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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA**

Thursday, 23rd April, 2015

The House met at 12.04 p.m.

PRAYERS

(The Speaker in the Chair)

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, I have examined and approved the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 22nd April, 2014.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Conference Committee on Cybercrime Bill

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, we have a Conference Committee on Cybercrime Bill. The following are Members:

Hon. Ali Ahmad	-	Chairman
Hon. Uzoma Abonta	-	Member
Hon. Christopher Eta	-	Member
Hon. Braimoh Bukola	-	Member
Hon. Nasal Garuba	-	Member
Hon. Hassan Al-Gabri	-	Member

Submission of Outstanding Reports

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, I crave your indulgence to say that the Leadership has agreed to suspend Plenary from next week Tuesday, 28th April, 2015 till Tuesday, 5th of May, 2015. This is to enable the Committees that have not concluded their Reports to please, round up and turn them in.

We are winding down and we need not to leave so many of these Reports outstanding. The Committees should endeavour to do that please.

PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC PETITION

The Speaker: Any Member who wishes to present a Petition may please, rise to do so. (*No response*)

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PRESENTATION OF REPORT

**Report of the Committees on Education and
Justice on Tertiary Education Trust Fund
(Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 269)**

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, the first Business of the Day is presentation of Report of the Committees on Education and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2011 to expressly provide for the Nigerian Law School shall benefit from the Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therein, standing in the name of Hon. Aminu Suleiman.

Hon. Members will recall that the Bill was referred to the Committees on Wednesday, 9th May, 2012. The Report is ready for presentation. Hon. Aminu Suleiman is invited to present the Report.

Hon. Aminu Suleiman (Fagge): I move that this House do receive the Report of the Committees on Education and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Establishment, etc.) Act, 2011 to expressly provide that the Nigerian Law School shall benefit from the Fund and for Other Matters Connected Therein.

Hon. Innocent Zettet T. (Shendam/ Mikang/ Qua'an-Pan): I second the Motion ably moved by Hon. Aminu Suleiman.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

ORDERS OF THE DAY

MOTION

**Reconsideration of Outstanding Bill from the
Preceding Assembly: Chartered Institute of
Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015 (HB.598)**

The Speaker: The first Order of the Day is a Motion on Reconsideration of Outstanding Bill from the Preceding Assembly: Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars Bill, 2015; standing in the name of Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga. Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga is not on the Floor.

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta (Ukwa East/Ikwa West): Mr. Speaker, due to the absence of Hon. Ogbaga, I suggest that we step down the Bill.

(Bill, with the leave of the House stood down)

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CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Report of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on Appropriation Bill, 2015

The Speaker: The second Order of the Day is the consideration of Report of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦4,493,363,957,158 (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦375,616,000,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦953,620,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, is for Debt Service; ₦2,607,132,491,708 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦556,995,465,449 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) only, inclusive of ₦144,420,000,000 (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2015 (HB. 765).

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Wednesday, 22nd April, 2015. I now invite Hon. John Enoh to move for its consideration.

Hon. Owah-Enoh John Enoh (Obubra/Etung): I move that the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦4,493,363,957,158 (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦375,616,000,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦953,620,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, is for Debt Service; ₦2,607,132,491,708 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight

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Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦556,995,465,449 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) only, inclusive of ₦144,420,000,000 (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2015 (HB. 765).

Hon. Yusuf Sulaimon Lasun (Irepodun/Olorunda/Osogbo/Orolu): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. John Enoh.

Question put and agreed to.

Report laid on the Table.

The Speaker: We will only go for Committee of Supply first, after that we will go into the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola (Ogbomosho North/ South/Oriire): I move that this House do resolve into the Committee of Supply for the consideration of 2015 Appropriation Bill.

Hon. Leonard Okuweh Oguweh Ogor (Isoko North/Isoko South): I second the Motion ably moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do resolve into the Committee of Supply for the consideration of 2015 Appropriation Bill.

Report of the Committees on Appropriations and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦4,493,363,957,158 (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦375,616,000,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦953,620,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, is for Debt Service; ₦2,607,132,491,708 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of

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₦556,995,465,449 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) only, inclusive of ₦144,420,000,000 (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2015 (HB. 765) – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY.

(The Chairman in the Chair)

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, I invite the Chairman, House Committee on Appropriations, Hon. John Enoh to give us the synopsis of the Report.

Hon. John Owan Enoh: Mr. Chairman, we are aware that the Budget we are about to consider had come with initial projections before the downturn on the few of the indices, which led to a review at some point. When the Budget came, it came with a total aggregate expenditure of about ₦4.34 Trillion but when it was reviewed, that figure became ₦4.425 Trillion. After various processes it went through in the National Assembly; especially dealing on the benchmark price of Crude Oil, the harmonized benchmark agreed by a Joint Conference Committee of the House and Senate, adopted a benchmark price for Crude for \$53 to a barrel.

That basically affected a few of the projections in terms of expenditure, monies due to Niger-Delta Development Commission (NDDC), Universal Basic Education (UBE) and a few other indications. In doing this Budget, the figures that came - the proportion between the Recurrent and Capital Expenditure was just so wide. It wiped off completely whatever gains or benefit we thought we have made with the 2014 Appropriation Bill that was passed.

The decision that was taken by the National Assembly was to make sure that the proceeds that accrued from the one dollar addition to the benchmark which is talking about the Federal Government components is because every increase in the benchmark, the Federal Government, the State and the Local Governments benefit. The figure for the Federal Government was devoted entirely to increase the Capital Expenditure for 2015 in order to see how much we can deduce, and what the gap is between the recurrent and the capital expenditure.

In spite of what we did, that gap is still huge and the way going forward is that we continue to work

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with the Executive to ensure that this gap is closed as much as possible. Part of the reasons that have to do with the increasing recurrent expenditure are Personnel and Pensions that have become due and I think that the Government will need to tackle this as much as possible.

In spite of coming with a figure of ₦4.49 Trillion, we are still doing pretty well in terms of the deficit to GDP ratio, which is still about minus (-) zero *per cent*. The threshold is for it not to be more than three *per cent*.

My hope is that passing this Budget would greatly assist. This is because we are protected to continue to spend last year's Budget only up to June and the hope is that, if this Budget is passed, as we are hoping to pass it today and it is quickly assented to, it makes us avoid whatever constitutional crisis that we would have been getting into without passing this Budget.

Therefore, I call on my Colleagues to support the consideration and passage of this Appropriation Bill so that the Government of the Federation can continue to run.

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, we will suspend proceedings on Clauses 1 to 5 and proceed on Part A to Part E before we come back to the suspended Clauses. I therefore, begin forthwith with Statutory Transfer:

SCHEDULE

PART A – STATUTORY TRANSFERS

₦73,000,000,000 – (NATIONAL JUDICIAL COUNCIL) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

₦46,720,000,000 – (NIGER DELTA DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

₦68,380,000,000 – (UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

₦120,000,000,000 – (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

₦4,000,000,000 – (PUBLIC COMPLAINTS COMMISSION) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

₦62,000,000,000 – (INEC) - *ordered to stand part of the Schedule.*

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~~₦~~1,516,000,000 – (NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHT COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL STATUTORY TRANSFER – ₦375,616,000,000

PART B – DEBT SERVICE

~~₦~~894,610,000,000 – (DOMESTIC DEBTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~59,010,000,000 – (FOREIGN DEBTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE – ~~₦~~953,620,000,000

PART C – RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) EXPENDITURE

MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

~~₦~~20,085,865,120 – (PRESIDENCY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~48,389,942,264 – (OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~69,423,427,479 – (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~4,456,267,942 – (POLICE AFFAIRS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~303,822,224,611 – (POLICE FORMATIONS AND COMMANDS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,393,073,862 (WOMEN AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~31,869,020,717 - (AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~7,668,953,562 – (WATER RESOURCES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,817,298,014 - (AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~4,610,936,843 – (INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES

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COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~338,797,219,431 – (DEFENCE/MOD/ARMY/AIR FORCE/NAVY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~392,363,784,654 – (EDUCATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~41,649,382,166 – (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~12,892,501,022 – (FINANCE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~237,075,742,847 – (HEALTH) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~10,941,859,480 – (TRADE AND INVESTMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~23,682,420,241 – (INFORMATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~10,592,048,381 – (COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~153,330,022,460 - (INTERIOR) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~6,349,028,054 – (OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~18,944,638,350 – (JUSTICE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~8,305,830,880 – (LABOUR AND PRODUCTIVITY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~4,476,813,831 – (POWER) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~26,590,103,366 – (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~9,260,812,531 – (TRANSPORT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~58,274,429,975 – (PETROLEUM RESOURCES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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~~₦~~25,173,916,543 – (WORKS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~5,649,088,618 – (LANDS & HOUSING) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~10,031,109,540 – (MINES & STEEL DEVELOPMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~6,363,889,393 – (AVIATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~675,109,533 – (NATIONAL SALARIES, INCOMES & WAGES COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~15,599,334,341 – (ENVIRONMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~18,081,478,935 – (TOURISM, CULTURE & NATIONAL ORIENTATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~6,720,386,693 – (NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~5,163,253,493 – (NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~62,226,771,999 – (OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,134,200,737 – (NIGER-DELTA) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~67,485,037 – (SPECIAL DUTIES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~565,031,449 – (SPECIAL DUTIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~345,263,134 – (FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~915,168,504 – (INFRASTRUCTURAL CONCESSION REGULATORY COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

SUB-TOTAL: EXECUTIVE –

~~₦~~2,007,775,136,033

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MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY –

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES

~~₦~~5,293,800,054 – (NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,935,767,344 – (CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~493,656,088 – (CODE OF CONDUCT TRIBUNAL) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,207,213,456 – (REVENUE MOBILISATION ALLOCATION & FISCAL COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,125,005,114 – (FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~740,477,185 – (POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,167,931,068 – (FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

SUB-TOTAL: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES – ~~₦~~13,963,850,309

SERVICE-WIDE VOTES AND PENSIONS

~~₦~~231,058,494,343 – (EXPENDITURE ITEMS, PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL ALLOCATION – ~~₦~~231,058,494,343

~~₦~~35,832,111,020 – (OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF THE CIVIL SERVICE (CIVILIAN PENSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 – ~~₦~~30,282,408,828 – (PENSIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010101 – ~~₦~~2,300,000,000 – (GRATUITIES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 – ~~₦~~400,000,000 – (PENSION RUNNING COST) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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Head 22010106 - ~~₦~~250,000,000 - (REIMBURSEMENT TO STATES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020103 - ~~₦~~2,599,702,192 - (BENEFITS OF RETIRED HEADS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION AND FEDERAL PERMANENT SECRETARIES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~89,596,546,483 - (MILITARY PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES (DMP)) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~70,673,939,944 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010107 - ~~₦~~2,656,915,035 - (2013 RETIREES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010103 - ~~₦~~15,400,000,000 - (DEATH BENEFITS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 - ~~₦~~265,691,504 - (ADMIN. CHARGES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 - ~~₦~~450,000,000 - (PENSION RUNNING COST) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010108 - ~~₦~~150,000,000 - (YEARLY VERIFICATION EXERCISE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~9,625,893,057 - (POLICE PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~9,225,893,057 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 - ~~₦~~400,000,000 - (PENSION RUNNING COST/BIOMETRIC DATA CAPTURE AND VERIFICATION EXERCISES FOR THE YEAR) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~9,456,800,000 - (CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION AND PRISONS PENSION OFFICE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~9,256,800,000 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 - ~~₦~~200,000,000 - (PENSION RUNNING COST) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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~~₦~~17,290,000,001 - (UNIVERSITIES' PENSIONS INCLUDING ARREARS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~17,290,000,001 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~35,434,750,308 - (PARASTATALS' PENSION AND RAILWAY PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~35,434,750,308 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,357,298,262 - (PRE-1996 NIGERIA RAILWAY CORPORATION PENSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010104 - ~~₦~~2,257,298,262 - (PENSIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010105 - ~~₦~~100,000,000 - (PENSION RUNNING COST) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~9,855,948,644 - (DEPARTMENT OF STATE SECURITY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~9,855,948,644 - (PENSIONS INCLUDING ARREARS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~4,709,146,567 - (NIGERIA INTELLIGENCE AGENCY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020101 - ~~₦~~4,709,146,567 - (PENSIONS/DEPENDANTS BENEFITS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~16,900,000,001 - (NELMCO) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~16,900,000,001 - (NELMCO PENSION/ARREARS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL ALLOCATION - SERVICE-WIDE VOTES - ~~₦~~354,335,011,023

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~3,000,000,000 - (ARREARS OF PAYG PENSION INCLUDING DPR) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010102 - ~~₦~~18,000,000,000 - (ARREARS OF 33 per cent INCREASE IN PENSION RATES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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Head 21020101 - ~~₦~~500,000,000 – (PAYMENT OF OUTSTANDING DEATH BENEFIT TO CIVIL SERVANTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020204 - ~~₦~~60,251,158,887 – (PAYMENT INTO THE REDEMPTION FUND (5% OF TOTAL PERSONNEL COST) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22010103 - ~~₦~~3,750,000,000 – (ARREARS OF POLICE DEATH BENEFITS (2004 - 2010) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020203 - ~~₦~~14,390,036,516 – (GROUP LIFE INSURANCE FOR ALL MDAs INCLUDING DSS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021044 - ~~₦~~1,000,000,000 – (ARMED FORCES ENHANCED RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF COMMODORES AND ABOVE ETC) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021045 - ~~₦~~11,755,000,000 – (IMPROVED REMUNERATION PACKAGE FOR THE NIGERIAN POLICE) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021046 - ~~₦~~250,000,000 – (35TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND SYMPOSIUM OF SHELTER-AFRIQUE IN NIGERIA IN JUNE, 2016) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021047 - ~~₦~~2,995,000,000 - SEVERANCE BENEFITS OF THE DELTA STEEL COMPANY/PENSION PAY-OFF - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020206 - ~~₦~~3,544,110,811 – (NHIS (MILITARY RETIREES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020205 - ~~₦~~36,000,000 – (ADMINISTRATION AND MONITORING OF (OHCSF) GROUP LIFE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21010101- ~~₦~~38,987,017,746 - (PUBLIC SERVICE WAGE ADJUSTMENT FOR MDAs (INCLUDING ARREARS OF PROMOTION AND SALARY INCREASES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021048 - ~~₦~~11,100,000,000 – (ARREARS OF 2014 SALARY INCREASE FOR MEDICAL DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH

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PROFESSIONAL – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22020605 - ~~₦~~22,000,000,000 – (OPERATIONS - INTERNAL FOR THE ARMED FORCES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22040203 - ~~₦~~6,000,000,000 – (CONTRIBUTION TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS INCLUDING WAEC INTERNATIONAL) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021008 - ~~₦~~208,000,000 – (PAYMENT OF COUNTRY CONTRIBUTIONS TO PAN - AFRICAN WRITERS ASSOCIATION (PAWA) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule

Head 22040203 - ~~₦~~4,500,000,000 – (ASSESSED CONTRIBUTION TO AFRICAN UNION AND OTHERS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22040204 - ~~₦~~9,500,000,000 – (EXTERNAL FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule

Head 22021037 - ~~₦~~6,099,600,000 – (MARGIN FOR INCREASES IN COSTS/RECURRENT ADJUSTMENT – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021041 - ~~₦~~17,397,993,277 – (CONTINGENCY) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021019 - ~~₦~~1,800,000,000 – (MUSLIM/CHRISTIAN PILGRIMAGES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021020 - ~~₦~~17,500,000,000 – (GENERAL ELECTION LOGISTICS SUPPORT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020207 - ~~₦~~5,500,000,000 – (EMPLOYEES COMPENSATION ACT - EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION FUND) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020103 - ~~₦~~2,300,000,000 – (ENTITLEMENTS OF FORMER PRESIDENTS/HEADS OF STATE AND VICE-PRESIDENTS/CHIEFS OF GENERAL STAFF) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22020902 - ~~₦~~1,500,000,000 – (INSURANCE OF SENSITIVE

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ASSETS/CORPERS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021036 - ~~₦~~5,000,000,000 – (PAYMENT FOR OUTSOURCED SERVICES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021050 - ~~₦~~1,500,000,000 – (PUBLIC SERVICE REFORMS (INCLUDING PAYMENT OF SEVERANCE BENEFITS OF CIVIL SERVANTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021051 - ~~₦~~520,000,000 – (SERVICE WIDE TRAINING OF BUDGET OFFICERS ON GIFMIS BUDGET PREPARATION SYSTEM (BPS) AND PERFORMANCE BASED BUDGET (PBB) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021049 - ~~₦~~20,170,000,000 – (OPERATION ZAMAN LAFIYA) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~63,281,093,786 – (PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 21020101 - ~~₦~~23,625,000,000 – (PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME: STIPENDS AND ALLOWANCES OF 30,000 NIGER DELTA EX-MILITANTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021040 - ~~₦~~5,502,447,783 – (PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME: OPERATIONAL COST) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 22021038 - ~~₦~~34,153,646,003 – (PRESIDENTIAL AMNESTY PROGRAMME: REINTEGRATION OF TRANSFORMED EX-MILITANTS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL CRF CHARGES - ~~₦~~585,393,505,366

TOTAL RECURRENT (NON-DEBT) - ~~₦~~2,607,132,491,708

PART D – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

MINISTRY/DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

~~₦~~4,387,999,997 – (PRESIDENCY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~9,623,757,320 – (OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

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FEDERATION (SGF) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,461,000,000 – (YOUTH DEVELOPMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~500,000,000 – (POLICE AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~17,800,000,000 – (POLICE FORMATION AND COMMANDS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,700,000,001 – (WOMEN AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~8,752,000,000 – (AGRICULTURE & RURAL DEVELOPMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~15,778,000,000 – (WATER RESOURCES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~400,000,000 – (AUDITOR-GENERAL FOR THE FEDERATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~300,000,000 – (INDEPENDENT CORRUPT PRACTICES AND OTHER RELATED OFFENCES COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~36,700,000,000 – (DEFENCE/MOD/ARMY/AIR FORCE/NAVY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~23,520,000,000 – (EDUCATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~13,500,000,000 – (FEDERAL CAPITAL TERRITORY ADMINISTRATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~6,500,000,000 – (FOREIGN AFFAIRS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~5,980,900,000 – (FINANCE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~22,676,000,000 – (HEALTH) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,816,000,000 – (TRADE AND INVESTMENT)- ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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~~₦~~450,000,000 – (INFORMATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~999,999,999 – (COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~2,890,000,000 – (INTERIOR) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~741,528,674 – (OFFICE OF THE HEAD OF SERVICE OF THE FEDERATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,000,000,000 – (JUSTICE) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~515,446,428 – (LABOUR AND PRODUCTIVITY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~5,130,000,000 – (POWER) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule

~~₦~~3,259,999,698 – (SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~8,300,000,000 – (TRANSPORT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,500,000,000 – (PETROLEUM RESOURCES) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~19,812,000,000 – (WORKS) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,663,000,000 – (LANDS AND HOUSING) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,000,000,000 – (MINES AND STEEL DEVELOPMENT) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~5,840,000,000 – (AVIATION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~150,000,000 – (NATIONAL SALARIES, INCOMES & WAGES COMMISSION) - ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,900,000,000 – (ENVIRONMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~450,000,000 – (TOURISM, CULTURE & NATIONAL ORIENTATION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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~~₦~~1,000,000,000 – (NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~1,500,000,000 – (NATIONAL SPORTS COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~26,499,999,999 – (OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~8,300,000,000 – (NIGER-DELTA) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~20,000,000 – (SPECIAL DUTIES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~845,000,000 – (SPECIAL DUTIES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~40,000,000 – (INFRASTRUCTURAL CONCESSION REGULATORY COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

SUB-TOTAL: EXECUTIVE -
~~₦~~265,202,632,115 – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES

~~₦~~4,500,000,000 – (NATIONAL POPULATION COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~387,500,000 – (CODE OF CONDUCT BUREAU) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~313,333,334 – (CODE OF CONDUCT TRIBUNAL) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~250,000,000 – (REVENUE MOBILISATION ALLOCATION AND FISCAL COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~150,000,000 – (FEDERAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~250,000,000 – (POLICE SERVICE COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

~~₦~~150,000,000 – (FEDERAL CHARACTER COMMISSION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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SUB-TOTAL: FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BODIES – ₦6000,833,334 – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

CAPITAL SUPPLEMENTATION

₦285,792,000,000 – (TOTAL ALLOCATION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050112 - **₦3,000,000,000** – (ADJUSTMENT TO CAPITAL COST) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050114 - **₦8,500,000,000** – (NATIONAL JOB CREATION SCHEME) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050115 - **₦527,259,306** – (QUICK WINS – COMPLETION OF 2008 AND 2009 PROJECTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050116 - **₦2,109,037,225** – (MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS MONITORING AND EVALUATION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050117 - **₦474,533,376** – (CONSULTANCY, SURVEY AND SHORT TERM STUDIES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050118 - **₦427,080,038** – (COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY (MDG) REPORTING 2011 MDG) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050122 - **₦5,000,000,000** – (NELMCO (OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050119 - **₦50,000,000,000** – (OUTSTANDING COMMITMENTS ON 2014 CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050123 - **₦5,432,000,000** – (BULK TRADER) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050126 - **₦20,000,000,000** – (SINKING FUND FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050128 - **₦1,500,000,000** – (SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR WOMEN PARTICIPATION IN AGRICULTURE, WATER, SPORT, COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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Head 23050131- **₦1,000,000,000** – (GIFMIS CAPITAL) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050133 - **₦3,700,000,000** – (2011 ELECTION VIOLENCE AND CIVIL DISTURBANCES (DAMAGE DONE TO PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND PLACES OF WORSHIPS)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050138 - **₦2,000,000,000** – (SPORTS DEVELOPMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050139 - **₦1,581,777,918** – (MDG SPECIAL PROJECTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050140 - **₦15,378,044,922** – (SPECIAL INTERVENTION MDG'S 1) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050141- **₦15,018,074,449** – (SPECIAL INTERVENTION MDG's 2) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050142 - **₦6,000,000,000** – (CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR LEGISLATIVE STUDIES) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050143 - **₦1,000,000,000** – (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY CLINIC) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050144 - **₦300,000,000** – (NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER PLAN)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050145 - **₦2,500,000,000** – (NIGERIA MORTGAGE REFINANCING COMPANY (NMRC)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050147 - **₦50,000,000,000** – (SPECIAL INTERVENTION/ CONSTITUENCY PROJECTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050148 - **₦10,000,000,000** – (REFUND TO SPECIAL ACCOUNT) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050149 - **₦5,000,000,000** – (SPECIAL INITIATIVE FOR NORTH EAST (PILOT COUNTERPART FUNDING CONTRIBUTION)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050150 - **₦2,000,000,000** – (COUNTERPART FUNDING INCLUDING

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GLOBAL FUND/HEALTH) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050151- ₦35,284,192,766 – (CONDITIONAL GRANTS AND SOCIAL SAFETY NETS (MDGS)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050152 - ₦500,000,000 – (SUPPORT TO UNDP MILLENNIUM CAMPAIGN PROGRAMME NIGERIA IN AFRICA/AFRICAN PARLIAMENTARIAN PROGRAMME) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050153 - ₦5,500,000,000 – (PAYMENT OF LOCAL CONTRACTORS' DEBTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050154 - ₦3,000,000,000 – (GALAXY BACKBONE) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050155 - ₦7,005,000,000 – (REFUNDS TO STATES FOR FEDERAL ROADS PROJECTS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050156 - ₦7,505,000,000 – (PAYMENT FOR MATURING DOMESTIC BONDS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050127 - ₦4,500,000,000 – (SINKING FUND FOR RETIRING FUTURE MATURED BONDS) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050157 - ₦2,000,000,000 – (FINANCING OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NIGERIA'S NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMME (THE SEED MONEY)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050158 - ₦1,600,000,000 – (MATCHING GRANT FOR THE “SAFE SCHOOL INITIATIVE” PROGRAMME) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 41010410 - ₦1,000,000,000 – (REHABILITATION OF EXISTING 23 NOS FEDERAL SECRETARIATS IN THE STATES OF THE FEDERATION) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050159 - ₦450,000,000 – (ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENT DEFENCE SECTION AT THE EMBASSY OF NIGERIA, ABU DHABI, UAE) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

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Head 23050162 - ₦1,000,000,000 – (CONSTRUCTION OF FEDERAL SECRETARIAT IN EKITI STATE) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Head 23050163 - ₦4,000,000,000 – (DEVELOPMENT FINANCE INSTITUTION (DFI)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL – CAPITAL SUPPLEMENTATION – ₦285,792,000,000 – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

MDA'S CAPITAL EXPENDITURE - ₦556,995,465,449

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE IN STATUTORY TRANSFERS- ₦144,420,000,000

TOTAL – CAPITAL EXPENDITURE – ₦701,415,465,449

AGGREGATE EXPENDITURE – ₦4,493,363,957,158

PART E – SUBSIDY RE-INVESTMENT

₦21,030,000,000 – (SUBSIDY RE-INVESTMENT AND EMPOWERMENT PROGRAMME (SURE-P)) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

TOTAL – SURE-P – ₦21,030,000,000

Clause 1 – (ISSUE AND APPROPRIATION OF ₦4,493,363,957,158 FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND FOR 2015) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 – (RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM THE CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND) – ordered to stand part of the Schedule.

Clause 3 – (VIREMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 – (INTERPRETATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 – (SHORT TITLE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM – agreed to.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: Mr. Chairman, I move that the House do revert to Plenary.

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Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor: I second the Motion as moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do revert to Plenary.

(The Speaker resumed the Chair)

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, the House in the Committee on Supply considered the Report of the Committees on Appropriation and Finance on a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦4,493,363,957,158 (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦375,616,000,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦953,620,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, is for Debt Service; ₦2,607,132,491,708 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦556,995,465,449 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) only, inclusive of ₦144,420,000,000 (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2015 and approved the recommendations contained therein.

Adoption of Report

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that the House do adopt the recommendations of the Committee of Supply.

Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor: I second the Motion ably moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of Supply.

The Speaker: Leader; please, move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

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Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Authorise the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation, the total sum of ₦4,493,363,957,158 (Four Trillion, Four Hundred and Ninety-Three Billion, Three Hundred and Sixty-Three Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Fifty-Eight Naira) only, of which, ₦375,616,000,000 (Three Hundred and Seventy-Five Billion, Six Hundred and Sixteen Million Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦953,620,000,000 (Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Billion, Six Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, is for Debt Service; ₦2,607,132,491,708 (Two Trillion, Six Hundred and Seven Billion, One Hundred and Thirty-Two Million, Four Hundred and Ninety-One Thousand, Seven Hundred and Eight Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦556,995,465,449 (Five Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five Million, Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Forty-Nine Naira) only, inclusive of ₦144,420,000,000 (One Hundred and Forty-Four Billion, Four Hundred and Twenty Million Naira) only, Capital Expenditure in Statutory Transfers, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the Year Ending on the 31st day of December, 2015, be read a Third Time.

Hon. Leonard Okuweh Ogor: I second the Motion as moved.

Question put and agreed to.

(Bill read the Third Time and passed).

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

Report of the Committees on Justice, and Information Technology on Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 669)

The Speaker: The third Order of the Day is consideration of the Report of the Committees on Justice, and Information Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes; and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015. Hon. Ali Ahmad will now move for its consideration.

Hon. Ali Ahmad (Ilorin East/Ilorin South): Hon. Speaker, I move that the House do consider the Report of the House Committees on Justice, and Information Technology on a Bill for an Act to

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Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes; and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Usman Wada (Babura/Garki): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. Ali Ahmad.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Justice, and Information Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes; and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Report on National Sugar Development Council (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 751)

The Speaker: The fourth Order of the Day is consideration of Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar development Council Act, Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to enable it Discharge its Functions more efficiently, and for Other Related Matters.

Hon. Members, will recall that the Bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole on Tuesday, 24th February, 2015. I now invite Hon. Abonta to move for its consideration.

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: I move that the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act, Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to enable it Discharge its Functions more efficiently, and for Other Related Matters.

Hon. Friday Itulah O. (Esan North East/Esan South East): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. Abonta.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act, Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to enable it Discharge its Functions more efficiently, and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein.

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Report on Anti-Torture Bill, 2015 (HB. 120)

The Speaker: The fifth Order of the Day is consideration of Report on a Bill for an Act to Penalise the Commission of Acts of Torture and other Cruel Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to Prescribe Penalties Thereof, and for Other Connected Purpose.

Hon. Members will recall that the Bill was committed to the Committee of the Whole on Wednesday, 16th May, 2012. Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejiocha will move for its consideration.

Hon. Nkiruka Onyejiocha (Isuikwuato/Umu-Nneochi): I move that the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Penalise the Commission of Acts of Torture and other Cruel Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to Prescribe Penalties Thereof, and for Other Connected Purposes.

Hon. Beni Lar (Langtang North/South): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. Nkeiruka Onyejiocha.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Penalise the Commission of Acts of Torture and other Cruel Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to Prescribe Penalties Thereof, and for Other Connected Purposes, 2012 (HB.120) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on National Tobacco Control Bill, 2015 (HB. 700), (HB. 455)

The Speaker: The sixth Order of the Day is consideration of the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters.

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015. Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu is hereby invited to move for its consideration.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu (Aniocha South/North /Oshimili South/North): Mr. Speaker, I move that this House do consider the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Control of

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Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Umar Mohammed Bago (Chanchaga): I second the Motion as moved by Hon. Ndudi Elumelu.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Regulation and Control of production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters 2015 (HB. 700), (HB. 455) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 527)

The Speaker: The seventh Order of the Day is consideration of the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act.

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Thursday, 20th February, 2014. Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari will now move for its consideration.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari (Shagari/Yabo): I move that the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorized to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act (HB 527) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Goni Bukar Lawan Haruna (Bursari/Geidam/Yunusari): Mr. Speaker, even in the Electoral Act, there is a last day of campaign. This is my last chance and I will close my campaign today by the grace of Almighty Allah. As incoming Speaker, I second the Motion ably moved by Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari.

Hon. Abimbola Daramola Oluwafemi (Ikole/Oye North): We need to be very clear on what our Colleagues are saying *nay* to. Is it his aspiration or what he is seconding? (*Laughter*)

The Speaker: I believe it is not time for us to vote for the Speaker. In any case, on that day, some of us will not be eligible to vote. Hon. Goni, you should allow us to exit first before you get to that. Let us vote on the Motion moved by Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorized to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act (HB 527) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Report of the Committee on Justice on Lobbyists (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2015 (HB. 403)

The Speaker: The eighth Order of the Day is consideration of the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith.

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Tuesday, 21st October, 2014. Hon. Ali Ahmad will move for its consideration.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: Once again, I move that the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 403) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Chris Emeka Azubogu (Nnewi North/South/Ekwusigo): I second the Motion as moved by the Chairman, Committee on Justice, Hon. Ali Ahmad.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 403) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

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**Report of the Committee on Health on
National Hospital, Abuja (Establishment)
Act, 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 717)**

The Speaker: The ninth Order of the Day is consideration of the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act, to effect the change of the name from *National Hospital for Women and Children Abuja* to *National Hospital Abuja* and for Other Matters Connected Therewith.

Hon. Members will recall that the Report was laid on Wednesday, 4th March, 2015. Hon. Ndudi will move for its consideration.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: I move that this House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act, to effect the change of the name from *National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja* to *National Hospital, Abuja* and for Other Matters Connected Therewith and approve the Recommendations Therein.

Hon. Rasaan Bello-Osagie (Oredo): I second the Motion for the consideration of the Report ably moved by Hon. Ndudi Elumelu.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act, to effect the change of the name from *National Hospital for Women and Children Abuja* to *National Hospital Abuja* and for Other Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 403) and approve the Recommendations Therein.

**Suspension of Order VII, Rule 25(2) Of the
House Standing Orders**

The Speaker: Hon. Abonta; please, move for the suspension of the relevant Rules to allow me preside over the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: I move that relevant Rules of the House be suspended; particularly, Order VII, Rule 25 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House, to allow the Speaker of the House, preside in the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Abubakar Momoh (Etsako East): I second the Motion ably moved by Hon. Abonta.

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Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do suspend Order VII, Rule 25 (2) of the Standing Orders of the House to enable the Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that the House do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider all the Reports.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa (Ibi/Wukari): I second the Motion ably moved by the House Leader, Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola.

(The Speaker in the Chair)

Report of the House Committees on Justice and Information Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes; and for Other Related Matters and approve the Recommendations Therein – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

The Chairman: Hon. Frank, you have the Floor.

Hon. Enekorogha Francis (Burutu): Mr. Chairman, I have an application to make. It is a matter of precedence and practice and agreed by all honourable Members of this House that Reports must be circulated 24 hours before consideration to enable Members have a good grip of what we are passing in this House. I am sure that every Member knows that today, we have been given not even one, but several Reports.

I want to apply that for purposes of allowing us to have a good look into them and also make meaningful contributions, that the consideration of these Reports be suspended until next week Tuesday, so that we can have a good grip of them.

Secondly, like I said, it is a matter of precedence as agreed by all the Members of this House. That is my application.

The Chairman: Interim Chairman, Rules and Business Committee, what is the situation? Are we just distributing these Reports for the first time or re-distributing them again?

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: You are aware of the hotness of the Chambers yesterday; we were unable to go on with the consideration. However, one or two of these Reports were distributed yesterday, but we could not handle the Reports because we were all sweating and we decided to do

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that today. I may not say all of them are just being distributed, we had distributed them before.

The Chairman: How many of these Reports have you distributed earlier?

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: I am aware that some of these Reports have been distributed up to three times or more.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: Mr. Speaker, with respect specifically with Cybercrime, I know a couple of Reports were distributed yesterday including the Anti-Smoking which satisfied the precedence. Specifically for the Cybercrime Bill, this Report has been distributed over one month ago and it could be verified. It was suspended for about three times and this is a Bill that has been passed by the Senate, it is just here for concurrence.

Like I said, it has everything but this Bill; the National Cyber Security Policy and Strategy has been adopted, the infrastructure and everything is awaiting this Bill.

I urge that we take this Bill here and now.

Hon. Nkiruka Onyejiocha: Mr. Speaker, this Anti-Torture Bill has been distributed four times and each time they would take other considerations; before it gets to this one, we would adjourn. Even yesterday, while we were leaving they were still distributing it; even two weeks ago, it was distributed; and this was since 2012.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: Mine is just a five-Clause Bill. It is just an Amendment to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court among those that can release people detained unlawfully. It has been coming up severally on the Floor of the House, only that we have not got the opportunity to take it.

It is a straightforward Bill.

The Chairman: I am asking whether it has been circulated before or in your own case, it is being circulated for the first time today?

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I am sure it has been circulated before because it has been coming up many times.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: I am actually surprised that some of my Colleagues will be raising an objection as to the circulation of some of these Bills. Even looking at my files, I have two files, which contain not actually for Health, but for other Committees. They are here; my Clerk brought them.

If I can have them - I am not even a Member of those Committees - not to talk of the one also in my Committee; they had earlier on circulated them. We should just go ahead and consider them.

In any case, the issue of National Hospital in my Report is just to change the name. It is just one line. That is, changing the name from *National Hospital for Women and Children* to *National Hospital*. This is to even involve them so that if anybody collapses on the Floor, they will take him to the National Hospital but God forbid.

Mr. Chairman, we have to be truthful, anything can happen. More so, we are politicians and we think a lot. Also, as we are thinking on how to take care of our constituents and if things are not going on well, something is bound to happen.

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, from the explanations from the Chairman, Committee on Rules and Business, to our Colleagues and also from the ones that I have heard from the Office of the Clerk, I am convinced that some of these Reports have been distributed earlier than now. Therefore, we will proceed with the consideration, please.

The Chairman: The first Report we are going to take is Cybercrime Bill. Hon. Ali Ahmad, give us a brief insight.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: The Cybercrime Bill is a Bill that has been passed by the Senate like I said and it relates to computer-related fraud. I can first exemplify the importance of this Bill by two incidences. First, we will recall during the past general elections that the Independent National Electoral Commission's (INEC) website was hacked; that was a fact. Just last week, the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC), arraigned two fellows at the High Court here in Abuja. The offence was that they hacked into a computer of a bank, trying to defraud it of billions of Naira. When they took them to Court, because there is no legislation on cyber security - (*Interruptions*)

The Chairman: Do you have this information that you are giving us in your Report? We are only requesting for synopsis of the Report before us, please.

Hon Ali Ahmad: It is just a backup but I take the correction. The Report has about ten parts and it provides for the effective and unified legal framework for Detection, Protection and Prosecution of Cyber Security. If this Bill passes today, all the Yahoo boys will go out of business.

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I urge my Colleagues to please, pass this Bill and concur with the Senate's passage of the Bill.

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, I am sure with this synopsis, we can go ahead with the consideration of the Bill.

PART 1 – OBEJECT AND APPLICATION

Clause 1 – (OBJECTIVE) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 – (APPLICATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART II – PROTECTION OF CRITICAL

NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE

Clause 3 – (INFRASTRUCTURE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill

Question proposed.

Hon. Kamil Akinlabi Mudasiru (Afijio/Atiba/Oyo East/West): I am not particularly comfortable with the provision of Section 3 which says; *the President may, on the recommendation of the National Security Adviser...* I am not comfortable because of the provisions in Section 5 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that has vested the Executive Power of the Federation in the President. I do not know where the National Security Adviser will get the power to advise the Presidency over this matter.

The Executive Power of the Federation is vested in the President already. If we must warehouse it in anywhere, it must be a body established by law; particularly, the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation that is recognised by law. If we then say: *the President may, on the advice of National Security Adviser issues a proclamation...*, I am not comfortable with that. It is either we leave it as: *the President issues proclamation...* With that we are silent on who gives the advice.

The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmed, what do you have to say on this?

Hon Ali Ahmad: Regarding that observation, when we get to Section 41 - *Administration and Enforcement* for this Bill, my honourable Colleague can amend that. This is because it says that the Office of the National Security Adviser shall be created and be the coordinating body. His objection is that the National Security Adviser's Office is not a

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creation of law. This Bill tries to do that; his observation will be seen when we get to Section 41.

In addition, this Bill is pursuant to an International commitment between President Goodluck Jonathan and the President of the United Kingdom in 2011, where they signed a communiqué and where Nigeria agreed to implement the Budapest Convention on Cyber Crime. In that Convention, the Administration of Cyber Security is to be domiciled in an Agency in a Security Office or Security Outfit of a Nation. That is why this Executive Bill domiciled its administration with the NSA's Office. We have the option to domicile it with the Office of Attorney-General of the Federation but that office does not have the know-how to detect and even prosecute. If it can prosecute, it cannot detect. What we are doing here is to create laws and whatever objections, when we come to Section 41 which is on the administration of this, we can take care of his objection.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I tend to agree with Hon. Kamil on this matter because the Separation of Power is really among the Executive, Judiciary and Legislature. If you are trying to make a law whereby you give the President power, but you subject that power to an advice from another body, it cannot be from within the same Presidency, if that is the purpose of this Bill.

He is not saying that the Office of the National Security Adviser is not a creation of the law, but that you cannot subject the power given to Mr. President to an advice from another person who is not within these three Arms of Government and it is a well-founded observation.

The Chairman: Assuming a situation whereby this provision is not in this law and the President in his own wisdom decides to seek for the advice of the National Security Adviser on matters such as this, would it come to the same conclusion?

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: He is at liberty to ask for advice, but we have not made legislation to that; it says subject to advice from the National Security Adviser. I do not think it is right to give him powers to subject to an advice; he is at liberty to take the advice or not.

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, I advise that we suspend Clause 3 till we get to Clause 41. We will take them together. It will make more meaning when we are considering the two at the same time.

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Clause 4 – (AUDIT AND INSPECTION OF CRITICAL NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE) –

Question proposed.

Hon. Abubakar Momoh: Clause 4 is also in line with Clause 3.

The Chairman: If it is the same problem, we will suspend Clause 4 also until we are done with Clauses 3 and 41. Secretariat, please, take note.

PART III – OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

Clause 5– (OFFENCES AGAINST CRITICAL NATIONAL INFORMATION INFRASTRUCTURE) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 6 – (UNLAWFUL ACCESS TO A COMPUTER) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 7 – (SYSTEM INTERFERENCE) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 8 – (INTERCEPTING ELECTRONIC MESSAGES, EMAILS, ELECTRONIC MONEY TRANSFERS) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 9 – (TAMPERING WITH CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 10 – (COMPUTER RELATED FORGERY) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 11 – (COMPUTER RELATED FRAUD) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 12 – (WILFUL MISDIRECTION OF ELECTRONIC MESSAGES) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 13 – (UNLAWFUL INTERCEPTIONS) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmad, what happens to Clause 14?

Hon Ali Ahmad: Clause 14 is a repetition; we will delete it because it is a repetition of Clause 13. It is a typographical error and we will delete it.

We will delete Clause 15 because the title of Clauses 14 and 15 is repeated as: *Theft of Electronic Devices*. We will delete Clause 15.

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The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmad, we are not yet there.

Clause 14 – (THEFT OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES) – *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

The Chairman: Clause 15 is deleted as Hon. Ahmad recommended, because it is a repetition of Clause 14. The next will then be Clause 15.

Clause 15 – (UNAUTHORIZED MODIFICATION OF COMPUTER SYSTEMS, NETWORK DATA AND SYSTEM INTERFERENCE) – *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 16 - (ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE) –

Question proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: There is a typographical error on the heading of Clause 16. The title of the Clause is *Electronic Signature* instead of *Electric Signature*.

The Chairman: Secretariat; please, takes note.

Clause 16 - (ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE) – *as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill*

Clause 17 – (EXCEPTION TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS POSTING AND AUTHORIZED OPTIONS) – *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 18 – (CYBER TERRORISM) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 19 – (FRAUDULENT ISSUANCE OF E-INSTRUCTIONS) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 20 – (REPORTING OF CYBER THREAT) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 21 – (IDENTITY THEFT AND IMPERSONATION) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 22 – (CHILD PORNOGRAPHY AND RELATED OFFENCES) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 23 – (CYBER STALKING) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 24 – (SYBER SQUATTING) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

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Clause 25 – (RACIST AND XENOPHOBIC OFFENCES) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 26 – (ATTEMPT, CONSPIRACY AND AIDING AND ABETTING) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 27 – (IMPORTATION AND FABRICATION OF E-TOOLS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 28 – (BREACH OF CONFIDENCE BY SERVICE PROVIDERS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 29 – (MANIPULATION OF ATC/POS TERMINAL) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 30 – (EMPLOYEES RESPONSIBILITY) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 31 – (PHISHING, SPAMMING, SPREADING OF COMPUTER VIRUS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 32 – (ELECTRONIC CARDS RELATED OFFENCES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 33 – (DEALING IN THE CARD OF ANOTHER) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 34 – (PURCHASE OR SALE OF CARD OF ANOTHER) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 35 – (USE OF FRAUDULENT DEVICE OR ATTACHED E-MAILS AND WEBSITES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART IV – DUTIES OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Clause 36 – (DUTIES OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

DUTIES OF SERVICE PROVIDERS

Clause 37 (RECORDS RETENTION AND PROTECTION OF DATA) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 38 – (INTERCEPTION OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 39 – (FAILURE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES) –

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Question proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: In Clause 39 (1), we should delete the words *subject to the provisions of Section 23*.

The Chairman: The opening paragraph there; 39 (1) says: *subject to provision of Section 23...*, that should be deleted. The Chairman of the Committee says it is a typographical error. Secretariat; please, takes note of Clause 39.

Clause 39 – (FAILURE OF SERVICE PROVIDERS TO PERFORM CERTAIN DUTIES) – as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Question proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: We need to include after the second line, *viruses to include or any malware... so that it will include not only viruses*.

PART V – ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

Clause 40 – (COORDINATION AND ENFORCEMENT) –

The Chairman: Hon. Kamil, you may wish to come up with your argument, please.

Amendment proposed.

Hon. Kamil Akinlabi Mudashiru: Mr. Chairman, I move that subject to the provision of Section 5 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, that enshrined the Executive powers to Mr. President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, we remove *National Security Adviser* and allow the President to give order under this Act.

The Chairman: Initially, you gave certain explanation on this; maybe, you need to refresh our minds, please.

Hon. Kamil Akinlabi Mudashiru: Mr. Chairman, the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria has vested the Executive powers of the Federation to Mr. President and he can only delegate that power to any other person as he likes. It will not be proper for this House to then make a law and ask Mr. President to take decision based on recommendations. If he decides to do that, it should not be the function of legislation. He can do that; that is why he delegates his authority at his discretion. He can delegate and take advice, but it must not be a function of legislation. We must not

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subject his power to further legislation because it is a constitutional matter. That is my point.

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: It is good to read conjunctively Clauses 3 and 40. The power must reside somewhere. Mr. President is a very busy person and cannot do everything personally.

Clause 3 says: *the President may, on the recommendation of National Security Adviser by order published....* Clause 40 says: *The Office of the National Security Adviser shall be the coordinating body for all security and enforcement agencies....*

Of course, what this Section is trying to do is to domicile the powers to function here administratively. Not that the President must necessarily take orders from the National Security Adviser. These are mere grammars; *upon the advice of...* It is not mandatory. The President may even order him to bring up a Report on this or to do this but an office must be designated to carry it out.

If you leave it to Mr. President, then, it may be one of these laws that will exist and will not be carried out. A person must be seen to be doing the day to day running of it. Perhaps, before they do otherwise, the President may have something to say, but he must be advised. There is nothing wrong with it, we should let it go.

Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo (Kauru): I do not see the problem with Sections 3, 4 and 40 if you look at Section 151 of the Constitution. If you permit, I can read it.

The Chairman: Please, proceed.

Hon. Simon Yakubu Arabo: It says: *The President may appoint any person as a Special Adviser to assist him in the performance of his functions.* What Clauses 3 and 4 are providing does not amount to Mr. President abdicating his responsibility. I do not see anything wrong in Clauses 3, 4 and 40 of this Bill; what is there is very clear.

Hon. Mohammed T. Monguno (Monguno/Marte/Nganzai): In the rules of interpretation, in law, the word *may*, does not connote mandatory discharge of that function. It is only where the word *shall* is written there, in the rules of interpretation that makes it mandatory. In this Bill, the word is '*may*'. Therefore, the power of the President is not necessarily subjected to be performed mandatorily subject to the advice of the National Security Adviser; it is; *may*. There is no contradiction with the provision of the Constitution because the

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President is not under obligation to seek for the advice of the National Security Adviser.

Hon. Friday Itulah: I do not see what is wrong with this provision as it is; it does not in any way offend the provision of Section 5 of the Constitution. If you look at the gamut of this whole Bill, it is talking about security and in the wisdom of the drafters of this Bill; they have the view that this whole Bill best resides in the Office of the National Security Adviser. To be able to cure and remain consistent with what is provided in Section 5 of the Constitution, they have said that this whole responsibility still lies on the President, but the Bill is only saying that the person to draw the President's attention to this is the Office of the National Security Adviser.

I do not see how the National Security Adviser advising the President on the need to carry out a responsibility like this is tantamount to taking the presidential power away from him. To that extent, let us not dwell in the area of jurisprudence. This Bill is in order, particularly as it provides in Clause 3. We should allow it to be retained as it is.

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, having heard this explanation, let us proceed.

Clause 40 - (CO-ORDINATION AND ENFORCEMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 41 (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CYBER ADVISORY COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 42 – (FUNCTIONS AND POWERS OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 43 – (ESTABLISHMENT OF NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY FUND) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VI – ARREST, SEARCH, SEIZURE AND PROSECUTION

Clause 44 – (POWER OF ARREST, SEARCH AND SEIZURE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 45 – (OBSTRUCTION AND REFUSAL TO RELEASE INFORMATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 46 – (PROSECUTION OF OFFENCES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 47 – (ORDER OF FOFEITURE OF ASSETS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 48 – (ORDER FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION OR RESTITUTION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VII - JURISDICTION AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Clause 49 – (JURISDICTION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 50 – (EXTRADITION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 51 – (REQUEST FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 52 – (EVIDENCE PURSUANT TO A REQUEST) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 53 – (FORM OF REQUEST FROM A FOREIGN STATE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 54 – (EXPEDITED PRESERVATION OF COMPUTER DATA) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 55 – (DESIGNATION OF CONTACT POINT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 56 – (REGULATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 57 – (INTERPRETATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 58 – (SHORT TITLE) – (THIS BILL MAY BE CITED AS THE CYBERCRIME (PROHIBITION, PREVENTION, ETC.) BILL, 2015) – agreed to.

Long Title – (A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROHIBITION, PREVENTION, DETECTION, RESPONSE AND PROSECUTION OF CYBERCRIMES AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS, 2015) – agreed to.

First Schedule – agreed to.

Second Schedule – agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum – agreed to.

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A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap. N78 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by giving Additional Powers to the Council to Enable it Discharge its Functions more Efficiently and for Other Related Matters – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.

The Chairman: The next Report will be on a Bill to Establish the National Sugar Development Council. Hon. Abonta, are you in a position to give us the synopsis of this Report since the Chairman of Rules and Business Committee is not here? (No response)

Let us dispense with that, we shall proceed with the Clause by Clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 1 - (AMENDMENT OF CAP N78 LFN 2004) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 2: MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 3: FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 4: TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5: SECRETARIAT AND OTHER OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 6 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 6: FUND OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 7 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 8: POWER TO BORROW) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 8 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 10: ANNUAL REPORT) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 9 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 11: STAFF REGULATIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 10 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 12: PROCEDURE IN RESPECT OF SUITS AGAINST THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 11 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 13: SERVICE OF DOCUMENTS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 12 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14: RESTRICTION ON EXECUTION AGAINST THE PROPERTY OF THE COUNCIL) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13 – (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 15: REGULATIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 14 – (INTERPRETATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 15 – (CITATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Explanatory Memorandum – agreed to.

A Bill for an Act to Penalize the Commission of Acts of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to Prescribe Penalties thereof; and for Other Connected Purposes – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.

The Chairman: The next Report will be on a Bill for an Act to penalize the Commission of acts of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment, to Prescribe Penalties Thereof and for Other Connected Purposes.

Hon. Nkiruka, give us the synopsis of the Report, please.

Hon. Nkiruka Onyejiocha: I have to make my synopsis very brief. The need for this Bill is very important for us to note. You know that torture and other cruel inhuman or degrading treatments, regardless of the person having committed such unlawful act and what crime the victim they have suspected of having committed. We know that victims of torture and ill treatment as well as whenever relevant, their next of kin have a right under international law to effective remedies for the wrongs committed and to seek redress including compensation and rehabilitation.

The enactment of a law against torture and ill treatment will protect the rights of the potential victims of such ill treatment and will enable the punishment a non-state of war or a threat of war, internal political instability or any other public emergency may be evoked as a justification for torture.

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In addition, the Bill proposes that secret detention places, solitary incommunicado or other similar forms of detention where torture may be carried on with impunity should henceforth be prohibited. Any confession, admission or statement obtained as a result of torture shall not be evoked as evidence in any proceeding, except against a person accused of torture as evidence that said confession, admission or statement was made. We have some countries that have passed it, such as Belgium, Argentina, Italy, South Africa, Great Britain, United States, etc.

One important thing that I have to state here is that the objective of this Bill is to highlight the various forms of torture and prescribe penalties for persons who actually participated in the infliction of torture or who is present during the commission of torture.

The Bill seeks to criminalise torture as an act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him/her or a third person information or a confession. Of course, the Bill is seeking to punish people who subject people to act of torture.

Clause 1 – (POLICY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 – (TORTURE WHEN COMMITTED) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3 – (NO JUSTIFICATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 – (RIGHT OF COMPLAIN) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 – (ASSISTANCE IN FILING COMPLAINT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 6 – (RIGHT TO EXAMINATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 7 – (LIABILITY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill

Clause 8 – (PENALTIES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 9 – (DESIGNATION OF ORGANISATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 10 – (EDUCATION CAMPAIGN) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 11 – (REGULATIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill

Clause 12 – (REPEALING CLAUSE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13 – (CITATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Explanatory Memoranda - agreed to.

Long Title - (A BILL FOR AN ACT PENALISING THE COMMISSION OF ACTS OF TORTURE AND OTHER CRUEL, INHUMAN AND DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENTS, PRESCRIBING PENALTIES THEREOF AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES) – agreed to.

Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill For the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and Other Related Matters – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

The Chairman: The next is the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria.

I now call on the Chairman of the Committee to briefly give us an insight on the Bill.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: This Bill is meant to regulate the sale of Tobacco products, but most importantly, to ban tobacco sales to children. It also requires graphic health warning on all tobacco packaging, achieve a comprehensive ban on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship and to some extent, increase revenue drive from the sale of tobacco products. Then of course, make indoor work places and public places 100 per cent smoke-free.

These are the items that summarises the essence of the Bill.

The Chairman: Let us therefore, consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

PART I – OBJECTIVES

Clause 1 – (OBJECTIVES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART II – NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL

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COMMITTEE AND THE TOBACCO CONTROL UNIT

Clause 2 – (ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL TOBACCO COMMITTEE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3 – (CEASATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 – (QUORUM AND COMMITTEE'S PROCEEDINGS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 – (FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 6 – (THE TOBACCO CONTROL UNIT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 7 – (FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART III – TOBACCO CONTROL FUND

Clause 8 – (FUNDING OF COMMITTEE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART IV – REGULATION OF SMOKING

Clause 9 – (PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES) –

Amendment proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad (Ilorin East/Ilorin South): Clause 9, we have addition to provide for strengthening of designated smoking area, and I am suggesting a new Sub-Clause 3 which reads:

(3) *Without prejudice to the above provisions, an owner, occupier or a person in charge of any place specified in Sub-Clause (1) above may designate a section which shall not be more than 10 per cent of the premises as a Designated Smoking Area.*

(4) *This Designated Smoking Area in accordance with Sub-clause (3) above shall:*

(i) have good ventilations;

(ii) be equipped with state of the art ventilating equipment; and

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(iii) not compromise those in the Non-Smoking Area.

Those are the additions. For example, in Transcorp Hilton, there are sitting areas and another area which they call the bar, which is a smoking area. If you look at that area, it does not have any ventilation, so smoking will be sipping to non-designating area. If this Bill is passed, Transcorp Hilton will be under an obligation to provide state of the art equipment of ventilation.

The Chairman: Chairman Justice, we are not making law against Transcorp Hilton, what we are doing is for all public places, please. Can we have a seconder to that Amendment?

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: I second the Amendment proposed by Hon. Ali Ahmad.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 9 – (PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES) – as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: Does this Amendment affect residential premises? Clause 9 (1) (a) is saying that if you have a person below the age of 18 years, that means you cannot just smoke because it is your house. You also have to provide a place designated as a smoking area. Does this Amendment of 10 per cent area affect a private residential house? That is what I want to know from the sponsors.

The Chairman: My take on it is that, it is for public places.

Clause 10 – (DUTIES OF PERSONS WHO OWN OR CONTROL PUBLIC PLACES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 11 – (PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART V – PROHIBITION ON TOBACCO ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP

Clause 12 – (PROHIBITION ON TOBACCO AND ADVERTISING, PROMOTION, AND SPONSORSHIP) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13 – (REQUIRED DISCLOSURES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 14 – (PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VI – TOBACCO PRODUCT SALES

Clause 15 – (PROHIBITION OF SALE OR ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS BELOW 18 YEARS OF AGE) –

Question proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: Clause 15 (9), the language where it wants to *prohibit sale of single stick*, I think we should strengthen that provision better. The objective is that our children find it easier to buy one stick; we do not want that. This provision tries to do that but the one that I am amending is stricter. It says:

No person shall sell smoked tobacco products except in a package which must be intact and contains a minimum of twenty sticks.

That is my Amendment.

The Chairman: If the company decides to make their pack into ten, what do you do?

Hon. Ali Ahmad: That should be illegal because studies have shown that children under eighteen, the best way to prevent smoking, not through the adult, is to be a gatekeeper and because children have easy access to ₦1.00, ₦2.00, they can have access to one stick. So, if you make it mandatory on tobacco companies; they do not have a choice. They cannot produce packs of ten, fifteen, the minimum should be twenty so that that boy must be a serious somebody to have much money on his pocket to buy a pack. We are making it more difficult for children to get into smoking.

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: I have a slight objection different from what the Chairman is saying on the ground that we are trying to discourage tobacco smoking. By his saying that a minimum of twenty in a pack, the company may then decide to make it a hundred; we will then be encouraging people to even smoke. If I now get a pack of hundred, if it is not finished, I am not going to stop; I will keep on polluting the place. We should think properly in this regard.

Like you said, a company may decide to have a potable pack of five, ten. Then, making it mandatory that it must come by twenty may not do us well. You may protect the children but adult also needs

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protection. If I get a pack of twenty, I know that I still have 19 after taking one; I will keep taking it until there is none to take. Children will have their way out because five of them will buy one packet and share. Let us not do what will, in the long run, cause us problem. I think that provision should be left the way it is.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: We did not come with a figure of twenty. This Bill has been in the National Assembly since 2004 and it is based on the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. A lot of studies have been done across the world and it is found that the companies may not want it, but it has been shown that once you make it higher, it is more difficult. It is based on studies and reports and that is the minimum that the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control provides, which Nigeria is a signatory.

If my Colleagues permit, we should adopt the Amendment. The reason is that, it is specific and easier for law enforcement agents to apprehend rather than this one that we have on the Bill.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 15 – (PROHIBITION OF SALE OR ACCESS TO TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS BELOW 18 YEARS OF AGE) – as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 16 – (PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VII – REGULATION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS; TOBACCO PRODUCT CONTENTS AND EMISSIONS DISCLOSURES

Clause 17 – (REGULATION OF STANDARD OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 18 – (PRODUCT CONTENT AND EMISSIONS REPORTING) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 19 – (PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART VIII – TOBACCO PRODUCT PACKAGING AND LABELLING

Clause 20 – (HEALTH WARNINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED ON TOBACCO PRODUCT PACKAGING AND LABELING) –

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Amendments proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: Mr. Chairman, this is the last amendment and thank you for bearing with us. Clause 20 (1) line 3, I propose that we delete *...or any other prescribed form...* and then substitute it with *...and pictures...* This is because this one is saying that: *Every Tobacco or Tobacco product package shall contain in writing a warning...* We are now saying - *a warning in writing and in pictures* – maybe you put a picture of heart; we do not want *any other prescribed form*. We want to be specific. It should read thus: *Shall contain in writing and in pictures* and then we take that 30 per cent to 50 per cent. These are things that are supported by studies.

The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmad, you have to reconcile your position, is it in graphics or pictures?

Hon. Ali Ahmad: It is in graphics.

The Chairman: So, what do we have now for record, please?

Hon. Ali Ahmad: It is in graphics.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: We retain Clause 20 (5) so that it will empower the Ministry of Health to prescribe the form of graphics that will be adopted.

Hon. Ndudi Elumelu: I second the Amendment proposed by Hon. Ali Ahmad.

The Chairman: Secretariat; please, take note.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 20 – (HEALTH WARNINGS AND OTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED ON TOBACCO PRODUCT PACKAGING AND LABELING) – as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 21 – (PROHIBITION ON MISLEADING PACKAGING, LABELING AND PRODUCT DESIGN, REGULATION OF PROMOTIONAL FEATURES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 22 – (DATE OF COMPLIANCE WITH NEW REGULATIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 23 – (DUTIES NOT DIMINISHED BY COMPLIANCE WITH THIS PART) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 24 – (PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART IX – PROTECTION OF TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES FROM THE COMMERCIAL AND OTHER VESTED INTERESTS OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY

Clause 25 – (PRELIMINARY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 26 – (OBJECTS OF THE PART) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 27 – (LIMITATION ON INTERACTIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 28 – (PROHIBITION ON PARTNERSHIPS AND ENDORSEMENTS OF THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY, TOBACCO INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT IN TOBACCO CONTROL INITIATIVES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 29 – (PROHIBITION ON VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE TOBACCO INDUSTRY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 30 – (PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 31 – (TOBACCO INDUSTRY REPORTING) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 32 – (AWARENESS RAISING AND PUBLIC EDUCATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 33 – (PROHIBITION ON INCENTIVES OR PRIVILEGES TO TOBACCO BUSINESSES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 34 – (PROTECTION OF TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES, ETC.) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 35 – (PENALTIES) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART X – LICENSING OF TOBACCO DEALER

Clause 36 – (APPLICATION FOR LICENSE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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PART XI - ENFORCEMENT

Clause 37 – (INVESTIGATION AND ENFORCEMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 38 – (POWERS OF AUTHOURISED OFFICERS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 39 – (SEARCH WARRANTS PROCUREMENT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 40 – (RESTORATION OF SEIZED PRODUCTS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 41 – (RESTORATION ORDER) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 42 – (FORFEITURE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART XII – EDUCATION, COMMUNICATION, TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

Clause 43 – (TRAINING AND PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

PART XIII - MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 44 – (POWER TO MAKE REGULATIONS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 45 – (EVALUATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 46 – (PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 47 – (APPLICATION OF PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 48 – (PRICE AND TAX MEASURES TO REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR TOBACCO) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 49 – (CIVIL SOCIETY PARTICIPATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 50 – (SEVERABILITY) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 51 – (REPEALS) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 52 – (INTERPRETATION) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 53 – (SHORT TITLE) – agreed to.

First Schedule – agreed to.

Second Schedule –

Question proposed.

Hon. Edeh Peter O. (Ezza North/Ishielu): My observation is that if you look at page 15 of 83, where they were defining places not appropriate for smoking, Clause 9 (e) *A playground, Amusement Park, Plaza, Public Parks or other public gathering space...* that was deleted but when you go to the Schedule, it was restored again. If you look at Number 8 on page 82 in the Schedule, they restored *...Playground, Amusement Park, Plaza, Public Parks or any other place where members of the public gather to engage in games and sporting activities....*; the Schedule restores what was deleted on page 15. I do not know whether there is a conflict there.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: The explanation is that you cannot smoke at *Playground, Amusement Park, Plaza, Public Park or any other place where members of the public gather to engage in games and sporting activities*. It is unambiguous.

The Chairman: Hon. Peter Edeh, have you heard his explanation? This is an interpretation to show that you cannot smoke in these places.

Hon. Edeh Peter O: Then we do not need to delete it on page 15. It should appear there as well but if we go ahead and delete it and go to the other side and restore it, it will be ambiguous. If you go to page 15 - Part IV – Regulation of smoking, prohibition of smoking in public places, in 9 (e), the provisions of the Bill recommended a playground, amusement park and so on, but the Committee deleted it. If you look at the Committee's recommendations and the provisions of the Bill, I do not know whether you understand what I am saying.

Hon. Ndudi Godwin Elumelu: We have to recall it and undelete it.

The Chairman: Hon. Elumelu; please, move for the Amendment that we retain Clause 9 (3) (e) and (f).

Hon. Ndudi Elumelu: I move that we retain Clause 9 (3) (e) and (f).

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Hon. Edeh Peter O: I second the Amendment proposed by Hon. Elumelu.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 9 – (PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES) – as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Second Schedule – agreed to.

Long Title – agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum – agreed to.

Long Title – (A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP OF TOBACCO OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS) – agreed to.

Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act, Cap. C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE.

The Speaker: The next Report will be Hon. Shagari's Report. Have you resolved your issues with Hon. Ali Ahmad? You can proceed if you have resolved it. Give us the synopsis.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: This Bill has five Clauses and it seeks to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of persons authorised to exercise the powers to order the release of persons detained in prisons in circumstances specified in the Act. The Act states that where a person is detained and the detention of that person is manifestly unlawful or that the person detained has been in custody whether on remand or otherwise for a period longer than the maximum period of imprisonment which the person detained could have served, had he been convicted on the offence in respect of which he was detained.

Clearly, the Act has not included the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court as one of the authorities to implement the Act and it is in this vein that this Bill seeks to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court as a person that is authorised to release such

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persons. That is what this Bill seeks to do in a nutshell.

I urge this honourable House to consider the Bill and pass it.

The Chairman: Let us consider it Clause by Clause.

Clause 1 – (AMENDMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (RELEASE FROM CUSTODY) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT) –

Question proposed.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: There is a further proposal for amendment on Clause 1. In the provision of the principal Act, although it is not contained in the recommendation of the Committee but it is a necessary Amendment, if you read the provision of the principal Act, it states thus:

Where in respect of any person detained in any prison in Nigeria, not being a person detained in execution of a sentence of a court or tribunal duly constituted by law, the Chief Justice of Nigeria or the Chief Judge of a State is satisfied that the:

- a) Detention of the person is manifestly unlawful; or*
- b) Person detained has been in custody, whether on remand or otherwise, for a period longer than the maximum period of imprisonment which the person detained could have served had he been convicted of the offence in respect of which he was detained.*

The Amendment I want to suggest is: *equivalent to one-third of the maximum period*. The current Bill is saying that any person to be qualified for a release must have been in detention for a period longer than the maximum period allowed, but the Amendment is saying that: *any person that is so confined for a period equivalent to one-third should be qualified*. We delete the phrase *...longer than...* and substitute it with *...equivalent to one-third of the maximum period of detention....*

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Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: The Amendment I thought Hon. Ali Ahmad, was going to bring as far as I am concerned, was that of the Comptroller-General of Prisons having to quarterly report the number of inmates in his prison on quarterly basis. I was not aware of this Amendment at all and I will have to give it some due consideration with due respect, Sir.

The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmad, I really do not follow what you are trying to amend. I have been trying to talk to the Clerk here. What I have is a Report that is having three columns. On the first right, there is a column heading, which says: *Provisions of the Principal Act*; at the centre it reads; *Provision of the Bill*, then, we have the one that reads; *Committee's Recommendation*.

Clause one that I have is: *Criminal Justice (Release from custody) (Special Provisions) Act*; that is the provision of the Bill. I hope I am having the same document as you? The one you are talking about - *Provision of the Principal Act*, that you read from, I do not know whether it relates to Clause one or Clause two. Hon. Aminu Shagari; please, explain this.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: What Hon. Ali Ahmad is trying to amend is that the provisions of the original Act that says, *if a person is detained for a period longer than the maximum period he would have spent if convicted...* (Interruptions)

The Chairman: Do we have that provision in the Report?

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: We have it, but what we are trying to say is to include the number of persons that can authorize the release of such a person that is qualified under that Act. Now, he is trying to bring an amendment that says if a person spends (not maximum) but only one third of the period he would have spent if convicted. I did not know of this amendment and I have not considered it. We have to go on Public Hearing and all that, on this issue. I cannot singularly opine on this; that is what I am saying here.

The Chairman: The guidance I am receiving from the Clerk is that we have to be done with what we have on paper here now, then, you can come up with your Amendment because it is not reflected anywhere in the Report that we are considering.

Clause 1 – (AMENDMENT OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE (RELEASE FROM CUSTODY) (SPECIAL PROVISIONS) ACT) – ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 2 - (AMENDMENT OF THE SIDE NOTE) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3 - (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 SUBSECTION 1 OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 - (AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1 SUBSECTION 1(b) OF THE PRINCIPAL ACT) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 - (SHORT TITLE) – agreed to.

The Chairman: Hon. Ali Ahmad, would you want to come up now at this stage?

Hon. Ali Ahmad: It has lapsed

Explanatory Note - *agreed to.*

Long Title - *agreed to.*

Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

The Chairman: The next Report is on Lobbyists (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2015. Hon. Ali Ahmad; please, give us the synopsis.

Hon. Ali Ahmad: The next Bill is on Creation and Provision for Lobbyists for legislative Houses - National and State Houses of Assembly. Our democracy is a growing one and instead of allowing everybody to come in, this is now providing structured regulation for the act of lobbying. Lobbying here means, people who know the system and whom to contact.

It is coming at a very good time, now that there are so many Legislators out there and I am sure by the qualification, they will qualify as lobbyists. I hope that the provisions of this Bill will be given a quick passage by this honourable House.

Clause 1 - (PROHIBITION OF UNREGISTERED PERSONS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 - (APPLICATION) –

Question proposed.

Hon. Enekorogha Francis: I have a little problem with the reporting pattern. When you have

the provisions of the Bill, if there is a Committee's recommendation, it must be in line with what is contained in the original Bill. That is what I expect. We have a Short Title here on the left hand side and what you have on the right hand side is very much different.

The Chairman: Hon. Frank, you do not normally get exactly what you sent out for Public Hearing. This is the outcome of the Committee's work. It does not have to be exactly what was contained in the original Bill. The Committee is recommending to us what you have at the centre as Committee's recommendations. It may be entirely worded differently as a Clause. Hon. Francis, be specific on what you are asking.

Hon. Enekorogha Francis: What I am saying is that if we have a Short Title, for instance; *This Bill may be cited as Lobbyists (Registration and Regulation) Bill, 2012* and on the Committee's recommendation; you have prohibition of unregistered persons. These are two different matters. That is what I mean.

The Chairman: Hon. Frank, I get what you are talking about now. Hon. Ali Ahmad, what you should have done was to put the proper provisions side by side with the Clauses. The Short Title should have been side by side with the Clauses, even if the Bill was wrongly drafted, it should have been properly reflected. We ought to have the Short Title on the provisions of the Bill differently. We are taking Clause 1 and that is what we are considering for recommendation, which is *Prohibition of Unregistered Persons*.

Anyway, Secretariat, take note, please.

Clause 1 - (PROHIBITION OF UNREGISTERED PERSONS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 2 - (APPLICATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 3 - (CONDITION FOR REGISTRATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 4 - (OBLIGATION OF REGISTERED LOBBYIST) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 5 - (DISCIPLINARY ACTION FOR BREACH OF RULES) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 6 - (APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRAR OF LOBBYIST) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

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Clause 7 - (REGULATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 8 - (DUTIES OF REGISTRAR OF LOBBYIST) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 9 - (CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 10 - (REVOCATION OF REGISTRATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 11 - (REPORTS BY REGISTERED LOBBYISTS) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 12 - (CONTENTS OF THE REPORT) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 13 - (ESTIMATES OF INCOME OR EXPENSES) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 14 - (OFFENCES AND PENALTIES) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 15 - (JURISDICTION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 16 - (SEVERABILITY) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 17 - (INTERPRETATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Clause 18 - (CITATION) - ordered to stand part of the Bill.

Short Title - (THIS BILL MAY BE CITED AS LOBBYIST (REGISTRATION AND REGULATION) BILL, 2012) - agreed to.

Explanatory Memorandum - agreed to.

Hon. Enekorogha Francis: I want us to suspend the Rules to enable us look at something very fundamental. If you look at the passed Clause 3 which is very fundamental, 3(c) is talking about conditions for registration and it says:

A person who applies for registration or authorization under Section 2 of this Bill may be registered or authorised by the Registrar of Lobbyists if he:

(a) Pays the prescribed fee;

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(b) Applies in the form and manner prescribed;

(c) The application is accompanied by a description of the Bill or legislative matter he is interested in.

The Chairman, when you are applying to Corporate Affairs Commission for Registration of a business, you do not at that point indicate that my interest is to construct a road between Abuja and Lokoja. That ought not to be because it is a condition precedent for anybody having the qualification to apply to the Clerk of the House to be allowed to carry out that function. At this point, you do not need to say my interest is that I am lobbying for Tobacco Bill and that is why I am registering with the Corporate Affairs Commission.

If it is allowed to go this way, it means that for any person who does not do that will be disqualified when he applies to the Clerk of the House to enable him carry out that function. My application is that, it should be expunged. They are applying to the Registrar of lobbyists and at that point you do not need specifics.

The Chairman: Hon Frank is raising some concerns about conditions for registration to be found at page 3 and with particular reference to (c). *The application is accompanied by a description of the Bill or legislative matter he is interested in.* I think he has a point there. Whatever it is, we need to suspend whatever Rules we have to suspend in order to go back to it and delete that particular aspect. Hon. Frank; please, move as such.

Hon. Francis Enekorogha: Mr. Chairman, I apply that the relevant Rules be suspended to enable us visit Clause 3 (c) of this Bill.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 3 (c) - (CONDITION FOR REGISTRATION) - *deleted*

The Chairman: Yes, you can go ahead and make a comprehensive submission.

Hon Francis Enekorogha: My application is that Clause 3 (c) and (d) be deleted.

The Chairman: Hon. Micah, you have further confused the situation. He is saying that Clause 3 (c) and (d) should be amended as thus:

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Application is accompanied by a description of the Bill or legislative matter he is interested in should be deleted and makes available a copy of the contract of engagement as a lobbyist or any other documentary evidence.

Yes, it makes sense.

Amendment put and agreed to.

Clause 3 – (CONDITION FOR REGISTRATION) – *as amended, ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Short Title - agreed to.

Schedule – *agreed to.*

Long Title- (A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND REGULATION OF LOBBYIST IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH) – *agreed to.*

Report of the House Committee on Health on A Bill for An Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the Change of the Name National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital Abuja – CONSIDERED IN THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE

The Chairman: Hon. Colleagues, this is a one-line Amendment.

Clause 1- (AMENDMENT OF CAP.P44, LFT 2004) - *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Clause 2 – (CITATION - THIS BILL MAY BE CITED AS THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL, ABUJA (ESTABLISHMENT, ETC.) ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2014 – *ordered to stand part of the Bill.*

Explanatory Memorandum - *agreed to.*

Long Title – (A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ABUJA (ESTABLISHMENT) ACT TO EFFECT THE CHANGE OF THE NAME NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ABUJA TO NATIONAL HOSPITAL, ABUJA) - *agreed to.*

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The Chairman: Leader of the House, can you please move that the House do revert to Plenary?

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that the House do revert to Plenary.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I hereby second the Motion ably moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do revert to Plenary

(The Speaker resumed the Chair)

The Speaker: Hon. Colleagues, the House in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Justice and Information Technology on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and for other Related Matters (HB 669); and:

Approved Clauses 1-12;

Deleted Clause 13;

Approved Clauses 14 - 16;

Amended Clause 17;

Approved Clauses 18 - 31;

Amended Clause 32;

Approved Clause 33 - 39;

Amended Clause 40;

Approved 41 - 59;

Approved the First and Second Schedules; and the Long Title of the Bill.

The House in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap N78, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to enable it Discharge its Functions more Efficiently and for Other Related Matters (HB 751) and approved recommendations contained therein.

The House also in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Penalize the Commission of acts of Torture and other Cruel,

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Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment to Prescribe Penalties Thereof and for Other Connected Purpose and approved the recommendations contained therein.

The House also in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committees on Health and Justice on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters (HB 700) and:

Approved Clauses 1 - 8;

Amended Clause 9;

Approved Clauses 10 - 14;

Amended Clause 15;

Approved Clauses 16 - 19,

Amended Clause 20;

Approved Clauses 2 - 52;

Approved the Second Schedules; Short Title; and Long Title.

The House in the Committee of the Whole, considered the Report of the Committee on Judiciary on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) Special Provision) Act Cap C40 LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act (HB 527) and approved the Recommendations Therein.

The House also in the Committee of the Whole, the House considered the Report of the Committee on Justice on a Bill for an Act to provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyist in Nigeria and for Other Matters Connected Therewith and approved Clauses 1 – 2 and amended Clause 3, approved Clauses 4 – 17, the Schedule and the Long Title of the Bill.

The House also in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health on a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja and for Other Matters Connected

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Therewith and approved the Recommendations as Contained Therein.

Adoption of Reports

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that the House do adopt the Report of the Committee of the Whole.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I hereby second the Motion ably moved by our Leader, while commending our Speaker for a job well done as the Chairman, Committee of the Whole.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do adopt the Reports of the Committee of the Whole.

CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

Cybercrimes (Prohibition, Prevention, etc.) Bill, 2015

A Bill for an Act to Provide for Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and for Other Related Matters (HB. 669) -

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Provide for Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and for Other Related Matters.

I now invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Provide for Prohibition, Prevention, Detection, Response and Prosecution of Cybercrimes and for Other Related Matters be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

National Sugar Development Council (Amendment) Bill, 2015

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A Bill for an Act to amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap. N78, LFN 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to Enable it Discharge its Functions more Efficiently; and for Other Related Matters –

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap. N78, LFN 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to Enable it Discharge its Functions more Efficiently; and for Other Related Matters.

The Leader of the House is invited to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to amend the National Sugar Development Council Act Cap. N78, LFN 2004 by Giving Additional Powers to the Council to Enable it Discharge its Functions more Efficiently; and for Other Related Matters be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

Anti-Torture Bill, 2015

A Bill for an Act to Penalize Commission of Acts, Torture and Other Cruel Human, Degrading Treatment or Punishment to Prescribe Penalty Thereof and for Other Connected Purposes –

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Penalize Commission of Acts, Torture and Other Cruel Human, Degrading Treatment or Punishment to Prescribe Penalty Thereof and for Other Connected Purposes.

I invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Penalize Commission of Acts, Torture and Other Cruel Human, Degrading Treatment or Punishment to Prescribe Penalty Thereof and for Other Connected Purposes be read the Third Time.

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Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

National Tobacco Control Bill, 2015 (HB. 700) (HB. 455)

A Bill for an Act to Provide the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters –

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Provide the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters.

I now invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Provide the Regulation and Control of Production, Manufacture, Sale, Advertising, Promotion and Sponsorship of Tobacco or Tobacco Products in Nigeria and for Other Related Matters be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (BH. 527)

A Bill for An Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act. Cap C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act –

Order for Third Reading.

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The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act. Cap C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act.

I invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Amend the Criminal Justice (Release from Custody) (Special Provisions) Act. Cap C40, LFN 2004 to include the Chief Judge of the Federal High Court in the list of Persons Authorised to Exercise the Power to Order the Release of Persons detained in Prisons in the Circumstances Specified in the Act be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

**Lobbyists (Registration and Regulation) Bill,
2015 (HB. 403)**

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith –

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith.

I invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Registration and Regulation of Lobbyists in Nigeria; and for Other Matters Connected Therewith be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

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**National Hospital, Abuja (Establishment, etc.)
Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 717)**

A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja –

Order for Third Reading.

The Speaker: The next Order of the Day is the Third Reading of a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja.

I now invite the Leader of the House to move for the Third Reading of the Bill.

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja (Establishment) Act to effect the change of the Name from National Hospital for Women and Children, Abuja to National Hospital, Abuja be read the Third Time.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion ably moved by the Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and passed.

**Suspension of Relevant Rules to
Adopt Votes and Proceedings**

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: I apply that our relevant Rules be suspended to enable us adopt the Votes and Proceedings of today, Thursday, 23rd April, 2015 in view of the fact that we may have Plenary suspended Thereafter.

I so move.

Hon. Essien Ekpenyong Ayi (Calabar South/Akpa Abuyo Bakassi): I second the Motion ably moved by the Acting Chairman, Rules and Business Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the relevant Rules be suspended to enable the House adopt the Votes and Proceedings of today, Thursday, 23rd April, 2015 in view of the fact that we may have Plenary suspended Thereafter.

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**ADOPTION OF VOTES
AND PROCEEDINGS**

The Speaker: Chairman, Rules and Business Committee, you have already moved for the adoption of the Votes and Proceedings. Am I right?

Hon. Uzoma Nkem Abonta: Yes, I have moved for the suspension of relevant Rules for the adoption of Votes and Proceedings. I re-affirm and move that we approve the Votes and Proceedings of today, Thursday, 23rd April, 2015 as we may be adjourning now for the obvious reason to do the needful.

I so move again.

Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari: I second the Motion ably moved by the Chairman *pro tempo*, Rules and Business Committee.

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Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do approve the Votes and Proceedings of Thursday, 23rd April, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Mulikat Akande Adeola: I move that the House do adjourn Plenary until Tuesday, 5th May, 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

Hon. Ishaka Mohammed Bawa: I second the Motion moved by the House Leader.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: That the House do stand adjourned till Tuesday, 5th May, 2015 at 10.00 a.m.

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.50 p.m.