary Education Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(49)	FCT College of Education, Zuba	
	Personnel Costs	1,242,442,808
	Overhead Costs	225,074,286
	Sub-Total	1,467,517,094

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty-Seven Million, Five Hundred and Seventeen Thousand and Ninety-Four Naira (₦1,467,517,094) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT College of Education, Zuba stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(50)	FCT Agency for Science and Technology	
	Personnel Costs	579,364,945
	Overhead Costs	500,066,200
	Sub-Total	1,079,431,145

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Seventy-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, One Hundred and Forty-Five Naira (₦1,079,431,145) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Agency for Science and Technology stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(51)	FCT Scholarship Board	
	Personnel Costs	70,392,330
	Overhead Costs	479,948,000
	Sub-Total	550,340,330

Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Hundred and Fifty Million, Three Hundred and Forty Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty Naira (₦550,340,330) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Scholarship Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(52)	Department of Quality Assurance	
	Personnel Costs	728,351,260
	Overhead Costs	106,712,444
	Sub-Total	835,063,704

Question,

That the Expenditure of Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, Sixty-Three Thousand, Seven Hundred and Four Naira (₦835,063,704) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Quality Assurance stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(53) Department of Higher Education

Personnel Costs	33,280,099
Overhead Costs	88,110,394
Sub-Total	121,390,493

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-One Million, Three Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Naira (₦121,390,493) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Higher Education stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(54) Department of Policy, Planning, Research and Statistics

Personnel Costs	78,458,116
Overhead Costs	80,149,640
Sub-Total	158,607,756

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Fifty-Six Naira (₦158,607,756) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Policy, Planning, Research and Statistics stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(55) Health and Human Services Secretariat (HQ)

Personnel Costs	415,579,565
Overhead Costs	1,134,515,900
Sub-Total	1,550,095,465

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Five Hundred and Fifty Million, Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Naira (₦1,550,095,465) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Health and Human Services Secretariat (HQ) stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(56) School of Nursing and Midwifery

Personnel Costs	322,782,874
Overhead Costs	209,888,000
Sub-Total	532,670,874

Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Six Hundred and Seventy Thousand, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Four Naira (₦532,670,874) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the School of Nursing and Midwifery stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(57) Public Health Department

Personnel Costs	573,058,679
Overhead Costs	222,501,500
Sub-Total	795,560,179

Question,

That the Expenditure of Seven Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Five Hundred and Sixty Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Nine Naira (₦795,560,179) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Public Health Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(58)	Health Planning, Research and Statistics Department	133,115,217
	Personnel Costs	63,434,095
	Overhead Costs	196,549,312
	Sub-Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred and Twelve Naira (₦196,549,312) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Health Planning, Research and Statistics Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(59)	Department of Pharmacy	126,571,598
	Personnel Costs	180,851,848
	Overhead Costs	53,010,000
	Sub-Total	233,861,848

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Million, Eight Hundred and Sixty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Eight Naira (₦233,861,848) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Pharmacy stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(60)	FCT Medical Diagnostics Department	75,338,000
	Personnel Costs	126,302,536
	Overhead Costs	60,792,004
	Sub-Total	187,094,540

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Eighty-Seven Million, Ninety-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty Naira (₦187,094,540) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Medical Diagnostics Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(61)	Health Management Board	9,911,501,024
	Personnel Costs	402,725,000
	Overhead Costs	10,314,226,024
	Sub-Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of Ten Billion, Three Hundred and Fourteen Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-Six Thousand and Twenty-Four Naira (₦10,314,226,024) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Health Management Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(62) Primary Healthcare Development Board

Personnel Costs	808,393,691
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Overhead Costs	343,547,283
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Sub-Total	1,151,940,974
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Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, One Hundred and Fifty-One Million, Nine Hundred and Forty Thousand, Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four Naira (₦1,151,940,974) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Primary Healthcare Development Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(63) Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat

Personnel Costs	140,633,014
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Overhead Costs	55,850,000
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Sub-Total	196,483,014
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Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Four Hundred and Eighty-Three Thousand and Fourteen Naira (₦196,483,014) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(64) FCT Agric Development Project

Personnel Costs	325,187,801
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Overhead Costs	54,230,750
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Sub-Total	379,418,551
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Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine Million, Four Hundred and Eighteen Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Naira (₦379,418,551) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Agric Development Project stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(65) Department of Agric Services

Personnel Costs	82,593,993
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Overhead Costs	32,773,700
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Sub-Total	115,367,693
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Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifteen Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Three Naira (₦115,367,693) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Agric Services stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(66) Department of Agricultural Planning, Research and Statistics

Personnel Costs	89,290,802
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Overhead Costs	17,200,000
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Sub-Total	106,490,802
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Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Six Million, Four Hundred and Ninety Thousand, Eight Hundred and Two Naira (N106,490,802) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Agricultural Planning, Research and Statistics stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(67)	Department of Veterinary Services	432,115,840
	Personnel Costs	64,550,000
	Overhead Costs	496,665,840
	Sub-Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of Four Hundred and Ninety-Six Million, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty Naira (N496,665,840) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Veterinary Services stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(68)	Department of Animal Production	126,574,598
	Personnel Costs	18,900,000
	Overhead Costs	145,474,598
	Sub - Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Forty-Five Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Four Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety-Eight Naira (N145,474,598) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Animal Production stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(69)	Department of Forestry and Rural Development	178,581,606
	Personnel Costs	22,260,000
	Overhead Costs	200,841,606
	Sub-Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred Million, Eight Hundred and Forty-One Thousand, Six Hundred and Six Naira (N200,841,606) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Forestry and Rural Development stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(70)	Social Development Secretariat	189,996,544
	Personnel Costs	113,500,000
	Overhead Costs	303,496,544
	Sub-Total	

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Hundred and Three Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-Six Thousand, Five Hundred and Forty-Four Naira (N303,496,544) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Social Development Secretariat stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(71)	Welfare Department	
	Personnel Costs	80,997,471
	Overhead Costs	153,029,250
	Sub-Total	234,026,721

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Thirty-Four Million, Twenty-Six Thousand, Seven Hundred and Twenty-One Naira (₦234,026,721) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Welfare Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(72)	Sports Department	
	Personnel Costs	114,651,518
	Overhead Costs	168,570,350
	Sub-Total	283,221,868

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Eighty-Three Million, Two Hundred and Twenty-One Thousand, Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight Naira (₦283,221,868) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Sports Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(73)	Tourism Department	
	Personnel Costs	87,582,643
	Overhead Costs	62,561,375
	Sub-Total	150,144,018

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifty Million, One Hundred and Forty-Four Thousand and Eighteen Naira (₦150,144,018) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Tourism Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(74)	Gender Development Department	
	Personnel Costs	44,942,238
	Overhead Costs	103,605,139
	Sub - Total	148,547,377
	Sub-Total	115,367,693

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Five Hundred and Forty-Seven Thousand, Three Hundred and Seventy-Seven Naira (₦148,547,377) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Gender Development Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(75)	Arts and Culture	
	Personnel Costs	124,274,824
	Overhead Costs	83,605,000
	Sub-Total	207,879,824
	Sub-Total	207,879,824

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Four Naira (₦207,879,824) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of Arts and Culture stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(76)	Youth Department	
	Personnel Costs	49,711,267
	Overhead Costs	107,403,500
	Sub-Total	157,114,767

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Fifty-Seven Million, One Hundred and Fourteen Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira (₦157,114,767) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Youth Department stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(77)	Abuja Metropolitan Management Council	
	Personnel Costs	141,281,396
	Overhead Costs	152,700,000
	Sub-Total	293,981,396

Question,

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Ninety-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty-One Thousand, Three Hundred and Ninety-Six Naira (₦293,981,396) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Abuja Metropolitan Management Council stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(78)	Parks and Recreation	
	Personnel Costs	362,555,246
	Overhead Costs	186,077,500
	Sub-Total	548,632,746

Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Hundred and Forty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Six Naira (₦548,632,746) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Parks and Recreation stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(79)	Facilities Maintenance and Management	
	Personnel Costs	274,197,266
	Overhead Costs	2,860,934,200
	Sub-Total	3,135,131,466

Question,

That the Expenditure of Three Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirty-One Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Six Naira (₦3,135,131,466) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Facilities Maintenance and Management stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(80)	FCT Urban Affairs	
	Personnel Costs	20,158,334
	Overhead Costs	57,231,463
	Sub-Total	77,389,797

Question,

That the Expenditure of Seventy-Seven Million, Three Hundred and Eighty-Nine Thousand, Seven Hundred and Ninety-Seven Naira (₦77,389,797) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Urban Affairs stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(81)	Development Control Department	
	Personnel Costs	469,782,304
	Overhead Costs	412,433,169
	Sub-Total	882,215,473

Question,

That the Expenditure of Eight Hundred and Eighty-Two Million, Two Hundred and Fifteen Thousand, Four Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira (₦882,215,473) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Development stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(82)	FCT Water Board	
	Personnel Costs	1,071,806,408
	Overhead Costs	868,492,334
	Sub-Total	1,940,298,742

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Nine Hundred and Forty Million, Two Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Forty-Two Naira (₦1,940,298,742) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Water Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(83)	Abuja Environmental Protection Board	
	Personnel Costs	686,011,866
	Overhead Costs	4,382,188,977
	Sub-Total	5,068,200,843

Question,

That the Expenditure of Five Billion, Sixty-Eight Million, Two Hundred Thousand, Eight Hundred and Forty-Three Naira (₦5,068,200,843) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Abuja Environmental Protection Board stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(84)	Abuja Geographic Information Systems	
	Personnel Costs	171,105,755
	Overhead Costs	478,416,305
	Sub-Total	649,522,060

Question,

That the Expenditure of Six Hundred and Forty-Nine Million, Five Hundred and Twenty-Two Thousand and Sixty Naira (₦649,522,060) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Abuja Geographic Information Systems stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(85) **Satellite Towns Development Agency**

Personnel Costs	252,209,967
Overhead Costs	1,051,973,000
Sub-Total	1,304,182,967

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Billion, Three Hundred and Four Million, One Hundred and Eighty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira (₦1,304,182,967) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Satellite Towns Development Agency stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(86) **Abuja Infrastructure Investment Centre (AIIC)**

Personnel Costs	60,991,358
Overhead Costs	104,078,993
Sub-Total	165,070,351

Question,

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, Seventy Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-One Naira (₦165,070,351) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Abuja Infrastructure Investment Centre (AIIC) stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(87) **FCT Emergency Management Agency**

Personnel Costs	132,781,289
Overhead Costs	652,392,411
Sub-Total	785,173,700

Question,

That the Expenditure of Seven Hundred and Eighty-Five Million, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand and Seven Hundred Naira (₦785,173,700) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the FCT Emergency Management Agency stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

(88) **Department of Fire Service**

Personnel Costs	804,042,029
Overhead Costs	186,790,600
Sub-Total	990,832,629

Question,

That the Expenditure of Nine Hundred and Ninety Million, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred and Twenty-Nine Naira (₦990,832,629) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs of the Department of Fire Service stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

General Summary:

Total Personnel	52,574,479,667
Total Overhead	40,460,373,354
Total Recurrent	93,034,853,021

Question,

That the Expenditure of Ninety-Three Billion, Thirty-Four Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand and Twenty-One Naira (₦93,034,853,021) only for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Costs and Overhead Costs stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

PART B — CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

(1)	Federal Capital Territory Administration	2,450,700,000
(2)	Protocol Department	14,000,000
(3)	Security Services Department	650,000,000
(4)	FCT Treasury	3,125,000,000
(5)	Department of Economic Planning	57,500,000
(6)	Department of Human Resource Management	1,120,000,000
(7)	FCT Audit Department	22,500,000
(8)	Department of Monitoring and Inspection	80,000,000
(9)	Land Administration Department	283,000,000
(10)	FCT Procurement Department	0
(11)	FCT Directorate of Muslim Pilgrims Affairs	222,363,895
(12)	FCT Directorate of Christian Pilgrims Affairs	189,000,000
(13)	FCT Pension Department	8,000,000
(14)	FCT Archives and Historical Bureau	48,272,779
(15)	FCT Urban and Regional Planning Tribunal	0
(16)	Department of Outdoor Advertisement and Signages	0
(17)	Department of Information and Communication	45,000,000
(18)	FCDA Administration	0
(19)	Finance and Administration	54,000,000
(20)	Engineering Services	46,890,142,461
(21)	Public Buildings	3,941,476,583
(22)	Resettlement and Compensation Department	5,529,963,152
(23)	Urban and Regional Planning	207,882,516
(24)	Survey and Mapping	606,177,752
(25)	Mass Housing Department	15,000,000
(26)	FCDA Procurement Department	73,685,000
(27)	Internal Audit	0
(28)	Public Relations	0
(29)	Engineering Design	2,171,478,162
(30)	FCT Legal Secretariat	44,351,055
(31)	Area Council Secretariat	6,700,000
(32)	ACSS Inspectorate, Planning and Monitoring	0
(33)	ACSS Chieftaincy and Community Development	0
(34)	ACSS Primary Health Care Department	0
(35)	ACSS Planning, Research and Statistics	0
(36)	Area Councils Service Commission	170,804,087
(37)	FCT Area Councils Staff Pension Board	0
(38)	Office of the Auditor-General for FCT Area Councils	38,000,000
(39)	Transport Secretariat	56,092,957
(40)	Road Traffic Services	1,167,470,511
(41)	Bus Rapid Transit and Transport Regulations (BRT&TR)	729,227,206
(42)	Department of Traffic Management	837,725,000
(43)	Department of Transportation	19,355,000,000
(44)	Education Secretariat	985,353,500

(45)	Agency For Mass Education	85,654,549
(46)	FCT Education Resource Centre	41,553,418
(47)	FCT Universal Basic Education	2,097,202,969
(48)	FCT Secondary Education Board	220,121,905
(49)	FCT College of Education, Zuba	480,000,000
(50)	FCT Agency for Science and Technology	439,616,872
(51)	FCT Scholarship Board	94,000,000
(52)	Department of Policy Implementation	46,500,000
(53)	Department of Higher Education	42,921,168
(54)	Department of Policy, Planning, Research and Statistics	34,824,187
(55)	HHS Secretariat	1,318,260,870
(56)	School of Nursing anddwifery	50,500,000
(57)	Public Health Department	0
(58)	Health Planning Research and Statistics	62,934,374
(59)	Department of Pharmacy	30,000,000
(60)	FCT Medical and Diagnostics	12,000,000
(61)	Health Management Board	1,209,389,197
(62)	Primary Health Care Development Board	542,436,356
(63)	Agriculture and Rural Development Secretariat	47,000,000
(64)	FCT Agric Development Project	121,540,000
(65)	Department of Agric Services	169,000,000
(66)	Department of Agricultural Planning, Research and Statistics	179,000,000
(67)	Department of Veterinary Services	276,000,000
(68)	Department of Animal Production	1,375,024,499
(69)	Department of Forestry and Rural Development	70,000,000
(70)	Social Development Secretariat	143,000,000
(71)	Welfare Department	100,000,000
(72)	Sports Department	181,411,568
(73)	Tourism Department	160,000,000
(74)	Gender Development Department	275,000,000
(75)	Arts and Culture	69,000,000
(76)	Youth Department	160,000,000
(77)	Abuja Metropolitan Management Council	350,100,000
(78)	Parks and Recreation	595,770,000
(79)	Facilities Maintenance and Management	2,429,432,536
(80)	FCT Urban Affairs	40,000,000
(81)	Development Control Department	166,000,000
(82)	FCT Water Board	1,770,000,000
(83)	Abuja Environmental Protection Board	477,350,811
(84)	Abuja Geographic Information Systems	161,000,000
(85)	Satellite Towns Development Agency	19,976,512,000
(86)	Abuja Infrastructure Investment Centre (AIIC)	8,045,463
(87)	FCT Emergency Management Agency	678,729,135
(88)	Department of Fire Service	1,343,000,000
	Total Capital	129,325,698,492

Question:

That the Expenditure of One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Million, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira (₦129,325,698,492) for the purposes set out under Capital Cost do stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

Grand Total Recurrent and Capital**222,360,551,512****Main Question:**

That the Expenditure of Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira (₦222,360,551,512) for the purposes set out under Recurrent for the Personnel Cost, Overhead Cost and Capital Cost do stand part of the Schedule to the Federal Capital Territory Statutory Appropriation Bill, 2017 — *Agreed to.*

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill provides for the issuing out of the Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory the sum of (₦222,360,551,512) only, out of which (₦52,574,479,667) is for Personnel Costs and (₦40,460,373,354) is for Overhead Costs while the balance of (₦129,325,698,492) is for Capital Expenditure (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.**Long Title:**

A Bill for an Act to Authorise the Issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦222,360,551,512 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, of Which the Sum of ₦52,574,479,667 (Fifty-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Four Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦40,460,373,354 (Forty Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs Whilst the Balance of ₦129,325,698,492 (One Hundred and Twenty-Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1st January and Ending on 31st December, 2017 (*Hon. Sergius Oseasochie Ogun — Esan North East/South East Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.**Chairman to report Bill.****(HOUSE IN PLENARY)**

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Committees on Federal Capital Territory and Federal Capital Territory Area Councils and Ancillary Matters on a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Federal Capital Territory Administration Statutory Revenue Fund of the Federal Capital Territory Administration Account, the Total Sum of ₦222,360,551,512 (Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty Million, Five Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred and Twelve Naira) only, of which the Sum of ₦52,574,479,667 (Fifty-Two Billion, Five Hundred and Seventy-Four Million, Four Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand, Six Hundred and Sixty-Seven Naira) only, is for Personnel Costs and the Sum of ₦40,460,373,354 (Forty Billion, Four Hundred and Sixty Million, Three Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand, Three Hundred and Fifty-Four Naira) only, is for Overhead Costs whilst the Balance of ₦129,325,698,492 (One Hundred and Twenty Nine Billion, Three Hundred and Twenty-Five Million, Six Hundred and Ninety-Eight Thousand, Four Hundred and Ninety-Two Naira) only, is for Capital Projects for the Service of the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, for the Financial Year Commencing from 1 January and Ending on 31 December, 2017 (HB 1065) and approved Clauses 1 - 7, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) **Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider 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) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 REPEAL AND RE-ENACT THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SEEDS COUNCIL; AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SEEDS COUNCIL AND GOVERNING BOARD

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Agricultural Seeds Council.

- (1) There is established a body to be known as the National Agricultural Seeds Council (in this Bill referred to as the "Council").
- (2) The Council shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may:
 - (a) acquire, hold or dispose of real and personal property; and
 - (b) sue or be sued in its corporate name (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Establishment of the Governing Board.

- (1) There is hereby established for the management of the Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of a Chairman and a number of members to be defined by Regulation of the Minister, that includes representatives from:
 - (a) the Ministry of Agriculture not below the rank of a Director and other Ministries and public entities with a role in the seed sector;
 - (b) the private sector, including farmers' organizations and other members of the seed industry.
- (3) The Chairman and other members of the Board shall be persons of proven integrity, ability, vast knowledge and experience in the seed sector and shall be appointed by the President upon the recommendation of the Minister.

- (4) The Chairman and members of the Board shall hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more.
- (5) A member of the Board shall be paid such allowances as the Federal Government may from time to time direct.
- (6) The Chairman or member may at any time be removed from office by the President for inability to discharge the functions of his office whether arising from infirmity of the mind or body or for any fraudulent act or misconduct.
- (7)
 - (i) The Chairman or member may resign by a notice addressed through the Minister to the President;
 - (ii) The notice of resignation shall become effective from the date of acceptance of the resignation by the President.
- (8) Upon the occurrence of any vacancy in the membership of the Board, the Chairman shall immediately communicate this fact to the Minister who shall ensure the vacancy is filled as contained in this section.
- (9) The office of the Chairman or member shall become vacant if —
 - (a) he dies;
 - (b) he becomes insane or he is suffering from any permanent disability;
 - (c) he is an undischarged bankrupt; or
 - (d) he is convicted of the commission of a crime relating to fraud or gross misconduct.
- (10) Without prejudice to the provisions of the Bill, where a majority of the members of the Board are satisfied that the continued presence on the Board of the Chairman or a member is not in the national interest or the interest of the Council, the Board may recommend through the Minister to the President for the removal of such Chairman or member.
- (11) No decision of the Board shall be invalidated solely on the reason that there exists a vacancy the number of members.
- (12) In the absence of a duly constituted Board for the Council, the Director-General of the Council shall, with the approval of the Minister carry out such functions of the Board as may be required.
- (13) The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule of this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters specified therein.
- (14) The office of the Chairman or any member shall become vacant if —
 - (a) he dies;
 - (b) he becomes insane or he is suffering from any permanent disability which will render him unable to perform his functions;
 - (c) he is an undischarged bankrupt; or

- (d) he is convicted of the commission of a crime relating to fraud or gross misconduct.
- (15) No decision of the Board shall be invalidated solely on the reason that there exists a vacancy in the number of members (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Dissolution.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Bill, the Minister shall exercise all the powers of the Board where —
 - (a) the Board has not been constituted; or
 - (b) the Board has been dissolved.
- (2) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the Director-General of the Council shall, with the approval of the Minister carry out such functions of the Board as may be required.
- (3) Any action taken or decision reached in compliance with the provisions of this section shall be valid for all intent and purposes (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Functions of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall —
 - (a) analyse and formulate programmes, policies and actions regarding seed development and the seed industry in general, including research on issues relating to seed testing, registration, release, production, marketing, distribution, certification, quality control, supply and use of seeds in Nigeria, importation and exportation of seeds.
 - (b) design improved management system and procedure relating to the administration of seed activity;
 - (c) implement official quality control and certification of seeds, and facilitate enrolment of any approved private body in seed certification programmes;
 - (d) advise the Federal Government on the organization, management and financing of seed programs;
 - (e) approve seed standards;
 - (f) advise the national research system on the changing pattern of seed demand and farmers' needs;

- (g) plan, monitor and evaluate the achievements of the national seed system and recommend improvement thereto;
 - (h) encourage the establishment in Nigeria of seed companies for the purpose of carrying out research, production, processing and marketing of seed;
 - (i) issue licenses and permits under this Bill;
 - (j) approve policies and strategies to protect small seed producers, local varieties and to promote quality seed production;
 - (k) regulate the Seed Industry in Nigeria;
 - (l) represent Nigeria and work closely with the West African Committee on Seeds for the development of the seed sector;
 - (m) establish and manage a seed sector support fund; and
 - (n) perform such other related functions as may be required of the council from time to time subject to the approval of the Board.
- (2) From the commencement of the Bill, every company incorporated in Nigeria for the purposes specified in paragraph (g) of section 4 of this Bill, shall enjoy such incentives as are granted by the Federal Government to an agricultural and seed enterprises.
- (3) The Crop Variety Registration and Release Committee shall have responsibility for making recommendations to the Council on matters relating to —
- (a) the registration and release of any given crop variety;
 - (b) the declaration of a crop variety as a notified kind and for the purposes of the Bill, different kinds or varieties of seed may be notified for different areas;
 - (c) a crop kind variety intended to be registered under this section may be required to undergo a minimum of two years of text to determine its adaptability to a particular geo-political area (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have powers to —

- (a) manage and superintend the affairs of the Council;
- (b) fix the terms and conditions of service including remuneration of the employees of the Council;
- (c) make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for carrying out the functions of the Council;
- (d) ensure the proper resourcing and funding of the Council;

- (f) facilitate effective linkages among stakeholders in order to enhance their collaboration for the orderly and balanced growth of the seed sector;
- (g) assist government in creating favourable conditions for private investments in the seed sector; and
- (h) serve as the highest lobby entity for policies to support the development of the seed sector (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — APPOINTMENT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL, ETC.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Appointment of the Director-General.

- (1) There shall be appointed by the President, on the recommendation of the Minister, a Director-General for the Council who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Council and shall be responsible for the execution or the polices and day-to- day running of the affairs of the Council.
- (2) The Director General shall possess professional qualifications and cognate experience in seed science and technology.
- (3) The Director-General shall —
 - (a) hold office for a term of four years and may be reappointed for another term of four years and no more; and
 - (b) perform such other functions as the Board may from time to time direct.
- (4) If for any reason the Director-General is unable to perform his functions or carry out his duties, or there exists a vacancy in the office of the Director-General, the Board may designate an employee of the Council, who is next in rank to the Director-General, to act as the Director-General during the period of his inability or vacancy, until a substantive Director-General is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill and the employee shall while so acting, have all the powers and perform all the functions of the Director-General (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Appointment of other Staff.

- (1) The Council may make staff regulations relating generally to the following —
 - (a) the appointment, promotion, termination, dismissal and disciplinary control of the staff of the Council, as contained in the scheme of service of the Federal Civil Service;

- (b) appeals by such staff against dismissal or other disciplinary measures, shall be in line with the regulation of the Federal Civil Service, any instrument relating to the conditions of service of the officers of the Civil Service of the Federation shall be applicable, with such modifications as maybe necessary to the staff of the Council.
- (2) Service in the Council is approved service for the purpose of the Pension Reform Act.
- (3) A staff of the Council may be appointed by way of transfer or secondment from any civil service of the Federation.
- (4) Where any person is seconded under subsection (3) of this section, he shall be notified of the terms and conditions of the secondment, and secondment shall be without prejudice to any pension right which, but for the secondment, will accrue to him.
- (5) A person seconded under subsection (3) of this section may elect to transfer his service to the Council in which case any previous service shall be qualifying service as defined in the Pension Reform Act (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Appointment of Secretary/Legal Adviser.

- (1) The Board shall appoint for the Council, a Secretary/Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner and must have been so qualified for a period of not less than 10 years.
- (2) The Secretary/Legal Adviser shall —
 - (a) be Secretary to the Board;
 - (b) be responsible for keeping the books and proper records of proceedings and correspondences of the Board and the upkeep of the records of the Council;
 - (c) administer and discharge all legal obligations of the Council;
 - (d) administer and discharge all insurance requirements of the Council;
 - (e) retain external legal services on behalf of the Council as he may deem necessary or expedient; and
 - (f) perform such other functions as the Board or the Director General as the case may be from time to time, assign to him (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — APPOINTMENT OF SEED INSPECTORS

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 9: Appointment of Seed Inspectors.**

- (1) The Council shall appoint seed inspectors and define the area within which they can exercise jurisdiction.
- (2) A Seed Inspector shall perform the following duties —
 - (a) take samples of any seed of any variety or hybrid from —
 - (i) any person selling seed or displaying such seed for the purpose of selling; or
 - (ii) any person who is in the course of conveying, delivering or preparing to deliver such seed to a purchaser or a consignee; or
 - (iii) a purchaser or a consignee after delivery of such seed to him;
 - (b) send such sample to the seed analyst for the area within which such sample was taken for analyses;
 - (c) enter and search any seed related premises including seed distribution compound and buildings and seed deposit, warehouses, store rooms and storage areas in which he has reason to believe that an offence as defined under this Bill has been, or is being committed, and order in writing the person in possession of any seed in respect of which the offences has been committed, not to dispose of any stock of such seed for a specific period not exceeding thirty days;
 - (d) examine any record, register, document or any other material object found in any premises pursuant to paragraph (c) of this subsection and seize the same if he has reason to believe that it may furnish evidence of the commission of an offence punishable under this Bill;
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 - (e) undertake all inspection, including field inspection, necessary to implement and monitor seed production and certification; and
 - (f) exercise such other duties as may be necessary for carrying out the purpose of this Bill or any regulations made out there under.
- (3) For the exercise of its functions, a seed inspector will seek the cooperation of seed operators.
- (4) If the seed inspector has reason to believe that any provisions of this Bill are being violated, he will request the operator to open up any container, package or premises in which seed of any kind or variety is kept for sale.
- (5) If the seed operator mentioned in paragraph (4) refuses to open the container, package or premises, the inspector may open the container, package or enter in the premises, with the exception of dwelling places, when the inspector has reasonable suspicion that the provisions of this Bill are being violated.

- (6) In a case where the inspector suspects that seeds are stored in a dwelling place in breach of this Bill, he shall request a permit or warrant to undertake inspection according to national legislation.
- (7) Where a Seed Inspector takes any action under paragraphs (4) and (5) of this section, he shall, at the time when such action is being taken, prepare an inspection report and obtain the required signatures on a memorandum to be prepared in the prescribed form and manner and send it to the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — SEED REGISTRATION AND RELEASE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: National Seed catalogue.

- (1) The Council shall regularly publish the National Seed Catalogue, with a list of released varieties that are eligible for certification in Nigeria.
- (2) Only varieties that are registered and released shall be qualified for the certification program in Nigeria pursuant to the criteria established in this Bill.
- (3) Whenever necessary, the Council shall recommend an updated list of priority crop seed to be introduced into or removed from the National Seed Catalogue.
- (4) The proposed crop seeds, once registered and released, shall be eligible for certification.
- (5) The minister, on the advice of the Council, shall approve the procedures for registration of new varieties in the National Seed catalogue, including accelerated procedures for registration of varieties from similar agro-ecological zones with proven adaptation and agronomic performances for the crop growing conditions of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties.

- (1) For the purposes of this Bill, the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties shall serve as reference and complement to the National Seed Catalogue.
- (2) Only varieties that are registered and released in the National Seed Catalogue or in the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties shall be qualified for certification program in Nigeria, pursuant to the criteria established in this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 12: Seed Registration and Release Subcommittee.**

The Council shall establish a Seed Registration and Release Subcommittee, to advise the Council on the following matters:

- (a) the establishment and update of the National Seed Catalogue;
- (b) evaluate the information from National Performance Trials from the compilations of independently conducted trials;
- (c) recommend any matters for approval by the Council regarding the release and registration of varieties; and
- (d) the implementation of the ECOWAS West African Seed Catalogue (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 13: Registration of Varieties for Release in the Domestic Market.**

- (1) Prior to registration, new varieties for release in the domestic market shall undergo multi-year multi-location testing as set forth in the variety release and registration guidelines.
- (2) Domestic varieties used in informal seed systems shall be subject to registration and description only prior to their release to the market.
- (3) Registered foreign-bred varieties for release on the domestic market shall undergo limited multi-location verification trial as determined by the Committee in accordance with its rules and procedures.
- (4) In order to facilitate the release of new varieties on the domestic market, the Minister, on advice of the Subcommittee, may waive the testing requirements for varieties falling under the subsection (1) of this section, if the variety is registered under a regional variety release system.
- (5) Genetically modified varieties will only be considered if they conform with the bio-safety regulations of Nigeria, including the Cartagena Protocol (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 14: Registration and Release of Varieties for export purposes.**

Varieties for which either reproduced seed or produce shall be exported, shall not be subject to variety release or registration requirements unless otherwise required by the importing country, but shall nonetheless be subject to all controls under prevailing phytosanitary bio-safety and other relevant legislation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — SEED CERTIFICATION AND OFFICIAL CONTROL

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 15: Quality Control and Seed Certification Service.**

- (1) The Council shall establish an official quality control and certification service, (referred to as the "official certification service") responsible for seed certification and quality control.
- (2) The official certification service will approve a programme of seed certification to certify that the seeds:
 - (a) are of acceptable variety or genetic purity;
 - (b) are in good physiological and health conditions; and
 - (c) meet the seed standards, as appropriate.
- (3) The official certification service will elaborate technical regulations including seed certification standards that will be approved by the Council.
- (4) The Council may authorize private certification bodies to undertake quality control and seed certification on behalf of, and under the supervision of the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 16: Seed Certification and Standards.**

- (1) The Council shall approve national standards for seed certification, including requirements, procedure and criteria for seed certification.
- (2) The national standards for seed certification shall be in compliance with the ECOWAS regulations and the relevant international standards and will be published as prescribed (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 17: Seed Multiplication.**

- (1) Only seeds of varieties listed in the National Seed Catalogue and the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties shall be eligible for multiplication under certification scheme, with a view to their being sold as seed.
- (2) The characteristics of these varieties shall conform to those of the samples deposited at the time of registration in the National Seed Catalogue or the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties and maintained under the responsibility of the committee charged with registration in the catalogue (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 18: Seed Categories.**

- (1) The Council shall establish by regulation, the seed categories recognised in Nigeria, including:
 - (a) breeder seed;
 - (b) foundation/inbred lines;
 - (c) certified seeds; or
 - (d) equivalent nomenclature that follows regional or international commitments and recommendations.
- (2) Certified seed may apply to several successive generations.
- (3) The last generation authorized by regulations shall not be used for the production of certified seeds, unless otherwise provided in Regulation.
- (4) The minister shall approve by regulation, the categories of planting materials for certification purposes (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 19: Obligation to register as seed operator.**

- (1) No person shall engage in seed production, processing, marketing or importation for commercial purposes unless registered under this Bill.
- (2) The Minister shall approve, by regulation, the procedure and technical requirements for registration of seed-related activities which are not seed production.
- (3) This section shall not apply to:
 - (i) a person growing and delivering seeds of any variety directly to another person without monetary consideration for use by that other person for sowing on the latter's own farm;
 - (ii) small exchanges of seeds among small farmers (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 20: Registrations of Seed producers.**

- (1) A person shall not produce any seed in commercial quantities unless that person is registered as seed producer by the Council.
- (2) Any person who wants to produce seed in commercial quantity shall apply to the Council:
 - (a) for a license as a seed producer; and
 - (b) to enrol in the seed certification and programme, or a different quality assurance mechanisms approved under the law.

- (3) Every application under subsection (1) of this section shall be in such form and follow such procedure as may be prescribed by the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Procedure to apply for a license as seed producer.

- (1) The Council shall grant a license as seed producer for one or several species listed in the National Seed Catalogue or the West Africa Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties.
- (2) The Council may further grant a license as seed producer for unregistered or obsolete species under official quality control under this Bill.
- (3) Licenses will be granted to producers who:
 - (a) submit an application as prescribed and pay for the prescribed fees before the start of the governing season; and
 - (b) meet the requirements prescribed by regulation, including:
 - (i) the pledge to observe the technical regulations;
 - (ii) having sufficient land;
 - (iii) having sufficient qualified technical personnel;
 - (iv) having appropriate facilities and equipment for the targeted seeds;
 - (v) collaborating with Seed Inspectors and giving them free access to the crops.
- (4) The applicant shall be notified of acceptance or rejection within a reasonable time frame to be established by regulation.
- (5) Seed producer license will have the validity set forth by regulation.
- (6) The Council shall suspend a license, following written notification, in the following cases:
 - (a) non-observance of the technical regulations approved under this Bill; or
 - (b) if the operator is sanctioned for fraud in the sale of seed or a different infringement punishable without suspension.
- (7) The Council shall withdraw a license after a written notification in the following cases:
 - (a) the seed producer has not been active for two consecutive years;
 - (b) the seed producer commits an infringement punishable by suspension under subsection (5) within one year of the lifting or previous suspension;

- (c) the seed producer under suspension has not conformed to the prescribed requirements within 30 days of such suspension.
- (8) In case of suspension or withdrawal under this section, the Council shall serve notice of termination to the license holder, including information on appeal procedures and time period to submit a new application (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Access to seed materials.

Registered seed operators will only have access to appropriate early generation seed required for the production of seed class he has been authorized to produce (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Recognition of foreign seed certification agencies.

The Minister may, on the advice of the Council recognize any seed certification agency established in any foreign country, provided that such agency implements rules and regulations that meet the requirements under this Bill and such recognition shall be published in the gazette (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Incentives to the Seed Industry.

From the commencement of the Bill, every company incorporated in Nigeria for the purposes of seed production, shall enjoy such incentives as are granted by the Federal Government to an agricultural and seed enterprise (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — SEED PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Conditions of Production.

- (1) All Natural or legal persons licensed as seed operators shall adhere to the production zones and areas recommended by the breeder of a given variety.
- (2) The seed field shall be accessible for inspection throughout the growing cycle.
- (3) The number of varieties and categories authorized for multiplication on the same agricultural holding shall be determined by the species and the standard laid down by regulation.
- (4) The number of varieties shall not be limited for testing stations or testing fields on condition that isolation standards are observed.

- (5) All seed operators and growers shall have documented evidence of the origin of the early generation seed procured for further multiplication, such as certification label, invoice, delivery slip or any other suitable document (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Control of the Production.

- (1) The official certification service or approved private certification body shall ascertain that the producer or seed grower uses appropriate certified early generation seed, unless otherwise provided in the Bill.
- (2) Control by the official seed certification service or approved private certification body shall occur at all stages of the process: production, processing, packaging storage, transport, marketing and use of the seeds.
- (3) Before the beginning of each certification season, natural or legal persons who want to enrol in official quality assurance shall send prior notification of sowing to official certification service or approved private certification body within a reasonable period of time.
- (4) Any subsequent modification to the notification of sowing shall be reported immediately to the quality control and official certification service or any other approved private certification body.
- (5) A seed plot may be abandoned for climate or technical reasons at any stage of the vegetative process. In such a case, the producer shall inform, as much as possible, the official certification service or approved private certification body (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 27: Multiplication on Contract.

- (1) A seed producer shall not conclude a multiplication contract with several producers, unless the official certification service or approved private certification body so authorizes, where the contract with several producers does not cause prejudice to any one of them.
- (2) The multiplication contract agreed between the seed producer and one or several seed producers shall include:
 - (a) a commitment of the seed producer to respect existing regulations, to allow the control agents to inspect his crops and to ensure appropriate crop isolation distances in neighbouring seed crops;
 - (b) a commitment of the operator to provide the seed producer with all necessary technical instructions and to deliver the appropriate early generation seeds in good time.
 - (c) provisions that specify the details of both parties, the method for price determination and delivery, and clauses addressing potential risk in production (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 28: Inspections.

- (1) The official certification service or approved private certification body shall designate seed inspectors to carry out control of licensed seed producers and implement seed certification programmes.
- (2) Seed inspectors shall carry out field visits and produce a field inspection report at each visit.
- (3) Field inspections and controls shall verify that the seed field:
 - (a) meets the standards for variety purity, physical purity, weeds and health status;
 - (b) meets the number of inspections and procedures of control established per crop and area by regulation.
- (4) Inspections shall be organized by seed lots, constituted and identified as prescribed by regulation.
- (5) Inspections shall take place in the presence of the seed grower or an authorized representative of the producer and shall result in an inspection report on the observed condition of the seed plots.
- (6) The report shall contain, *inter alia*, technical recommendations or instructions reflecting the seed plots.
- (7) Any producer accepted for control may install an internal crop control structure employing qualified seed technicians.
- (8) Inspectors may reject a crop, after verification that the technical recommendations or instructions given at previous visits have not been observed.
- (9) Rejections shall be notified to the seed grower or producer as soon as possible in a justified report (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 29: Sampling and laboratory analyses.

- (1) Seed sampling shall be done in accordance with the international reference standards and packaged in packets bearing the information detailed by regulation.
- (2) All seed lots submitted for certification shall be analysed by a seed analyst or in a seed laboratory designated by the Council.
- (3) Seed analyses shall focus on:
 - (i) analytical purity;
 - (ii) water content;

- (iii) germination test;
- (iv) health test; and
- (v) variety purity (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 30: Seed Laboratory.

- (1) There shall be a Central Seed Testing Laboratory (in this Bill referred to as "seed Laboratory") to be designated by the Minister on the recommendation of the Council.
- (2) The seed Laboratory shall accredit, supervise and provide technical support to regional and other seed testing laboratories and bring seed testing services in line with international standards (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 31: Seed packaging and labelling.

- (1) Seeds presented for certification shall be conditioned in a seed conditioning facility approved by the Council as prescribed.
- (2) Seeds shall be packaged in materials authorized by the Council.
- (3) Packages of certified seeds shall be labelled as prescribed, including:
 - (a) the name and address of the producer or distributor;
 - (b) the logo or trade name, where this exists;
 - (c) the name of the species and the variety as listed in the National Seed Catalogue or the West African Catalogue of Plant Species and Varieties;
 - (d) the category, generation and cycle of production;
 - (e) the net weight;
 - (f) the certification label;
 - (g) the name of the product used for treatment; and
 - (h) any other information prescribed in the regulation.
- (4) Division and repackaging of packaged and labelled seed lots shall be done in the presence of an agent of the official certification service or approved private certification body.
- (5) The new labels shall bear the same particulars as the original labels with an additional annotation of repackaging (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 32: Certification of labelling.

- (1) In addition to the labelling requirements in section 31, certified seeds cannot be placed in the market unless they are labelled with a certification label issued by the official certification service or approved private certification body.
- (2) Certification labels shall comply with the regional and international standards (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 33: Seed storage and post-certification control.

- (1) Seed storage and transport facilities shall be maintained with the appropriate temperature and humidity levels and shall be clean and well aerated and be regularly disinfected for proper seed conservation.
- (2) The Council shall approve, by regulation detailed requirements for seed storage, and distribution.
- (3) The Council shall approve the procedures and requirements for post-certification control, including seed processing marketing (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 34: Revocation of Certification.

- (1) The Council may revoke any certification granted under this Bill if it is satisfied that the certification was obtained by misrepresentation, or that the holder of the certification has contravened any of the provisions of this Bill or any regulations made thereunder.
- (2) The Council shall before revoking any certification, give due notice to the aggrieved seed operator.
- (3) A person who is aggrieved by a decision of the Council under subsection (1) of this section may appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date on which the decision was communicated to him:

Provided that the Minister may entertain an appeal at the expiration of the period of thirty days if the Minister is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time.

- (4) On receipt of an appeal under subsection (3) of this section, the Minister shall after giving the appellant an opportunity of being heard, dispose of the appeal as expeditiously as possible (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 35: Informal Seeds.**

- (1) Seed of registered varieties from the informal seed sector shall be exempted from the compulsory certification requirements established under this Bill, unless such are commercialized, at which time they shall be subject to the quality control procedures approved under this Bill.
- (2) For registered varieties for which there is no seed certification standard, the Minister may, on the advice of the Council, approve specific quality control procedures including:
 - (a) minimum limits for germination, physical purity, sanitary conditions and other requirements, as appropriate;
 - (b) the form and content of tags and labels to be affixed to such seed lots.
- (3) For unregistered or obsolete varieties, the Minister may, on the advice of the Council, approve standards on quality control. These standards shall include:
 - (a) minimum limits for germination, physical purity, sanitary conditions and moisture content, as appropriate;
 - (b) the form and content of labels or tags to be affixed to such seed lots.
- (4) The Council shall approve policy measures and programmes to support the progressive enrolment of seed producers in certification programmes or other quality control programmes and capacity building in the informal seed sector (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 35 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 36: Seed Import and Export.**

- (1) No person shall for the purpose of sowing or planting by any other person (including himself) export or import or cause be exported or imported any seed or hybrid without written authorization from the Council, provided that:
 - (a) any seed for import shall meet the standards approved by the Council, including the prescribed limited test/evaluation/multi-locational trials;
 - (b) with the exception of seed from ECOWAS members States, any imported seed for marketing in Nigeria must be officially released by the Council upon the approval of Crop Variety Registration and Release Sub-Committee; or
 - (c) any seed for export shall be certified and comply with all necessary phytosanitary requirements.
- (2) Any person intending to import for commercial or research purposes, seed of a genetically modified variety, shall comply with the bio-safety regulations of Nigeria and notify the Council prior to the importation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 36 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 37: Application for exporting and importing seeds.**

- (1) Any person may apply to the Council for a permit to import or export seeds provided that the person:
 - (a) submits an application on the prescribed forms and follow the prescribed procedures, including payment and fees when applicable; and
 - (b) demonstrate compliance phytosanitary, bio-safety and other requirements in national legislation.
- (2) The Council shall send a copy of such application to the Nigerian Agricultural Quarantine service.
- (3) All seed samples meant for research purposes and seeds intended for export from, or import into Nigeria, shall carry the necessary phytosanitary certificates and viability test results.
- (4) No seed shall be imported unless they are certified by the official seed-certifying agency of the exporting country, except for research purposes, unless otherwise prescribed in Regulation (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 37 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART X — SUPPORT TO PLANT VARIETY DEVELOPMENT
AND PLANT BREEDERS' RIGHTS

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 38: Support to research on plant varieties.**

The Council shall —

- (a) participate in the registration of new crop varieties as provided for in national legislation;
- (b) approve and implement programmes and measures designed to promote genetic improvement of plant varieties and the protection of breeders' rights (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 38 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 39: Protection of Breeders' Rights.**

- (1) Plant Breeders' Rights shall be granted in respect of registered new plant varieties as shall be specified in a Bill of the National Assembly on Plant Variety Protection:
 - (a) the registration of breeders which have registered a new variety according to national legislation;
- (2) The Bill on Plant Variety Protection in subsection (1) shall regulate:
 - (a) the registration of new plant varieties against internationally recognized criteria;

- (b) the protection of Plant Breeders' Rights; and
- (c) the maintenance and update of the National Varietal Catalogue (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 39 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 40: Temporary measures to protect Farmers' Rights.

- (1) The Minister shall promote policies and strategies to foster registration of new plant varieties and protection of Farmers' Rights.
- (2) Subject to the provision of relevant Acts of the National Assembly, the Minister shall approve and implement measures to facilitate the protection of farmers' rights to save, use exchange and sell farm saved seed subject to restrictions specified in regulations, including:
 - (a) the protection of their traditional knowledge relevant to plant genetic resources;
 - (b) the right to equitably share in the benefits arising from the use of plant genetic resources;
 - (c) the right to participate in decision-making on matters related to the conservation and sustainable use of plant genetic resources (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 40 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XI — INFRINGEMENTS AND OFFENCES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 41: Offences.

- (1) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this Bill or any regulation made thereunder commits an offence.
- (2) The following shall constitute breaches of the provisions of this Bill and its enabling regulations:
 - (a) prevention of a Seed Inspector from taking sample under this Bill;
 - (b) prevention of a Seed Inspector from exercising any other power conferred on him under this Bill;
 - (c) production and marketing of seed without license by the Council;
 - (d) marketing of seed without accreditation;
 - (e) misleading information on seed labelling, wilful modification or alteration of labelling and the use of any trickery to mislead third parties as to the quality of the seeds;
 - (f) distribution from animal or human consumption of seeds treated with substances dangerous to human or animal health and thus, unfit for consumption;

- (g) failure to keep proper records and documents as laid down in paragraph (d) of subsection (2) of section 9 of this Bill;
- (h) import or export of conventional and genetically modified crop seeds violation or applicable declaration;
- (i) obstruction of official inspection or control activities;
- (j) non-compliance with the condition of admission for control; and
- (k) fraud or attempt fraud in the utilization or marketing of seeds (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 41 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 42: Penalties.

- (1) Any person who commit an offence under this Bill shall upon conviction be liable:
 - (a) as a first offender, to imprisonment of a term not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding One Million Naira (₦1,000,000); and
 - (b) in the event of such person having been previously convicted under this section, he shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or a fine of Two Million Naira (₦2,000,000) or both.
- (2) Where a person has been convicted under this Bill, the seed in respect of which the contravention occurred may be forfeited to the Federal Government.
- (3) Where an offence under this Bill is committed by a company, any officer who at the time the offence was committed was in charge of the conduct of the business of the company, as well as the company, shall be deemed guilty and shall be liable:

Provided that nothing contained in this subsection shall render any such person liable to any punishment under this Bill if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all the diligence to prevent the commission of such offence.
- (4) Where an offence under this Bill is committed by a company and such offence was committed with the consent or connivance of, or is attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager, secretary or officer of the company, such director, manager, secretary, or officer shall be deemed to have committed such offence and is therefore liable (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 42 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 43: Appeals.

- (1) A person who is aggrieved by a decision or the Council under this Bill may appeal to the Minister within 30 days from the date in which the decision was communicated to him.

- (2) The Minister may entertain an appeal at the expiration of the period of thirty days if the Minister is satisfied that the appellant was prevented by sufficient cause from filing the appeal in time (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 43 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 44: Suits against the Council.

- (1) A suit shall not be commenced against the Council before the expiration of a period of one month, after written notice of intention to commence the suit shall have been served on the Council by the intending plaintiff or his representative and the notice shall clearly state the —
- (a) cause of action;
 - (b) particulars of the claim;
 - (c) name and place of abode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) relief which he claims.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any summons, notice or other document required or authorized to be served on the Council under the provisions of this Bill or any other enactment of law may be served by —
- (a) delivering same to the office of the Director-General; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Director-General at the Head office of the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 44 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XII — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE SEED FUND

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: Seed Fund.

- (1) There shall be established by the Council a Fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Council.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the Fund established pursuant to subsection (1) of this section —
- (a) initial take-off grant by the Government;
 - (b) such moneys as maybe provided to the Council by the yearly budgetary allocation approved by the National Assembly;
 - (c) such moneys as may from time to time be granted or received from:
 - (i) the private sector; and
 - (ii) national and international organizations and non-governmental;

- (d) such sum as may be approved by the President from Natural Resources Fund;
 - (e) such moneys as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Federal Government or a State or Local Government Council;
 - (f) all interest receipt in respect of monies invested by the council including revenue earned from its various billivities;
 - (g) moneys collected from taxes, fees, controls, inspections and permits issued by the Council under this Bill; and
 - (h) all other assets, from time to time, accruing to the Council.
- (3) The Board shall make rules for the management of the Fund under subsection (1) of this section and such rules shall in particular contain provisions:
- (a) specifying the manner in which the assets or the Fund are to be held, and regulating the making of payments into and out of the Fund;
 - (b) requiring the keeping of proper accounts and records for the purposes of the Fund in such form as may be specified in the rules;
 - (c) ensuring that the accounts are audited periodically by Auditor appointed from a list and in accordance with guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation;
 - (d) requiring copies of the accounts and of the Auditor's report thereon to be furnished to the Minister; and
 - (e) the Council may with the approval of the Board from time to time borrow by way of overdraft or otherwise such sums as it may require for the performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 45 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIII — ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTS AND ZONES

Committee Recommendation: the form of application for the certificate of origin shall be as follows:—
Clause 46: Establishment of Department and Zones. That the part of the Bill containing the

- (1) There are established for the Council, the following Departments that is, for granting the certificate:
- (a) the Seed Industry Development, Technical Support and Commercial Services Department;
 - (b) the Seed Coordination and Management Services Department;
 - (c) the Seed Certification, Quality Control, Crops Seed Registration and Release Department;
 - (d) Seed Information Data Management and Capacity Building Department;
 - (e) Seeds Inspectorate Services Department;
 - (f) the Administration and Finance Department; and

- (g) such other departments or bodies as the Board may from time to time deem expedient for effective discharge of the functions of the Council under this Bill.

- (2) Each of the Department referred to under subsection (1) of this section shall be headed by an officer of the rank of a Director (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 46 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: Zonal Offices schedule.

- (1) The Council shall have six Operating Zones and six Zonal offices as listed in second schedule of this Bill.
- (2) Each Zonal Office shall be headed by Director or Deputy Director and such number of professional staff the Council deem necessary (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 47 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Register.

The Council shall maintain a register of persons licensed to engage in seed production and marketing under the following classification, namely-

- (a) seed production company;
- (b) seed enterprises production on contract for seed company;
- (c) breeder seed production agency including research institutes (both public and private);
- (d) foundation seed grower (research institutes and private);
- (e) enterprise, seed processor;
- (f) seed dealer whether as wholesaler or retailer (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 48 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 49: Issuance of Certification.

- (1) Any person who sells, keeps for sale, barter or otherwise supplies any seed of any variety or hybrid shall apply to the Council for grant of certification for the purpose.
- (2) Every application under subsection (1) of this section shall be in such form and contain such particulars and fees as may be prescribed by the Council.

- (3) On the receipt of an application for the grant of certification, the Council may, after making such enquiry as it thinks fit and after satisfying itself that the seed to which the application relates is a progeny of a pedigree seed and conforms to the field and seed standard for that seed under this Bill, grant a certificate in such form and on such conditions as may be prescribed (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 49 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIV — POWER TO PROSECUTE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 50: Power to Prosecute.

Subject to the provisions of Section 174 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the Council may with the consent of the Attorney General of the Federation conduct criminal proceeding in respect of offences under this Bill (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XV — MISCELLANEOUS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 51: Power to make regulations.

- (1) The Council may make regulations to carry out the purposes of this Bill and in particular such regulations may provide for —
- (a) the functions of the Central Seed Testing Laboratory;
 - (b) the certification of seeds;
 - (c) the manner of marking or labelling the container of seed of any notified kind, hybrid or variety under section 31 of this Bill;
 - (d) the requirements which may be complied with by persons carrying on the business referred to in sections 31 and 32 of this Bill;
 - (e) the form of application for the grant of the certificates under sections 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32 of this Bill, the particulars it may contain, the fees which may accompany it, the certificate and the conditions for granting the certificate;
 - (f) the form and manner in which the fee on payment of which an appeal may be preferred under section 15 subsection (3) of this Bill and the procedure to be followed by the Minister in disposing of the appeal;
 - (g) the qualifications and duties of Seed Analyst and Seed inspectors;
 - (h) establishment of intellectual Property Rights Policy and Guidelines; and
 - (i) formulation of policy, regulation and guidelines on Genetically Modified Crop Seeds introduction, domestication, confinement and use.

- (2) Any regulations made pursuant to subsection (1) of this section shall be published in the official gazette of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 51 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 52: Repeal of Cap. N5, LFN, 2004.
The National Agricultural Seeds Act, Cap. N5, LFN, 2004 is repealed (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 53: Savings and Transition.

- (1) Any approval granted under the repealed Act shall continue to be enforced; notwithstanding the repeal thereof.
- (2) The Council shall be subject to all obligations and liabilities to which it was subject immediately before the commencement of this Bill and all other persons shall, as from, the commencement of this Bill, have the same powers rights and remedies as they had under the repealed Act (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 53 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 54: Citation.
This Bill may be cited as the National Agricultural Seeds Council Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stand part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 2 (16)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to section 2 (16) of this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its committees.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be seven and the quorum of any committee of the Board shall be determined by the Board.
3. At any time while the office of the Chairman is vacant or the Chairman in the opinion of the Board is temporarily or permanently unable to perform the functions of his office, the vice Chairman shall perform the functions of the Chairman.

4. (1) Subject to the provisions of any applicable standing orders, the Board shall meet quarterly and whenever summoned by the Chairman as dictated to him by not less than six other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within twenty- one days from the date on which the notice is given.
- (2) Where the Board wishes to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him as a member for such period as it deems fit but a person who are not member by virtue of this sub paragraph shall not be entitled to vote in such meeting and shall not count towards quorum Committees of the Board.
5. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board such of its functions as the Board may determine.
- (2) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist or the number of persons determined by the Board and not more than one-third of those person may be persons who are not members of the Board, and a person other than a member of the Board shall hold office on the committee in accordance with the terms or the instrument by which he is appointed.
- (3) A decision or a committee or the Board shall be or no effect until the Board ratifies it.
6. (1) The fixing or the seal of the Board shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member authorized generally or specifically by the Board to act for that purpose.
- (2) Any contract or in which if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the Board by any person generally or specifically authorized to act for that purpose by contract (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

OPERATING ZONES

1. North-Central Zone — Comprising the Federal Capital Territory Abuja, Benue, Kwara, Nassarawa, Kogi, Niger and Plateau States with the Secretariat in Jos, Plateau State.
2. North-Eastern, Zone — Comprising Adamawa, Bauchi, Gornbe, Bornu, Taraba and Yobe State-with Secretariat in Gombe, Gombe State.
3. South-Eastern Zone — Comprising Abia, Ebonyi, Anambra, Enugu, Imo and with Secretariat in Umudike. Abia State.
4. South-Western Zone — Comprising Lagos, Ekiti, Ogun Ondo, Osun and Oyo States with Secretariat in Ibadan, Oyo State
5. North-Western Zone — Comprising Jigawa, Kaduna, Zamfara, Katsina, Kebbi, Kanoand Sokoto States with Secretariat in Zaria, Kadunu State
6. South-South Zone — Comprising Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa. Cross River, Delta, Edo, Rivers State with secretariat in Asaba, Delta State (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill establishes the National Agricultural Seeds Council to promote and stimulate the development or dependable seed industry, regulate and control the registration of released varieties protect the farmers from the sales of poor quality seeds, facilitate the production and marketing or high quality seeds in Nigeria and provide legal backing for official testing, certification sales importation exportation and use or seed

The new Bill seeks to promote greater private sector participation in the seed subsector in line with the current agricultural seed policy globalization and export trade promotion (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal and Re-Enact the National Agricultural Seeds Council; and for Other Related Matters (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 1 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 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) and approved Clauses 1 — 54, the First and Second Schedules, 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 Climate Change:

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Climate Change on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Responses and Actions into Government Policy Formulation, Implementation and the Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB. 1020) and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Samuel Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/Umuahia 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 PROVIDE A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE
MAINSTREAMING OF CLIMATE CHANGE RESPONSES AND ACTIONS
INTO GOVERNMENT POLICY FORMULATION, IMPLEMENTATION AND
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE
CHANGE AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS (HB. 1020)

PART I — SCOPE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 1: Scope and guiding principles.**

- (1) The Bill shall be applied in all sectors of the economy for the sustainable development of Nigeria in accordance with the following principles:
 - (a) ensuring that strategic climate change responses are consistent with national development priorities and in conformity with the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 the National Climate Change Policy Response, the National Environmental Policy, Nationally Determined Contributions, etc.;
 - (b) enabling Nigeria to meet international climate change obligations, including the sustainable development goals, international treaties and agreements under the United Nations Framework Conventions on Climate Change, including the Paris Agreement, etc.;
 - (c) the pursuit of sustainable economic development and growth that foster the availability of clean energy;
 - (d) ensuring that climate change is addressed within the framework of inclusive growth;
 - (e) ensuring that mitigation and adaptation measures are integral components of the policy response and strategy to cope with the effects of climate change;
 - (f) ensuring that climate change policy is integrated with other interrelated policies towards promoting socio-economic and environmental efficiency;
 - (g) ensuring that climate change response provides viable entrepreneurial opportunities;
 - (h) ensuring integrity and transparency of action by all stakeholders in climate change matters;
- (2) The rights and duties conferred under this Bill are in addition to those conferred by any other law (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT, COMPOSITION, FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES OF
NATIONAL COUNCIL ON CLIMATE CHANGE, NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE
AGENCY AND TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE, ETC.

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 2: Establishment and Composition of the National Council on Climate Change.**

- (1) There is established the National Council on Climate Change (in this Bill referred to as "The Council"), which shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and can sue and be sued in its corporate name; and shall, subject to this Bill, perform all acts conferred on it by law.

- (2) The Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria shall be the Head and Chairman of the Council and may issue orders, instructions and directions for the achievement of the objectives of this Bill.
- (3) The Vice-Chairman of the Council shall be any of the Ministers as contained in section 2 (4) on rotational basis of 2 years.
- (4) The Council shall consist of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall be a minister from the following 26 persons, namely:
- (a) Minister of Petroleum Resources;
 - (b) Minister of Finance;
 - (c) Minister of National Planning and Budget;
 - (d) Minister of Power, Works and Housing;
 - (e) Minister of Transport;
 - (f) Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development;
 - (g) Minister of Industry, Trade and Investment;
 - (h) Minister of Science and Technology;
 - (i) Minister of Water Resources;
 - (j) Minister of Education;
 - (k) Minister of Information;
 - (l) Minister of Defense;
 - (m) Minister of Women Affairs;
 - (n) Minister of Health;
 - (o) Director General of National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA);
 - (p) National Security Adviser;
 - (q) Chairman of the Governors' Forum;
 - (r) Chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria;
 - (s) one representatives of the leading organizations representing the private sector, appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister of Industry;
 - (t) a representatives of the non-governmental organizations, appointed by the President on recommendation of the the Vice-Chairman;
 - (u) Minister of Environment;
 - (v) Minister of Mines and Mineral Development;

- (w) Minister of Foreign Affairs;
 - (x) Minister of Justice;
 - (y) Minister of Niger Delta Affairs; and
 - (z) Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN).
- (5) Each Council Member is deemed to be qualified for appointment to the Council by virtue of holding and acting in the position or office prescribed in relation to him in section 2 (4) (a)-(p) and shall be a Council Member for so long as he holds and acts in such position or office. The other Council members referred to in paragraph (s) and (t) of subsection (4) of this section may be appointed for duration of time or on terms specified by the appointing authority (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out the provision of subclause (3) (Hon. Abdulrahman Shaiubu Mubi North/ Mubi South/ Maiha Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Functions and Duties of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall:
 - (a) ensure the performance of the climate change duties by the public and private sectors of the economy;
 - (b) ensure the mainstreaming of climate change in synergy with disaster risk management reduction strategy into national, state, sectoral and local development plans and programmes
 - (c) ensure public participation and consultation with relevant stakeholders in accordance with the provisions of this Bill.
 - (d) identify and mobilize financial resources to support climate change actions, including powers for the establishment of appropriate mechanisms for the administration and management of any such resources, including any climate change funds established under this Bill;
 - (e) set and oversee the implementation of sectoral targets and guidelines for the regulation of greenhouse gas emissions and other anthropogenic causes of climate change; and strategy.
- (2) The Director General of the Agency having responsibility for climate change shall be the Secretary of the Council, and the Agency shall act as the secretariat to the Council and perform the Council's administrative, clerical and secretarial duties.

- (3) The Council may take advice and recommendations from the Technical Advisory Committee on technical, scientific, and legal matters relating to climate change in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: National Climate Change Agency.

- (1) There is established the National Climate Change Agency (in this Bill referred to as the "Agency") which shall be the operational arm of the Council and exercise the functions and duties described in this Bill.
- (2) The Agency shall:
- (a) advise the Council;
 - (b) be responsible for the development of climate change policies and regulations in the public and private sectors of the economy;
 - (c) provide guidelines for the implementation of all national policies; and international climate change agreements to which Nigeria is a signatory;
 - (d) periodically review the National Climate Change Action Plan for the approval of Council;
 - (e) provide in a timely manner copies of all climate change reports, and related documents to meet the nation's international obligations on climate change.
 - (f) provide analytical support on climate change to all MDAs across all government levels;
 - (g) establish and manage a national registry for appropriate mitigation actions by public and private entities;
 - (h) serve as the national knowledge and information management center for collating, verifying, refining, and disseminating knowledge and information on climate change;
 - (i) generally to:
 - (i) identify low carbon development strategies and coordinate related measurement, reporting and verification;
 - (ii) develop strategies and coordinate actions for building resilience to climate change and enhancing adaptive capacity;
 - (iii) optimize the country's opportunities to mobilize climate finance;
 - (j) ensure gender inclusion and education on climate change issues;
 - (k) provide technical cooperation assistance based on identified MDAs needs;

- (l) Measurement, reporting and verification activities on climate change across all MDAs, and the private sector; and
- (m) ensure the implementation of nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMA).
- (3) The Agency shall be headed by a Director-General who shall be a person not below the rank of a director in the Civil Service, or a person in the private sector with cognate experience on Climate Change.
- (4) The Council shall, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, determine the man power of the Agency based on set criteria (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Technical Advisory Committee.

- (1) The Council shall take action to inaugurate the Technical Advisory Committee, which shall comprise technical experts in the fields relating to Climate Change with requisite educational qualification and not less than ten years post-qualification experience. The Technical Advisory Committee shall comprise not more than 15 member experts.
- (2) The Council shall set the qualifications and compensation for the members of the Technical Advisory Committee and shall provide all the resources to enable its operation and performance.
- (3) The Chairman and Secretary of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Council from among members of the Committee.
- (4) The functions and duties of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be:
 - (a) to assist the Council and Agency in the performance of the Council's functions and duties in accordance with the objectives under this Bill;
 - (b) to provide scientific and technical advice to the Council and Agency on climate science, technologies and best practices for risk assessment and enhancement of adaptive capacity of vulnerable human settlements and the economy to the impacts of climate change;
 - (c) to assist in scrutinizing projects, plans and programmes submitted by members of the public and private sectors of the economy and make appropriate recommendations to the Council and Agency;
 - (d) to perform such other duties as may be assigned to it by the Council or the Agency (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Administrative Matters.

- (1) The Council shall perform its functions and hold its meetings where the Chairman so directs.

- (2) Appropriate committees may be established by the Council, from time to time, for the effective carrying out of its functions and duties.
- (3) The Council shall meet as frequently as may be required to perform its functions and duties, and in any event a minimum of four times yearly.
- (4) The seal of the Council shall be such device as may be determined by the Council and shall be kept by the Secretary. The affixing of the seal shall be authenticated by the Chairman of the Council and the Minister of Environment.
- (5) Any document purporting to be under the seal of the Council or issued on behalf of the Council shall be received in evidence and shall be deemed to be so executed or issued, as the case may be, without further proof, unless the contrary is proved.
- (6) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council may in specific cases, delegate to a committee of the Council formed in accordance with this Bill, or to any Council Member or to the Agency, the exercise of any of the functions or duties of the Council.
- (7) The Council shall, by Regulations, prescribe a Code of Conduct, which shall apply to Council Members, staff of the Agency and to members of the Technical Advisory Committee, notwithstanding, but without conflicting with, any national Code of Conduct for Public Officials (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Funding of the Council and Agency.

- (1) The source of funds of the Council shall comprise of the following:
 - (a) allocation of 2 percentage to the Council from the National Annual Budget;
 - (b) funds allocated to the Council by the National Assembly, pursuant to a request by the Council for additional funds required to meet its reasonable expenditures.
 - (c) such monies as may from time to time be received as grants or gifts to the Council by the federal and state Governments, donor agencies or any other person, body or institution whether local or foreign; and
 - (d) internally generated revenue.
- (2) The funds of the Council as provided under sub-section (1) shall be applied to:
 - (a) meet the operating expenses of the Council and Agency;
 - (b) build capacity within the Agency;
 - (c) make payment of allowances for members of the Technical Advisory Committee;

- (d) promote technologies, conduct of assessments of vulnerabilities to climate change impacts, resource inventory, and concrete adaptation actions and/or adaptation capacity building;
 - (e) climate change advocacy and information dissemination; and
 - (f) funding of innovative projects proposed by public and private entities and approved by the Council
- (3) The Functions of the Agency shall be domiciled under the presidency.
 - (4) At least three months before the commencement of each financial year, the Council shall cause to be prepared estimates of the revenue and expenditure of the Council for that year.
 - (5) The financial year of the Council shall be the period of twelve (12) months ending on the thirty-first (31st) December in each year.
 - (6) The Council shall cause to be kept all proper books and records of account of the income, expenditure and assets of the Council and shall cause the accounts of the Council to be audited within a period of three months after the end of each financial year (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — FRAMEWORK STRATEGY AND PROGRAMME ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Framework Strategy on Climate Change.

- (1) The Council shall within six (6) months of the commencement of this Bill, formulate a Framework Strategy on Climate Change. The Framework Strategy shall:
 - (a) serve as the basis for the programme for climate change planning, research and development, and monitoring of activities to ensure effective climate change governance in the public and the private sector;
 - (b) be formulated based on climate change vulnerabilities, specific adaptation needs and mitigation potential as advised by the Technical Advisory Committee and consistent with national obligations under international agreements;
 - (c) be reviewed every three (3) years by the Council upon the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee.
- (2) The components of the Framework Strategy shall include, but not be limited to, the following:
 - (a) national priorities;
 - (b) impact, vulnerability, mitigation adaptation assessment and needs;
 - (c) policy formulation;
 - (d) compliance with international commitments;

- (e) research and development;
- (f) database development and management;
- (g) academic programs, capability building and mainstreaming;
- (h) advocacy and information dissemination;
- (i) monitoring and evaluation;
- (j) gender mainstreaming; and
- (k) greenhouse gas emission reduction and incentives for reduction
(Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: National Climate Change Action Plan.

- (1) The Council shall formulate a National Climate Change Action Plan in accordance with the Framework Strategy within one (1) year after the formulation of the Framework Strategy, which shall take cognizance of national circumstances, needs and imperatives for making Nigeria climate resilient and with capacity to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change, and include, but not be limited to, the following components:
 - (a) assessment of the national impact of climate change;
 - (b) the identification of the most vulnerable communities/areas, including ecosystems to the impacts of climate change, variability and extremes;
 - (c) the identification of differential impacts of climate change on men, women and children;
 - (d) the assessment and management of risk and vulnerability;
 - (e) the identification of GHG mitigation and adaptation potentials;
 - (f) the identification of options, prioritization of appropriate mitigation and adaptation measures for joint projects of national and local governments as well as the private sector.
- (2) In the development and implementation of the Action Plan, the Council shall consult and coordinate with all relevant stakeholders including the non-government organizations, civic organizations, academia, and the private sector (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: All tiers of government shall ensure the planning and implementation of climate change action plans in their respective areas, consistent with the provisions of extant laws, the Framework Strategy, and the Action Plan (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11 States and Local Government Climate Change Action Plans.

- (1) State and local governments shall be responsible to perform the following:
 - (a) develop and implement their respective climate change action plans that are consistent with the provisions of the National Climate Change Action Plan;
 - (b) identify and prioritize climate change issues and best practices and solutions and seek technical support from the Agency for guidance and implementation; and
 - (c) make regular updates of their respective action plans to reflect changing social, economic and environmental conditions and furnish the Agency with copies of their action plans for advice.
- (2) State and local governments shall appropriate adequate financial resources for effective implementation of their climate change action plans (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) >

- (1) Ministries, departments and agencies of government shall perform the following climate change functions:
 - (a) establish a climate change Desk headed by an officer not below the Directorate cadre who shall be responsible for ensuring integration of climate change activities into their core mandate;
 - (b) the Desk Officer shall ensure adequate planning and budgeting for all climate change programmes, projects and activities and ensure appropriate reporting to the Agency;
 - (c) subject to the Agency's review and recommendations and Council's approval, seek international support for projects with significant potential to reduce greenhouse gases and contribute to low carbon climate resilient development.
- (2) The Ministries in charge of National Planning, Budget and Finance shall be responsible for ensuring that all budget proposals submitted by MDAs and other government entities at both federal and state levels have been properly vetted for climate change considerations, and costed, and that adequate allocation is provided for them under appropriate sub-heads in the annual budget (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — DUTIES RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 13: Council Duties Imposed on Public Entities.**

- (1) The Council may impose duties relating to climate change on any member of the public at all levels of government.
- (2) Any public entity on which a climate change duty has been imposed shall, in exercising functions under this Bill or any other law, act in a manner best suited to achieve the successful implementation of this Bill.
- (3) The duties shall be imposed and may be varied or revoked through regulations made by the Council.
- (4) Where an evaluation report from an MDA discloses unsatisfactory performance, the Agency shall undertake investigations and report its findings to the Council and upon receiving the reports, the Council shall recommend appropriate measures.
- (5) The Council shall, within three months after the end of every financial year, publish publicly and submit the evaluation report on performance of climate change duties by public entities to the National Assembly for review (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 14: Council Duties Imposed on Private Entities.**

- (1) The Council may in consultation with the Agency and the Corporate Affairs Commission and other financial and corporate regulatory services bodies, impose climate change duties on private entities, including entities registered under the Companies and Allied Matters Act.
- (2) The Council, in consultation with the Corporate Affairs Commission and other financial and corporate regulatory services bodies shall make regulations governing the nature and procedure for reporting on performance of climate change duties by private entities, including the authority to monitor and evaluate compliance.
- (3) Notwithstanding other provisions in this Bill, the Council may:
 - (a) by notice in the Gazette, require a private entity that is subject to climate change duties to, at any time, prepare reports on the status of its performance of the climate change duties and prescribe the period for reporting; and
 - (b) require any private entity that fails to comply with its climate change duties to prepare a report within a specified time, on the actions it has taken, is taking or intends to take to secure future performance with those duties (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: The Council shall work in partnership with civil society organizations to monitor plans, programmes, projects and engage in climate advocacy and any related activities (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: State Government Responsibilities.

- (1) Each state government shall, in performance of its functions, integrate and mainstream climate change actions, interventions and duties set out in this Bill, and the National Climate Change Action Plan into various sectors.
- (2) A State Government shall, in developing, updating and approval of its development plan, mainstream the implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan, taking into account federal and state priorities.
- (3) The Governor of a state shall designate a member of the State Executive Council to coordinate climate change affairs.
- (4) Subject to this Bill and the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a state government may enact legislation that further defines implementation of its obligations under this Bill.
- (5) A State Government shall at the end of every financial year, through the designated State Executive Council Member, submit a report on progress of implementation of climate change actions to the State House Assembly for review (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Climate Risk and Vulnerability.

- (1) The Council shall integrate climate risk and vulnerability assessment into all forms of climate change assessment, and for that purpose liaise, through the Agency for technical advice.
- (2) The Nigerian Educational Research & Development Council, shall integrate climate change into various disciplines and subjects of the national education curricula at all levels (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Regulations.

- (1) The Coordinating Minister shall, in concert with the Council and the Agency, have the power to make regulations to:
 - (a) guide the reporting and verification of climate change actions;
 - (b) define and set carbon budgets for significant GHG emission per sector and/or sub-sectors;

- (c) set the desired emission reduction outcomes for key sectors, led by sector regulatory authorities;
- (d) require organizations to report annually on outcomes of emission reduction measures, for submission to the Biannual Update Report;
- (e) require big companies such as oil and gas companies, multi-nationals, etc., to report annually on GHG reductions and have corporate climate responsibilities;
- (f) require sectoral and cross-sectoral emission reductions planning at national and state levels;
- (g) govern market based mechanisms and instruments and provide fiscal incentives to promote emission reduction and encourage private sector participation in climate actions;
- (h) ensure certification for private actors in green growth economy (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — CLIMATE CHANGE FUNDS AND FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Council's Powers.

- (1) The Council shall have the power to review existing climate change related funds as to their effectiveness and sufficiency in meeting the objectives of this Bill.
- (2) Pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the Council may make recommendations to the National Assembly:
 - (a) to amend provisions of the legislation or regulation establishing such existing funds; and
 - (b) for the establishment of any new or additional statutory-based climate change fund, which shall include:
 - (i) determining the composition of the fund;
 - (ii) setting strategic directions for applications of the fund;
 - (iii) defining eligibility criteria for the fund to finance climate change actions and enhance achievement of low carbon climate resilient development;
 - (iv) setting out procedures for disbursement, recovery and repayment of loans including interest;
 - (v) setting out procedures to ensure gender and inter- and intra-generational equity in access to monies from the fund;

- (vi) setting out procedures, criteria and eligibility for funding research institutions, private, public, civil society research, development and investment ventures that enhance low carbon climate resilient development; and
 - (vii) setting out other procedures and requirements for effective and transparent administration of the fund, including tracking and accounting for climate change finance and monitoring and evaluation procedures through regulations which shall be subjected to public participation and approval by the National Assembly.
- (3) (a) It is hereby established a National Climate Change Contributory Fund which will be compulsorily funded by multinationals and other relevant private entities to be determined by the council.
- (b) The ratio of accessing of the fund in the foregoing subsection (3) (a) between public and private sectors shall be forty percent to the public sector and sixty percent to the private sector (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Public Engagement Strategy.

- (1) The Council shall, every twelve (12) months, prepare and publish a public engagement strategy setting out the steps that it intends to take to:
- (a) inform the public about climate change action plans specified under this Bill; and
 - (b) encourage the public to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of those action plans.
- (2) The public engagement strategy shall, in particular, identify actions, which the public may take to contribute to the achievement of the objects and purposes set out in Part III.
- (3) The Council shall, from time to time, review the public engagement strategy and where the Council varies the strategy, it shall, as soon as reasonably practicable, publish the strategy as so reviewed (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Conflicts of Interest.

- (1) If a person, including a member of the Council, Agency or Technical Advisory Committee, is present at a meeting of the Council or a committee of the Council at which a matter that person or that person's spouse is directly or indirectly interested in a private capacity, that person shall, as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the meeting, declare such interest and shall not, unless the Council or committee otherwise directs, take part in any consideration or discussion of, or vote on any question touching such matter.

- (2) A disclosure of interest made under subsection (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.
- (3) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable to a fine not exceeding one million Naira (₦1,000,000) or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years or both such fine and imprisonment.
- (4) No member of the Council or staff of the Council shall transact any business or trade with the Council (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Performance of Functions Bona Fide.

No matter or thing done, performed or exercised by a Council Member or by any officer or agent of the Council shall, if the matter or thing is done, performed or exercised bona fide for executing the functions, powers or duties of the Council under this Bill, render the member, officer or agent or any person acting on their directions personally liable to any action, claim or demand whatsoever (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Offences.

- (1) A person or private organization is guilty of an offence, where such person or organization has willfully acted in a manner that has or is likely to adversely affect efforts towards mitigation and adaptation measures to the effects of climate change under this Bill.
- (2) A person may, pursuant to any provision of this Bill, apply to the Federal High Court alleging that a person has committed an offence under subsection (1) of this section.
- (3) Where an application is made under sub-section (2) of this section, the Court may make an order or give directions that it considers appropriate to —
 - (a) prevent, stop or discontinue an act or omission that is harmful to the environment;
 - (b) compel a public officer to take measures to prevent or discontinue an act or omission that is harmful to the environment; or
 - (c) provide compensation to a victim of a violation relating to climate change duties (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — DELEGATED LEGISLATION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Regulations.

- (1) The Council may make regulations for the better carrying into effect of the provisions of this Bill.

- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations under this Bill may provide for:
- (a) anything required by this Bill to be prescribed;
 - (b) the conduct of the business of the Council;
 - (c) the delegation of the Council's functions or powers; and
 - (d) any other matter required under the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Bill or any other written law.
- (3) For the purposes of this Bill:
- (a) the purpose and objective of the delegation under this section is to enable the Council to make regulations and give directions for the orderly conduct of business of the Council;
 - (b) the regulations made and directions given under this section shall be of such nature, scope and within the limits as specified under this section (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"Action Plan" refers to the National Climate Change Action Plan (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptation" refers to the process of adjustment to actual or expected climate and its effects (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptation measure" means any action taken or intervention to help communities and ecosystems cope with changing climate condition (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"adaptive capacity" refers to the ability of systems, institutions, humans and other organisms to adjust to potential damage, to take advantage of opportunities, or to respond to consequences (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"all levels of government" means the Federal government and all State and Local governments and includes all ministries, departments, agencies and instrumentalities of the federal, state, and local governments (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "all levels of government" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Chairman" refers to the chairman of the Council or the Chairman of the Technical Advisory Committee, as the context requires (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Climate" is defined as the average weather, or more rigorously, as the statistical description in terms of the mean and variability of relevant quantities over a period of time ranging from months to thousands or millions of years (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"climate change" means a change of climate, which is attributed directly or indirectly to human activity or natural climate variability that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"climate change duties" means the statutory obligations conferred on public and private entities to implement climate change actions consistent with the national goal of low carbon climate resilient development, including mitigation measures and adaptation measures (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "climate change duties" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"climate change resilience" means the capability to maintain competent function and return to some normal range of function even when faced with adverse impact of climate change (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "climate change resilience" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"climate finance" means all monies mobilized and available to fund climate change mitigation and adaptation measures through public or private sources (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"climate variability" means the variability in the average State and in other statistics of the climate on all temporal and spatial scales beyond that of individual weather events (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" refers to the National Council on Climate Change established under this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council Members" refers to the members of the Council appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Directorate" refers to the Directorate of Climate Change under the responsibility of the ministry for the time being responsible for climate change (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Director" refers to the Director of Climate Change appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Emissions", means the production and discharge of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere as a result of human activity (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Framework Strategy" refers to the Framework Strategy on Climate Change to be prepared by the Council in accordance with the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fund" means financial resources available from national or global sources for use to address climate change [activities] and any fund established pursuant to this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"greenhouse effect" refers to the natural process by which heat from the sun's energy is trapped by a layer of gases surrounding the earth to keep it warm (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"greenhouse gases" or "GHG" refers to the constituents of the atmosphere that contribute to the Greenhouse effect and includes but is not limited to:

- (a) carbon dioxide,
- (b) methane,
- (c) nitrous oxide,
- (d) hydro fluorocarbons,
- (e) per fluorocarbons,
- (f) sulphur hexafluoride, and
- (g) indirect greenhouse gases (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "greenhouse gases" or "GHG" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"international climate change obligations" means those commitments that Nigeria has made and that are binding upon Nigeria, by way of agreement, treaty, pact, accord or other means, including the Kyoto Protocol, Paris Agreement, UNFCCC, etc. (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "international climate change obligations" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Kyoto Protocol" refers to an international agreement linked to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which commits its Parties by setting internationally binding emission reduction targets (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"mainstreaming" refers to the integration of climate change policies and measures into development planning and sectoral decision-making by ministries, departments and agencies and at all levels of government (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"MDA" refers to a ministry, department, agency or instrumentality of the federal government that has a duty, responsibility or power in relation to climate change (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means a Minister who is a member of the council (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"mitigation measures" in the context of climate change, refers to efforts that seek to prevent or slow down the increase of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations by limiting current or future emissions and improving potential sinks for greenhouse gases (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Nationally Determined Contributions" or "NDCs" means the contribution of climate actions that Nigeria may pledge to make under the Paris Agreement in order to achieve the worldwide goal of stabilization of greenhouse gas concentrations in the atmosphere at a level that would prevent dangerous anthropogenic interference with the climate system (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Determined Contributions" or "NDGs" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"National Climate Change Action Plan" refers to the plan to be formulated, reviewed and revised in accordance with this Bill (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Climate Change Action Plan" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"National Policy" refers to the National Climate Change Policy and Response Strategy prepared by the Department of Climate Change and approved by the Federal Executive Council (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"Paris Agreement" means the treaty or agreement that went into effect on 4 November 2016 within the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) dealing with greenhouse gases emissions mitigation, adaptation and finance starting in the year 2020, which was adopted by consensus on 12 December 2015 and to which Nigeria became a signatory on 22 September 2016 (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"public entity" means a body or person with functions of a public nature (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

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

"private entity" means a body or person with functions of a private nature and includes bodies registered under the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 and not-for-profit organizations and community based organizations (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

"Secretary" refers to the secretary of the Council on Climate Change and secretary of the Technical Advisory Committee as the context requires (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

"Sustainable Development Goals" or "SDGs" refers to national aspirations aimed at meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, including ending poverty and hunger, improving health and education, making cities more sustainable, combating climate change, and protecting waterways and forests, among others (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Sustainable Development Goals" or "SDGs" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Technical Advisory Committee" refers to the Technical Advisory Committee established in accordance with this Bill (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

"UNFCCC" means the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

"Vice-Chairman" refers to the vice-chairman of the Council (Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Climate Change Bill, 2017

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to mainstream climate change response actions into government policy formulation, establishing the framework law for implementation of strategic programmes, creating the national climate change council (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Responses and Actions into Government Policy Formulation, Implementation and the Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change and for Other Related Matters (HB. 1020) (*Hon. Sam Ifeanyi Onuigbo — Ikwunano/Umuahia North/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 Climate Change on a Bill for an Act to Provide a Legal Framework for the Mainstreaming of Climate Change Responses and Actions into Government Policy Formulation, Implementation and the Establishment of the National Council on Climate Change; and for Related Matters (HB. 1020) and approved Clause 1, approve Clause 2 as amended, approved Clauses 3 — 26, 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.

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:**Report on the Petition by Mr Philemon Ibrahim Gora:**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do resume consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Philemon Ibrahim Gora against Diamond Bank Plc on the unlawful closure of accounts and retention of funds belonging to Cash Flowabi Network Limited by the management of the Bank, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Nigeria Police Force and the Attorney General of the Federation and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation:

“Urge the Central Bank of Nigeria which went on publicizing and sensitizing people on Bitcoin and Crypto Currency (though have not licensed anybody or forbids the trade), and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) which had investigated the matter while it was still being investigated by the Police, and participated in Court processes) and direct Diamond Bank to oblige Mr Philemon Ibrahim Gora the facility by reopening the account for Cash Flowabi Network Limited to conclude the trading that will lead to disbursement of over 12 Billion Naira to depositors across the nation in overriding public interest” (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Mr Philemon Ibrahim Gora against Diamond Bank Plc on the unlawful closure of accounts and retention of funds belonging to Cash Flowabi Network Limited by the management of the Bank, the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), the Nigeria Police Force and the Attorney General of the Federation and approved the only Recommendation in the Report.

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

16. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 31 October, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.45 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker