



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 16 November, 2017

1. The House met at 11.12 a.m. Mr Deputy Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Deputy Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 15 November, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.
3. **Announcements**
 - (a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**
Mr Deputy Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:
 - (i) Staff and Students of *Cherryfield College*, Jikwoyi, Abuja;
 - (ii) Members of *Catholic Youth Organization of Nigeria (Ahiara Diocese)*, Mbaise, Imo State; and
 - (iii) Staff and Students of *Grace of God Nursery/Primary/Secondary School*, Mararaba, Karu, Nasarawa State.
4. **Petitions**
 - (i) A petition from Senior Traffic Warden (STW) Edwin Ovuru, Lagos State Command, on his dismissal from service by the Nigeria Police Force, was presented and laid by Hon. Diri Douye (*Yenagoa/Kolokuma/Opokuma Federal Constituency*);
 - (ii) A petition from Julius Olufaderin Adetimehin and 2 others, on the non release of approved take-off grant to the Federal Polytechnic, Ileoluji, Ondo State by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND), was presented and laid by Hon. Akinfolarin Mayowa (*Ileoluji-Okeibo/Odigbo Federal Constituency*);
 - (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Rita Orji (*Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*):
 - (a) Iorchir Denen Pius, on the termination of his appointment by the Police Service Commission;

- (b) Joseph Iorlaphine Ulahe, on the withdrawal of his scholarship by the Board of Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF);
- (iv) A petition from Jephtah Akuhator Atsegba, on his withdrawal from the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, was presented and laid by Hon. Benjamin Iorember Wayo (*Kwande/Ushongo Federal Constituency*);
- (v) A petition from Lovette Idisi, on the non-execution of contract awarded to Bazim Investment International Company, was presented and laid by Hon. Lovette Idisi (*Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency*); and
- (vi) A petition from Prosperity Law Firm (Notary Public, Barristers, Solicitors & Consultants), on behalf of Enogie of Eyaen and 3 others, on the poor construction of Benin-Auchi-Okene road, was presented and laid by Hon. Aisowieren Patrick (*Orhionmwon/Uhunmwode Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

5. **Matter of Urgent Public Importance (Standing Order Eight, Rule 4)**
Petition against Presco Nigeria Limited and the Continuing Abuse of Court Order and Illegal Use of Armed Men in Appropriating Customary and Ancestral Land from the Good People of Egborigun Under Agbon Kingdom of Delta State:
Hon. Lovette Idisi (*Ethiope East/Ethiope West Federal Constituency and 3 others*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance — ***Agreed to.***

Matter to stand over till the next legislative day.

6. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Red Cross Society Act, Cap. N130, LFN, 2004 to Clarify the Object of the Society and Increase Some Penalties; and for Related Matters. (HB.1135) — Second Reading**
Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Nigerian Red Cross Society Act, Cap. N130, LFN, 2004 to Clarify the Object of the Society and Increase Some Penalties; and for Related Matters. (HB.1135) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Evelyn Omavowan Oboro — Okpe/Sapele/Uvwie Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Civil Society and Development Partners.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Extradition Act, Cap. E25, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Render Illegally obtained Evidence Inadmissible, give Discretion to the Court with regard to Certification of Electronically Generated Documents; and for Related Matters (HB. 1187) — Second Reading**

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

8. Need to Investigate the Nature of the Contract and/or Concession Arrangement on the Second Niger Bridge and the Lagos - Ibadan Expressway
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that contracts for construction of the Second Niger bridge and reconstruction of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway have continued to feature in the annual budgets without any seeming signs of their completion or the amount required to do so;

Also notes the revelation by the Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, while commenting on the 2017 Appropriation Act that monies for the projects were reduced and they may become elephant projects as they are not under any concessional or Public Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangement;

Aware that the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) had spent about ₦18 billion on the projects as the financier during their early stages;

Cognizant that the completion of the projects is pivotal to national development as they have potentials to douse tension across the country, especially in the face of the widespread agitations for restructuring of the governance mode of the country and separation by some pressure groups;

Concerned that the manner of execution of the projects is not in accordance with defined methods for executing projects and /or contracting procedures;

Believes that unless proactive steps are taken to ensure early completion of the projects, the efforts that have been made to ease the transportation difficulties of the people would have been in vain, businesses would continue to suffer heavy losses and operational costs, while the originally intended aim of galvanizing the various interests of Nigerians through the execution of the projects will remain unfulfilled;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include funds in the 2018 budget for the completion of the projects; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the Nature of the Contracts and Concession Arrangements and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Solomon Bulus Maren — Mangu/Bokkos Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

“Urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, to formalize and perfect a particular Form of Contract Agreement, put same in place immediately and report back within three months” (*Hon. Muhammed Sani Abdu — Alkeleri/Kirfi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Main Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that contracts for construction of the Second Niger bridge and reconstruction of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway have continued to feature in the annual budgets without any seeming signs of their completion or the amount required to do so;

Also noted the revelation by the Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Babatunde Fashola, while commenting on the 2017 Appropriation Act that monies for the projects were reduced and they may become elephant projects as they are not under any concessional or Public Private Partnership (PPP) Arrangement;

Aware that the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority (NSIA) had spent about ₦18 billion on the projects as the financier during their early stages;

Cognizant that the completion of the projects is pivotal to national development as they have potentials to douse tension across the country, especially in the face of the widespread agitations for restructuring of the governance mode of the country and separation by some pressure groups;

Concerned that the manner of execution of the projects is not in accordance with defined methods for executing projects and /or contracting procedures;

Believed that unless proactive steps are taken to ensure early completion of the projects, the efforts that have been made to ease the transportation difficulties of the people would have been in vain, businesses would continue to suffer heavy losses and operational costs, while the originally intended aim of galvanizing the various interests of Nigerians through the execution of the projects will remain unfulfilled.

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing to include funds in the 2018 budget for the completion of the projects; and
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Works to investigate the Nature of the Contracts and Concession Arrangements and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (HR. 165/2017).

9. Need to Investigate the Alleged Unlawful Elongation of the Tenure of the Board of the Niger Delta Development Commission by the Former Secretary to the Government of the Federation

Motion withdrawn by leave of the House.

10. Non Release of National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment Intervention Fund and the Consequences on the Nation's Educational Development
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that between December 2011-January 2012, academic activities at public universities were suspended owing to the non-implementation of the 2009 Agreement between the Federal Government and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU);

Aware that in a bid to nip in the bud a re-occurrence, the Federal Government set up a Committee on National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment of Public Universities with a view to carefully considering specific and general needs of those Universities;

Also aware that upon completion of its assignment, the Committee submitted its report to the National Economic Council (NEC) on 1 November, 2012, leading to the constitution of Stakeholders Committee on National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment of Public Universities;

Notes that the Federal Government, at a meeting with the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC), the Trade Union Congress (TUC) and the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) on the need to revitalize public Universities, resolved to release the sum of ₦1,300,000,000,000.00 (One Trillion, Three Hundred Billion Naira) only (aside annual budgetary allocations and regular Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFUND) intervention) to be disbursed as follows:

(i)	₦200,000,000,000.00	—	2013,
(ii)	₦220,000,000,000.00	—	2014,
(iii)	₦220,000,000,000.00	—	2015,
(iv)	₦220,000,000,000.00	—	2016,
(v)	₦220,000,000,000.00	—	2017,
(vi)	₦220,000,000,000.00	—	2018;

Also notes that the Federal Government also agreed to release the sum of ₦55,000,000,000.00 on quarterly basis into a Dedicated Account at the Central Bank of Nigeria for the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment projects;

Acknowledges that in 2013, the total sum of ₦200,000,000,000.00 (Two Hundred Billion Naira) only, was released which was domiciled in a Dedicated Account opened with the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) titled "Revitalization of Public Universities Infrastructure" Account and under the management of the Honourable Minister of Finance and the Accountant General of the Federation;

Concerned that till date, only the initial payment of ₦200,000,000,000.00 (Two Hundred Billion Naira) only, had been paid into the account, leaving the outstanding balance of ₦1,100,000,000,000.00 yet to be released;

Cognizant that the failure to release the funds as at when due has hampered the infrastructural development of public universities and may further disrupt the smooth academic programmes at the universities if not quickly addressed;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the non-release of the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment Intervention Fund to public Universities and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Samuel Ikon — Etinan/Nsit Ibom/Nsit Ubium Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to investigate the non-release of the National Economic Empowerment and Development Strategy (NEEDS) Assessment Intervention Fund to public Universities and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 166/2017**).

11. Need to Control the Proliferation of Universities in Nigeria

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

12. Call to Halt the Proposed Plan to Stop Admission of Combatant Female Cadets into the Nigerian Defence Academy
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that Section 42 (1) of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 prohibits discriminatory practices against any person on the basis of sex, etc;

Also notes that Nigeria is a signatory to the Beijing Declaration of 1995 and the Follow Up Summit on Strengthening the Institutional Arrangements for Support of Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women, which also coincided with Agenda 113 of the 7th session of the United Nations General Assembly of 2012;

Further notes that Affirmative Action means positive steps be taken to increase the representation of women and minorities in areas of employment, education and all such other areas from which they have historically been excluded;

Informed that in 2011, the Nigerian Defence Academy admitted the first set of twenty (20) female Cadets into the Regular Combatant Commission which will afford the Cadets the opportunity to aspire to head any of the Armed Services in the future;

Aware of a report in the Punch Newspaper of Monday, 13 November, 2017, captioned "Military Stop Admission of Combatant Female Cadets" which, if true amounts to a major policy reversal of monumental proportion and a set back because scraping the course for women will deny them the opportunity of heading any Arm of the Nigerian Military;

Cognizant that institutions are usually established to promote the provisions of the Constitution and not to breach them as the move to end the admission of female Cadets seems to suggest;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Armed Forces Council and the Federal Ministry of Defence to halt the plan to stop admission of Combatant Female Cadets into the Nigerian Defence Academy; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Defence, Army, Navy and Air Force to investigate the matter and report back within four (4) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Omosede G. Igbinedion — Ovia Northeast/Ovia Southwest Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (iii) as follows:

"Urge the Armed Forces Council and Ministry of Defence, to increase the number of female combatant cadets as all available records had shown professionalism by female cadets" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency*).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Main Question on the Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

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- (iii) also urge the Armed Forces Council and Ministry of Defence, to increase the number of female combatant cadets as all available records had shown professionalism by female cadets (HR. 167/2017).

13. Consideration of Reports

- (i) ***A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area; and for Related Matters (HB. 105) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of the School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area; and for Related Matters (HB. 105) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISH OF THE
SCHOOL OF MINES AND GEOLOGICAL STUDIES IN AKOKO-EDO
LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: Establishment of School of Mines and Geology Studies.

- (1) There is established the School of Mines and Geological Studies (in this Bill referred to as "the School") which shall have such powers and exercise such functions as conferred on it by this Bill.
- (2) The School shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 2:**
- (1) There is established for the School a governing council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall be responsible for the consideration and approval of:
 - (a) the plan of activities of the School;
 - (b) the programme of studies, courses, and research to be undertaken by the School;
 - (c) the annual budget estimates of the school; and
 - (d) the investment plans of the School.
 - (2) The provisions of the Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the Council as specified therein (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 3: Membership of the Council of the school.

The Council shall consist of a Chairman and the other members, to be appointed by the Minister:

- (a) the person responsible for tertiary education in the Federal Ministry of Education; a representative of a University/Polytechnic who in the case.
- (b) a representative of the alumni association of the School;
- (c) three persons appointed on individual merit on a nationwide basis who should have wide related experience of service in the public or private sector;
- (d) two representatives of the Academic Board of the School;
- (e) one representative of the National Board for Technical Education and
- (f) the Provost of the School (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Term of Office of Membership of the Council.

- (1) A member of the Council (other than an *ex-officio* member) shall hold office for a term of three years and be eligible for reappointment for a further period of three years.

- (2) The office of a member appointed under section 3 of this Bill shall become vacant if:
- (a) the member resigns his/her appointment by notice in writing under his hand, addressed to the Minister; or
 - (b) the Minister is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the School for the person appointed to continue in office and notifies the member in writing to that effect (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Functions of the School.

The functions of the School shall be:

- (a) to provide full-time courses in Mining and Geological Studies:
 - (i) to serve as a home for research activities in all fields of Geology, Survey and Exploration, in such other fields of applied learning relevant to the needs of the development of Nigeria,
 - (ii) research in the development and adaptation of techniques as the council may from time to time determine,
 - (iii) to train manpower for the mineral exploration, mining, processing and extraction industries;
- (b) to conduct courses in Mining and Geological Studies for miners;
- (c) to arrange conferences, seminars and workshops in relevant fields of learning; and
- (d) to perform such other functions as in the opinion of the Council may promote the objectives of the School (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Powers of the Council.

The Council shall have powers to:

- (a) hold examination and grant diploma, professional certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved and accredited by the National Board for Technical Education;
- (b) demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the School for the purpose of instruction such fees as the council may, with the prior approval of the Minister, from time to time determine;
- (c) hold public lectures and undertakes printing, publishing and selling;
- (d) provide amenities for the welfare of the staff of the School;

- (e) invest the surplus funds of the School on programmes that by law as may be approved by the Council; enter into such contracts as may be necessary or expedient for carrying into effect the objectives of the School;
- (f) recruit staff of the right caliber and determine the career structure of such staff;
- (g) establish and maintain such schools and other units within the school or extra-mural departments as the Council may, from time to time decide;
- (h) institute and award fellowships, medals, prizes and other titles;
- (i) mount exhibitions and display designs to foster appreciation of techniques and technology; erect, provide, equip and maintain such educational, recreational and residential facilities as the School may require;
- (j) create lectureships and other academic posts and offices to make appointments thereto;
- (k) encourage and make provision for research in the School and; do such things incidental to the foregoing powers as may advance the objects of the school (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Visitation.

- (1) The Minister of Education shall be the visitor of the School.
- (2) The Visitor shall, not less than once in every two years, conduct a visitation of the School or appoint a visitation panel consisting of not less than five experts to conduct the visitation:
 - (a) for the purpose of evaluating the academic and administrative performance of the School; or
 - (b) for such other purpose the Visitor may deem fit (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 8: The Academic Board and its Functions.

- (1) There shall be established for the School a board to be known as the Academic Board which shall consist of the following members:
 - (a) the Provost of the School who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Deputy Provost, Deans of Departments, Professors Reader/Chief- Readers and the Registrar who shall be the Secretary;
 - (c) the School Librarian; and
 - (d) not more than two members of the academic staff other than heads of departments to be elected by the Congregation.
- (2) The Academic Board shall be responsible for:

- (a) the direction and management of academic matters to the School including the regulation of admission of students, the award of certificates, scholarships, prizes, and other academic distinctions;
- (b) making periodic reports on such academic matters to the Council as the Council may from time to time direct;
- (c) discharging any other functions which the Council may from time to time delegate to it (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 9: Power of Minister to give direction to the Council.

Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Minister may give to the Council directions of a general character or relating generally to matters of policy with regards to the exercise by the Council of its functions under this Bill and it shall be the duty of the Council to comply with such directions (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: The Provost of the School.

- (1) There shall be a Provost of the School (in this Bill referred to as *lithe* Provost") who shall be appointed by the Minister of Education, in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2) Where a vacancy exists in the post of Provost, the Council shall:
 - (a) advertise the vacancy in a reputable journal or a widely read newspaper in Nigeria specifying:
 - (i) the qualifications of the person who may apply for the post;
 - (ii) the terms and conditions of service applicable to the post, and thereafter draw up a short list of suitable candidates for consideration;
 - (b) constitute a search team consisting of:
 - (i) a member of the Council not being a member of the Academic Board, as Chairman;
 - (ii) two members of the Academic Board not below the rank of Chief Lecturer;
 - (iii) two members of the academic community of the School not below the rank of Chief Lecturer to be selected by the Council, to identify and draw up a short list of suitable person who are not likely to apply for the post for any reason whatsoever (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 11: Deputy Provost.

- (1) There shall be for the School a Deputy Provost.
- (2) The Council shall appoint the Deputy Provost from among the Chief Lecturers in the School in the following ways, that is:
 - (a) from a list three candidates in order of preference, submitted by the Provost;
 - (b) on the recommendation of a selection Board constituted under this section for that purpose; or
 - (c) on the nomination of the Provost.
- (3) The selection Board referred to in this subsection (2) of this section shall:
 - (a) consist of:
 - (i) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (ii) the Provost;
 - (iii) two members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board, one of whom shall be the member appointed by the Minister;
 - (iv) two members of the Academic Board; and
 - (b) make such inquiries as it deems fit before making the recommendation required under that subsection.
- (4) The Deputy Provost shall:
 - (a) be in charge of academic activities and assist the Provost in the performance of his functions;
 - (b) act in the place of Provost when the post of Provost is vacant or if for any reason the Provost is unable to perform his functions as Provost, and
 - (c) perform such other functions as the Provost or the Council may assign to him.
- (5) The Deputy Provost:
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of two years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of two years and no more (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 12: The Registrar or other staff of the school.

- (1) The Council of the School shall appoint a Registrar to the School (hereinafter referred to as the Registrar) who shall keep the records and conduct the correspondence of the Council and shall perform such other duties as the Council and subject thereto as the Provost may from time to time direct.
- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to other duties conferred on him by or under this Bill, be the Secretary of the Council, the Academic Board and any committee of the Council and in his absence, the Councilor of any such Committee may appoint some other person to act as Secretary, and he shall not vote on any question before the Councilor count towards a quorum.
- (3) A Registrar:
 - (a) shall hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for one further period of five years and no more.
- (4) Where on the commencement of this section a Registrar appointed before the commencement of the section has held office:
 - (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the School;
 - (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him serve as Registrar for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the School (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 13: Other Principal Officers of the School.

- (1) There shall be for the School the following principal officers in addition to the Registrar, that is:
 - (a) the Bursar; and
 - (b) the School Librarian, who shall be appointed by the Council on the recommendation of the selection Board constituted under section 10 of this Bill.
- (2) The Bursar shall be the Chief financial officer of the School and be responsible to the Provost for the day-to-day administration and control of the financial affairs of the School.
- (3) The School Librarian shall be responsible to the Provost for the administration of the School Library and the coordination of the School library services in the teaching units of the School.

- (4) A Bursar or Librarian:
- (a) shall each hold office for a period of five years beginning from the effective date of his appointment and on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment; and
 - (b) may be reappointed for a further period of five years and no more.
- (5) Where on the commencement of this section a Bursar or Librarian has held office:
- (a) for five years or less he shall be deemed to be serving his first term of office and may be reappointed for a further term of five years;
 - (b) for more than five years but less than ten years, he shall complete the maximum period of ten years and thereafter relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the School;
 - (c) for ten years or more, the Council may allow him to serve in that capacity for a further period of one year only and thereafter he shall relinquish his post and be assigned other duties in the School (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 14: Resignation of appointment of principal officer.

A principal officer may resign his appointment:

- (a) in the case of the provost Rector, by notice of the Visitor; and of
- (b) in any other case, by notice of the Council (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 15: Other employee.

- (1) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the School as the Council may determine to assist the Provost and the Principal Officers of the School in the performance of their functions under this Bill.
- (2) Subject to the provisions of this Bill the remuneration, tenure of and conditions of service of the employees of the Council shall be determined by the Council in consultation with the Federal Civil Service Commission (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Selection Board for other Principal Officer.

- (1) There shall be for the School, a selection Board which shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman of the Council;
 - (b) the Provost;
 - (c) four members of the Council not being members of the Academic Board; and

- (d) two members of the Academic Board.
- (2) The functions, procedures and other matters relating to the selection Board constituted under subsection (1) of this section shall be as the Council may, from time to time, determine (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 17: Pension.

- (1) It is hereby declared that service in the School shall be approved service for the purposes of the Pension Reform Act, 2004 and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the School shall in respect of their service in the School be entitled to pension, gratuities and other retirement benefits as are prescribed thereunder, however, that nothing in this Bill shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of a pension and gratuity in respect of that office.
- (2) For the purpose of the application of the provisions of the pension Reform Act, any power exercisable thereunder by a Minister or other authority of the Government of the Federation (other than the power to make regulations) shall be exercisable by the School and not by any other person or authority (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

- Clause 18:**
- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund which shall be applied towards the promotion of the objectives specified in this Bill.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section:
- (a) such sums as may from time to time be granted to the Council by the Minister of Education or as may be renamed at any point in time;
- (b) all moneys raised for the purposes of the Council by way of gifts, grants-in-aids or testamentary disposition; and all subscriptions, fees and charges for services rendered by the Council and all other sums that may accrue to the Council from any source.
- (3) The Council shall submit to the Minister not later than three months before the end of each financial year or at such other time as he may direct, an estimate of its revenue and expenditure for the next succeeding financial year (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 19: Power to accept gift.

The Council may accept gifts of land, money, or other property upon such terms and conditions if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift provided such conditions do not conflict with or undermined the objectives of the School as provided in this Bill (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 20: Account and Audit.

The Council shall keep proper accounts of its receipts, payments, assets and liabilities and shall in respect of each year cause the accounts to be audited (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 21: Annual Report.

The Council shall soon as may be after the expiration of each financial year prepare and submit to the Minister a report of its activities during the immediately preceding financial year and shall include in the report copy of the audited accounts of the School for that year and of the auditors report on the accounts (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 22: Offices and Premises.

- (1) For the purposes of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions, the Council may:
 - (a) purchase any interest in or take on lease any land; and
 - (b) build, equip and maintain offices and premises.
- (2) The Council may with the approval of the Minister sell any interest in or lease any land, offices or premises held by it and no longer required for the performance of its function (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 23: Discipline of Staff and Student.

- (1) The Council may make rules providing for the Provost to conduct enquiries into alleged breaches of discipline, dereliction of duties and gross misconduct a (including lack of diligence) by students or staff, and such rules may make different provisions for different circumstances.
- (2) The rules shall provide for the procedure and rules of evidence to be followed at enquiries under this section.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of subsection (1) of this section, where it is proved during the enquiry that any staff or student of the School has been guilty of misconduct, the Provost may, without prejudice to any other disciplinary powers conferred on him by this Bill or any regulations made hereunder direct:
 - (a) that the staff or student shall not, during such period as may be specified in the direction, participate in such activities of the School, or make use of such facilities of the School, as may be so specify;
 - (b) that the activities of the staff or student shall during such period as maybe;

- (c) specified on the directions, be restricted in such manner as may be so specified; or that the staff or student may be suspended for such period as may be specified in the direction; or
 - (d) that the staff or student be expelled from the School.
- (4) Where there is temporarily no Provost or where the Provost refuses to apply any disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary measures, the Council may, either directly or through some other staff, apply such disciplinary actions as are specified in subsection (a) of this section to any staff or student of the School who is guilty of misconduct.
 - (5) Where a direction is given under subsection (3) (a) or (d) of this section in respect of any student, the staff or student may, within twenty-one days from the date of the letter communicating the decision to him, appeal from the direction to the Council, and where such an appeal is brought, the Council shall, after causing such inquiry to be made in the matter as the Council considers just, either confirm or set aside the direction or modify it in such manner as the Council may think fit.
 - (6) The fact that an appeal from a direction is brought in pursuance of subsection of this section shall not affect the operation while the appeal is pending.
 - (7) The Provost may delegate his powers under this section to a disciplinary committee consisting of such members of the School as he may nominate.
 - (8) Nothing in this section shall be construed as preventing the restriction or termination of a staff's appointment or student's activities at the School otherwise than on the ground of misconduct.
 - (9) It is hereby declared that the direction under subsection (3) (a) of this section may be combined with a direction under subsection (3) (b) of this section.
 - (10) In all cases under this section, the decision of the Council shall be final unless reversed by the Minister on appeal by the staff or student (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 24: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Chairman" means the Chairman of the Council (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"School" means the School of Mines and Geological Studies established by section 1 of this Bill and "Schools" shall be construed accordingly (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" means the Governing Council of the School established by section 2 of this Bill (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Congregation" means academic and non-academic staff of the School with first degree or Higher National Diploma (HND) (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Functions" includes powers and duties (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member" means a member of Council including the Chairman (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters relating to the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"Provost" means the Provost of the School appointed under section 9 of this Bill (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

"The person responsible for the advancement and development of Mining and Geological Studies" means the person appointed by the Minister to oversee the School in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Clause 25: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the School of Mines and Geological Studies (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULE

Section 2 (2)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL, ETC.

Terms of service

1. There may be paid to the members of the council any committee, other than *ex-officio* members, such remunerations and allowances as may from time to time be determined by the Minister.
2. Where a vacancy occurs in respect of the membership specified in section 3 (1) (d), it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor in office and such successor shall represent the same interest as his predecessor.
3. The Council may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership or any defect in the appointment of a member or the absence of a member.

Proceedings

4.
 - (1) The Council shall meet for the conduct of business at such times, places and on such days the Chairman may appoint but shall meet not less than once every four months.
 - (2) The Chairman may at any time at the request in writing of not less than 6 members, convene a meeting of the Council.
 - (3) At any meeting of the Council the Chairman shall preside; but in his absence, member present shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
 - (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt persons who are not members of the Council but persons co-opted shall not be entitled to vote at a meeting.

Of the Council.

- (5) The quorum of the Council shall be one half of the total members of the Council at least one of whom shall be a member appointed by the Minister.
- (6) Decisions of the Council shall be made on approval by a simple majority of members.

Miscellaneous.

5.
 - (1) The fixing of the seal of the School shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman, Provost and of some other members of the Council authorized generally or specially by the Council to act for that purpose.
 - (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person other than a body corporate would not be required to be under seal may be made or executed on behalf of the School by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.

- (3) Any document purporting to be duly executed under the seal of the School shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed to be so executed (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish a School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area of Edo State, to serve as a training ground for would be geologists/miners, and thereby enhance diversification of the Nigerian economy, creation of wealth and generation of employment (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establish of the School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area and for Related Matters (HB. 105) (*Hon. Akpatason Peter Ohiozogh — Akoko-Edo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report on a Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of School of Mines and Geological Studies in Akoko-Edo Local Government Area; and for Related Matters (HB. 105) and approved Clauses 1 - 25, the Schedule, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

- (ii) ***A Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) (Committee of the Whole):***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Kayode Oladele — Egbado North/Imeko Afon Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIAN FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY AS THE CENTRAL BODY IN NIGERIA RESPONSIBLE FOR RECEIVING,
REQUESTING, ANALYZING AND DISSEMINATING FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND
OTHER INFORMATION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, SECURITY AND INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES
AND OTHER RELEVANT AUTHORITIES; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB.1082)

Debate.

Consideration deferred to enable the Committee on Financial Crimes liaise with Committee on Rules and Business to re-examine and represent the Bill in line with acceptable format.

Chairman to report progress

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Financial Intelligence Agency as the Central Body in Nigeria Responsible for Receiving, Requesting, Analyzing and Disseminating Financial Intelligence Report and Other Information to Law Enforcement, Security and Intelligence Agencies and Other Relevant Authorities; and for Related Matters (HB.1082) till Tuesday, 21 November, 2017.

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

- (iii) ***Ad-hoc Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria: Motion made and Question proposed,*** “That the House do consider the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria and approve the recommendations therein” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

“That there should be an enactment of a new broadcasting law to encompass elements of digitisation, define roles and responsibilities of the Federal, State, Local Governments and the Private Sector” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

“That there should be amendments to existing legislations to incorporate Government Policy Recommendations on Digital Broadcasting in Nigeria and to legalise Digital Access Fee (DAF) and Conditional Access Fee (CAF)” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That there should be an amendment to the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) Act to strengthen its regulatory responsibility and develop a standard regulatory documentation for digital broadcasting as contained in the White Paper Report" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iv):

"That there should be an effective collaboration between the Ministry of Information and the NBC on the Digital Switch Over Process. The NBC and the Ministry should develop the proposed National Media Content Policy for the Digital TV era, covering a media content master plan including Media Content Fund (MCF) to fund content production. Management of the Fund should be as proposed by the Ministry with necessary legal backing" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (v):

"That the optimal management of Spectrum for the DSO should be ensured by the Ministry. It is equally important to confirm the total amount harvested from the sale of the spectrum by the NBC and how these monies were expended" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vi):

"That the Standard Organisation of Nigeria (SON) should be involved in the activities of Set Top Box Manufacturers to ensure standard and avoid a situation where the Country is turned into a dumping ground for substandard and obsolete equipment" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (vii):

"That the NBC should collaborate with Nigcomsat on the best way to use its facilities for the switch over to enable the country conserve foreign exchange" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (viii):

"That the Government should offer more incentives to Set Top Box Manufacturers to encourage local manufacturing of STBs but not necessarily to provide a subsidy" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ix):

"That the licence issued to Set Top Box Manufacturers who have failed or neglected to establish manufacturing plants to engage the teeming unemployed youths and create other opportunities in pursuit of local content, should be withdrawn forthwith in accordance with the terms of the licence and consider licensing or replacing them with Nigerian companies which have capacity in accordance with the provisions of the White Paper" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (x):

“That the Ministry and other key stakeholders should initiate effective public enlightenment programmes to create awareness on the process and expectations of the Digital Switch Over” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xi):

“That the ongoing Phase/State implementation of the DSO strategy should be thoroughly supervised and monitored by the Ministry, Signal Distributors must exhibit capacity to cover at least 80% of an assigned State before being allocated or proceeding to another State” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xii):

“That the issues surrounding the quality of equipment purchased by one of the licensed Signal Distributors as observed during the oversight tour of the Committee, should further be investigated in order to assure Nigerians and ensure standard in line with global best practices. The actual amount paid to ITS by NBC must be ascertained for the records” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xiii):

“That the NBC should coordinate the activities of STB Manufacturers and the Content Aggregators in the manner recommended by the White Paper” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xiv):

“That in view Technology development, the process should be further investigated on the public procurement infractions observed during the investigation as well as status of funds generated and utilized” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xv):

“That the Ministry and the NBC should ensure regional collaboration on DSO timelines/final switch off date” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xvi):

“That Analogue Broadcasting should not be switched off until 95% DSO coverage is achieved in the country” (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (xvii):

"That all parties that were not contemplated by the White Paper but were somewhat brought in, albeit inadvertently by the regulator in furtherance of this process, should be excised in the spirit of equity and integrity of the process as well as in the interest of the country in general" (*Hon. Sunday Marshall Katung — Jaba/Zangon-Kataf Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee to Investigate the Process of Digital (Broadcast) Switch Over in Nigeria and approved Recommendations (i) - (xvii) of the Report.

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

14. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Tuesday, 21 November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.17 p.m.

Yussuff Sulaimen Lasun
Deputy Speaker