



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 28 November, 2017

1. The House met at 11.13 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 Thursday, 23 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 *Junior Secondary School*, Dutse Sagwari, Abuja; and
 - (ii) Staff and Students of *Grace of God Nursery/Primary Secondary School*, Mararaba, Nasarawa State.

- (b) **Bereavement:**

By leave of the House, Hon. Ben Nwankwo (*Orumba North/Orumba South Federal Constituency*), announced the demise of Dr Alex Ifeanyichukwu Ekwueme, former Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which occurred on Sunday, 19 November, 2017 at the age of 85. He described the deceased as a highly detrabalised Nigerian who gave his best as a professional, businessman and politician to the service of the nation. He prayed the House to upgrade the Federal Polytechnic, Oko to a University status and name it after him and also observe a minute silence in his honour.

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

4. **Petition**

A petition from Leo Ekpenyong & Co. (Legal Practitioners), on the refusal to honour their agreement with the Managing Director of Niger Delta Development Commission, was presented and laid by Hon. Kingsley Chinda (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

- (i) **Violation of the Niger Delta Development Commission Act and its Attendant Consequences:**
Hon. Asuquo Daniel Ofongo (*Akamkpa/Biase Federal Constituency*) 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.

- (ii) **Need to Stop the Discriminatory Local Language Policy Proposed by the Nigerian Army:**
Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie (*Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency and 1 other*) 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 Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦8,612,236,953,214 (Eight Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen Naira) only, of which ₦456,458,654,074 (Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Seventy-Four Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,233,835,365,699 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦3,494,277,820,219 (Three Trillion, Four Hundred Ninety-Four Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Thousand, Two Hundred and Nineteen Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,427,665,113,222 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2018 (HB. 1207) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed. “That a Bill for an Act to Authorize the issue from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation the total sum of ₦8,612,236,953,214 (Eight Trillion, Six Hundred and Twelve Billion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Six Million, Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Fourteen Naira) only, of which ₦456,458,654,074 (Four Hundred and Fifty-Six Billion, Four Hundred and Fifty-Eight Million, Six Hundred and Fifty-Four Thousand, Seventy-Four Naira) only, is for Statutory Transfers, ₦2,233,835,365,699 (Two Trillion, Two Hundred and Thirty-Three Billion, Eight Hundred and Thirty-Five Million, Three Hundred and Sixty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira) only, is for Debt Service, ₦3,494,277,820,219 (Three Trillion, Four Hundred Ninety-Four Billion, Two Hundred and Seventy-Seven Million, Eight Hundred and Twenty-Thousand, Two Hundred and Nineteen Naira) only, is for Recurrent (Non-Debt) Expenditure while the sum of ₦2,427,665,113,222 (Two Trillion, Four Hundred and Twenty-Seven Billion, Six Hundred and Sixty-Five Million, One Hundred and Thirteen Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty-Two Naira) only, is for contribution to the Development Fund for Capital Expenditure for the year ending on 31 December, 2018 (HB. 1207) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Debate.

Debate adjourned till Wednesday, 29 November, 2017.

7. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence and by including a Representative of the Traditional Institution and the Youth Council in the Membership of the Board of the Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 875 and HB. 1047) — *Second Reading***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Orientation Agency Act, Cap. N64, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide an Operational Framework for the Global Initiative for Harmony Corps to Promote Inter-Ethnic Integration, Mediation, Peace-Building, Mutual Understanding, Patriotism for Peaceful Co-existence and by including a Representative of the Traditional Institution and the Youth Council in the Membership of the Board of the Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 875 and HB. 1047) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Ehiozuwa Agbonayinma — Egor Ikpoba Okha Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committees on Information and National Orientation, Ethics and Values.

8. Need to Curb Incessant Deaths at Railway Crossings

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the incidence of 16 November, 2017 when a train derailed at Fagba area of Ifako Ijaye Federal Constituency of Lagos State and rammed into a trailer on the railway line, causing multiple crashes among trucks and other vehicles which led to the death of seven (7) persons;

Also notes that when a train derails leading to an accident, a dangerous situation usually occurs owing to the size, weight and speed of the railroad cars which makes it difficult to take any action to mitigate the damage as the safety features in vehicles cannot stand up to the force of a moving train;

Further notes that most accidents involving trains and vehicles are caused by failure of vehicle drivers to abide by highway codes and absence of railway level crossing barriers given that most crossing locations are among the most eventful points on the transportation network;

Aware that as a result of the different braking systems of a train, the right of way is granted to the train because its braking distance (depending on its weight and speed) is several hundred times longer than that of a vehicle;

Also aware that usually, some kind of alarm system arrangements are made to keep the road traffic flowing during the safe periods and suitable bell system is provided for vehicles and pedestrians in order to prevent possible accidents;

Cognizant of the need for provision of modern railway level crossing barriers, bells, railway/road signs, signals and lights and realizing the need for collaboration with highway authorities to carry out the necessary works to increase the visibility of the level crossings in order to reduce accidents at those crossings.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values and Land Transport to interface with the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) on how to provide railway level crossing barriers, highway codes and alarm system arrangements at all railway level crossings across the Federation to curb incessant deaths at Railway Crossings (*Hon. Akinwunmi Nurudeen Olaitan — Ifako/Ijaye Federal Constituency and 1 other*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Insert a new Prayer (ii) as follows:

“Also Mandate the Committee on Land Transport, to investigate the cause of the rail accident of Thursday, 16 November, 2017 that resulted in death of 7 lives at Fagba area of Ifako Ijaye Federal Constituency of Lagos State” (Hon. Femi Gbajabianila — Surulere I Federal Constituency).

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the incidence of 16 November, 2017 when a train derailed at Fagba area of Ifako Ijaye Federal Constituency of Lagos State and rammed into a trailer on the railway line, causing multiple crashes among trucks and other vehicles which led to the death of seven (7) persons;

Also noted that when a train derails leading to an accident, a dangerous situation usually occurs owing to the size, weight and speed of the railroad cars which makes it difficult to take any action to mitigate the damage as the safety features in vehicles cannot stand up to the force of a moving train;

Further noted that most accidents involving trains and vehicles are caused by failure of vehicle drivers to abide by highway codes and absence of railway level crossing barriers given that most crossing locations are among the most eventful points on the transportation network;

Aware that as a result of the different braking systems of a train, the right of way is granted to the train because its braking distance (depending on its weight and speed) is several hundred times longer than that of a vehicle;

Also aware that usually, some kind of alarm system arrangements are made to keep the road traffic flowing during the safe periods and suitable bell system is provided for vehicles and pedestrians in order to prevent possible accidents;

Cognizant of the need for provision of modern railway level crossing barriers, bells, railway/road signs, signals and lights and realizing the need for collaboration with highway authorities to carry out the necessary works to increase the visibility of the level crossings in order to reduce accidents at those crossings.

Resolved to:

- (i) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values and Land Transport to interface with the Nigeria Railway Corporation (NRC) on how to provide railway level crossing barriers, highway codes and alarm system arrangements at all railway level crossings across the Federation to curb incessant deaths at Railway Crossings; and
- (ii) also Mandate the Committee on Land Transport, to investigate the cause of the rail accident of Thursday, 16 November, 2017 that resulted in death of 7 lives at Fagba area of Ifako Ijaye Federal Constituency of Lagos State (HR. 183/2017).

9. Consideration of Report

A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation; and for Matters Related Thereto. (HB. 1139) (Committee of the Whole):

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider a Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation; and for Matters Related Thereto (HB. 1139) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

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 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL, NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FOUNDATION; AND FOR MATTERS RELATED THERETO (HB 1139)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND INNOVATION COUNCIL**Clause 1: Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council.**

There is hereby established the National Research and Innovation Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

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

Clause 2: Membership of the Council.

(1) The Council shall consist of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, as the Chairman and the following other members —

- (a) Vice President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as the Vice Chairman;
- (b) relevant Ministers of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as may be appointed into the Council by the President;
- (c) a representative of the Manufacturers Association of Nigeria (MAN);
- (d) President, Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA);
- (e) Executive Secretary, National Research and Innovation Foundation as the Secretary of the Council; and
- (f) President, Nigerian Society of Engineers;
- (g) President, Academy of Science;
- (h) representative of Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities;

- (i) Minister charged with the responsibility of Science and Technology who shall also serve as the secretary of the Council; and
 - (j) such other number of persons not exceeding five appointed by the President on the joint recommendation of the Governing Board of the Foundation and the Technical Advisory Committee to further assist the Council in the discharge of its functions.
- (2) The persons recommended for appointment under subsection (1) (f) shall be persons who have —
 - (a) minimum qualification of a university degree or its equivalent in relevant disciplines;
 - (b) a proven track record of contribution to research and development;
 - (c) necessary skills and abilities; and
 - (d) Cognate experience, professional or specialized knowledge, to make special contributions to the work of the Council.
- (3) The President and Vice -President shall respectively be the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council during the subsistence of their offices as the President and Vice -President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (4) Cabinet Ministers appointed into the Council by the President shall cease to be members of the Council in case of removal or vacation of offices as Ministers of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (5) All other members of the Council shall hold office for a maximum period of 4 years, subject to renewal for another 4 years but may be removed by the President in the interest of the public or on the grounds of non-performance or misconduct (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 3: Proceedings of the Council.

- (1) The Council shall have power to regulate its own proceedings and may make standing orders for that purpose.
- (2) The Council shall meet not less than four times in a year, or at such times as may be convened by the President
- (3) The quorum at meetings shall be $\frac{1}{3}$ of members of the Council.
- (4) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on any particular matter, the Council may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary and that person while so co-opted shall have all the privileges of a member except that he shall not be entitled to vote and shall not be counted in forming the quorum (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 4: Functions of the Council.

(1) The functions of the Council are to —

- (a) set national priorities on research, innovation and development ;
- (b) set directions to coordinate research and innovations generally (including research and development) in line with national priorities;
- (c) recommend to the President, the establishment of additional research institutes or the reform and strengthening of existing ones;
- (d) facilitate fund raising activities to support innovation in areas of national needs and priorities;
- (e) facilitate sectoral, state and local level innovations by encouraging Federal Ministries, State and Local Governments to establish sectoral, State and Local Innovation Councils respectively;
- (f) explore new strategies and alternatives for innovations and collaborations;
- (g) identify ways and means to scale and sustain innovations;
- (h) encourage universities, polytechnics, Research and Development Institutions, Centres of Excellence, Colleges of Education, Monotechnics, States, Local Governments and MDAs to innovate;
- (i) encourage all important sectors of the economy to innovate;
- (j) encourage innovation in public service delivery; and
- (k) encourage multidisciplinary and globally competitive approach to innovation.

(2) To facilitate the attainment of its objectives under section 1 of this Bill, the Council shall formulate a roadmap for innovation and create a framework for —

- (a) evolving a Nigerian model of innovation with focus on inclusive growth;
- (b) institutionalizing innovation as a culture in Nigeria from the lowest level up;
- (c) delineating policy initiatives within the Government aimed at promoting innovation;
- (d) developing and championing innovation attitudes and approaches with special focus on youths;
- (e) creating appropriate environment to foster inclusive innovation;
- (f) exploring new strategies and alternatives for innovations and collaborations;
- (g) identifying ways and means to scale and sustain innovations;

- (h) encouraging State, Local and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) to innovate;
- (i) facilitating innovations by Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs);
- (j) encouraging innovation in public service delivery;
- (k) encouraging multidisciplinary and globally competitive approaches for innovations;
- (l) convening an annual Nigeria Innovation Round Table or Summit;
- (m) carrying out such other activities connected with its functions to develop and enforce codes in order to give full expression to the general intendment of the Bill; and
- (n) facilitate the establishment of Sectoral Innovation Committees by heads of various Ministries, Departments; and Agencies at their various offices (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila – House Leader*).

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

Clause 5: Establishment, Composition, etc. of the Technical Advisory Committees of the Council.

- (1) There is hereby established a technical arm of the Council known as the Technical Advisory Committee (in this Bill referred to as the "Advisory Committee").
- (2) The Advisory Committee shall comprise of the following as may be appointed by the Council —
 - (a) the Executive Secretary of the Foundation as a Member;
 - (b) ten technocrats drawn from relevant Ministries, Departments, Agencies, Organized Private Sector and professional regulatory bodies as may be approved by the Council;
 - (c) five renowned home based Nigerian researchers and innovators one of whom shall be Chairman;
 - (d) three internationally acclaimed Nigerian researchers or innovators in the diaspora;
 - (e) Special Adviser to the President on Research and Innovation shall be a member; and
 - (f) any other individual expert or group that may be appointed as a member by the Advisory Committee by the Council.
- (3) The Technical Committee shall provide expert advice to the Council on strategies to accomplish its mandate.
- (4) In compliance with subsection 3 of this section, the Advisory Committee shall —
 - (a) prepare memos for the consideration and approval of the Council;

- (b) develop the national research and innovation priority agenda for consideration and adoption by the Council;
 - (c) recommend for approval of the Council, operational Guidelines and Annual Work Plans of Sectoral Committees; and
 - (d) monitor and report on activities of Sectoral Innovation Committee to the Council.
- (5) Tenure of the Technical Advisory Committee shall be five (5) years subject to renewal for another 5 years and no more (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

**PART II — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH AND
INNOVATION FOUNDATION GOVERNING BOARD, ETC.**

Clause 6: Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Foundation Governing Board, etc.

- (1) There is established the National Research and Innovation Foundation (in this Bill referred to as the “Foundation”) to raise, manage, disburse, and monitor funds, grants, assets as intervention for research, innovation and development activities and carry out other functions in connection with the policies of the Council as provided in this Bill.
- (2) The Foundation shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal and may sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The headquarters of the Foundation shall be in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja with field offices in the six (6) geopolitical zones of the federation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 7: Functions of the Foundation.

- (1) The functions of the Foundation are to —
 - (a) raise funds for innovation, research and development from legitimate means as stipulated under this Bill;
 - (b) implement the national research agenda based on the needs of the nation, make grants from the research fund and constitute Research Proposals Evaluation Committee to process and approve applications for grants in accordance with the national research policy;
 - (c) to provide synergy to facilitate the dissemination of research information including landmark research achievements and breakthroughs at the local, national and international levels in the media and other fora in order to boost the nations research profile;
 - (d) organize Annual Research Conferences or other events to review and evaluate progress made on the promotion of research, innovation, and invention;

- (e) announce and publicize calls for research proposals;
- (f) establish and maintain accurate and comprehensive research database, containing information about research activities, facilities, competencies, skills of the nation;
- (g) compile an Annual Research Report and publish an Annual Magazine containing a summary of the nature and scope of the main research activities in a given year;
- (h) analyse Research Management data of the Nation for decisions on areas of need;
- (i) provide strategic pre and post award support (technical and administrative) to researchers in the public and private sectors in accordance with the National Research policy;
- (j) provide support for applications by innovators and inventors for the protection of the property rights of Innovations/inventions based on national research agenda;
- (k) identify innovations and inventions that have high potential for commercialization, and display operational prototypes of such innovations and inventions in the National Technology Parks;
- (l) promotion of commercially viable prototype to products in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology;
- (m) source and provide funds for the establishment of Science and Innovation Parks to create markets where they do not exist to develop market and demonstrate the viability of innovations that others will not necessarily adopt and therefore promote sales of the national intellectual property;
- (n) monitor and assess research projects and product development processes to ascertain the quality and quantity of deliveries and adherence to relent funding modelling guidelines;
- (o) source and provide financial support to existing Research, Development and Innovation Institutes to ensure their contribution to the realization of the national research agenda;
- (p) promote relative merit and professionalism in both academic and innovative research;
- (q) enter into collaborative and cooperation agreements or arrangements with agencies, foundations and bodies with similar objectives within and outside Nigeria;
- (r) submit annual report of its incomes, expenditure and activities to the National Assembly; and
- (s) carry out such activities as are necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions under the Bill.

- (2) The Foundation shall have administrative and financial autonomy to execute its functions independently, free from external control and influence (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 8: Appointment of Executive Secretary.

- (1) There is for the Foundation an Executive Secretary who shall be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Board.
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall hold office for a term of four years and may be re-appointed for a further term of four years and no more.
- (3) The Executive Secretary shall be a person —
 - (a) with a minimum of 15 years demonstrable research experience in science and technology, engineering, medicine and other relevant disciplines and professions, preferably at doctorate level, and must demonstrate or show capacity for innovation and creativity;
 - (b) who has at least ten years cognate working experience post Master's Degree; and
 - (c) who has proven record of cognate experience in Research Management.
- (4) A candidate who must have won and managed research grants shall have an added advantage.
- (5) The Executive Secretary shall be —
 - (a) the Chief Accounting Officer of the Foundation;
 - (b) shall be responsible for the execution of programmes as approved by the Board of the Foundation and take charge of the day to day administration of the Foundation;
 - (c) responsible for general direction and superintendence of the affairs of the Foundation;
 - (d) facilitate and support the efficient performance of the activities of Sectoral Research or Innovation Councils;
 - (e) carry out such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Board of the Foundation;
 - (f) ensure proper dissemination of decisions of the Board of the Foundation to appropriate bodies, institutions or authorities; and
 - (g) carry out such other functions and duties as the Council may assign to him (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 9: Directorates of the Foundation.

There shall be for the Foundation the Directorates as listed in the Second Schedule to this Bill for the effective implementation of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 10: Other staff of the Foundation.

The Foundation may subject to the approval of the Board, appoint such other staff as it may consider necessary —

- (a) for the efficient performance of the Foundation's activities; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified from time to time by the Board (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 11: Conditions of service of employees of the Foundation.

The Foundation shall develop and implement appropriate staff conditions of service for its employees with particular regard to the issues of remuneration, pension scheme, and other fringe service benefits sufficient to attract and retain quality and high calibre manpower for the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 12: Establishment and membership of the Governing Board of the Foundation.

- (1) There is established for the Foundation a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of —
 - (a) a Chairman—
 - (i) whose appointment shall be made by President on the recommendation of the panel referred to in subsection (3) (a) of this section;
 - (ii) who must hold a minimum qualification of a university degree in either engineering, science, technology or other related discipline; and
 - (iii) who has made outstanding contributions in the areas of applied research and innovation.
 - (b) not less than nine and not more than eleven other members, appointed by the Council; and
 - (c) the Executive Secretary of the Foundation.
- (3) (a) For the purposes of appointing the members of the Board referred to in subsection (2) (b), the Council shall appoint a panel comprising eminent scientists which shall compile a shortlist of candidates of not more than 20 persons;

- (b) The panel shall compile the shortlist after following transparent and competitive processes including advertising existing vacancies on the Board of the Foundation in at least two national newspapers; receiving and scrutinizing curricula vitae submitted by interested applicants in response to news advertisements, and conducting oral interviews for shortlisted applicants, etc.,
- (4) Members of the Board must be persons who have achieved distinction in the field of science, technology and innovation, research and technology management, engineering, business and entrepreneurship or public affairs.
- (5) Without prejudice to the principle of federal character as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution, Members of the Board referred to in subsection (2) (b) shall be appointed by the President broadly representing the following sectors —
- (a) Universities and Federal government constituted Research Institutes and Allied Colleges;
 - (b) Agricultural and environmental sciences;
 - (c) Natural resources management;
 - (d) Information and communication technologies;
 - (e) Natural sciences and engineering;
 - (f) Social sciences and humanities;
 - (g) Business and industrial growth;
 - (h) Building and construction;
 - (i) National security;
 - (j) Nuclear science and biotechnology;
 - (k) Energy; and
 - (l) Health.
- (6) The supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and related matters (Hon. Femi Gbajabamila — House Leader).

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

Clause 13: Tenure of Office.

- (1) (a) Subject to the provisions of section 14 of this Bill, a person appointed to be a member of the Board of the Foundation shall hold office for a period of four years from the date of his appointment and shall be eligible for re-appointment for another four years and no more.
- (b) To ensure continuity in the leadership of the Board, at least one third of the Board must at all times consist of reappointed members.

- (c) A person appointed in accordance with section 12 (3) of this Bill to fill a vacancy on the Board shall be appointed from the same constituency and interest group as that of his predecessor and shall be entitled to only serve out the unexpired term of his predecessor (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 14: Cessation of Membership.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 8 of this Bill, a member of the Board shall cease to hold office if the member —
- (a) resigns his appointment by notice under his hand addressed to the President;
 - (b) becomes of unsound mind;
 - (c) becomes bankrupt or makes a compromise with his creditors;
 - (d) is convicted of a felony or of any offence involving dishonesty or corruption;
 - (e) becomes incapable of carrying out the functions of his office either arising from an infirmity of mind or body or any other cause.
- (2) Where the Council is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Foundation or the public for a member to continue in office, the President may remove that member from the Board.
- (3) Where a vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board, it shall be filled by the appointment of a successor to hold office for the remainder of the term of office of his predecessor and the successor shall represent the same interest, discipline or constituency as his predecessor (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 15: Remuneration of Members of the Board.

The Chairman and members of the Board shall be paid such emoluments, allowances, and benefits as may be determined by the Revenue Mobilization, Allocation and Fiscal Commission (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 16: Powers and Functions of the Board.

The Board shall have power to —

- (a) approve annual estimates, reports and statements of accounts of the Foundation;
- (b) determine the terms and conditions of service of the employees of the Foundation;
- (c) recommend the creation of research institutes and laboratories to be designated as National facilities for research required for efficient performance of the functions of the Foundation;

- (d) approve the award of research grants to be given by the Foundation in line with national priorities;
- (e) consider and approve the creation of additional Directorates as may be necessary and in accordance with the provisions of this Bill;
- (f) carry out such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Board be necessary for the advancement of science, technology and innovations in Nigeria;
- (g) consider and recommend to the Council, innovators and outstanding Researchers deserving of award and special recognition;
- (h) consider and approve the annual activities of the Foundation and cause same to be presented to the President and National Assembly ;
- (i) approve intervention fund for such other activities as may, in the opinion of the Board, be necessary for the advancement of science, engineering, technology, entrepreneurship and innovation in Nigeria (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila – House Leader*).

Question that Clause 16 stands part of the Bill – Agreed to.

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 17: Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Fund.

- (1) The Foundation shall establish and maintain a Research and Innovation Fund to which the following sources of funds shall be paid and credited —
 - (a) 1% of the National Gross Domestic Product (GDP) to be sourced from the Federal Government;
 - (b) 5% of the annual allocation to the following organizations —
 - (i) Raw Materials Research and Development Council,
 - (ii) Tertiary Education Trust (TET) Fund,
 - (iii) Automotive Development Fund (ADF),
 - (iv) National Communications Development Fund (NCDF),
 - (v) Information Technology and Development Fund,
 - (vi) Agricultural Development Fund,
 - (vii) Ecological Fund,
 - (viii) Lottery Fund,
 - (ix) Sugar Development Fund,
 - (x) Industrial Training Fund,
 - (xi) Development and Donor Agencies, etc.,

(xii) Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF),

(xiii) Organized Private Sector (OPS) — 0.5% of Technology Transfer fee.

(xiv) Solid Mineral Development fund;

(c) 5% of loanable funds from development finance Institutions such as the Bank of Industry, Nigerian Export - Import Bank (NEXIM), Development Bank of Nigeria, set aside for manufacturing industries;

(d) foreign aid or assistance from bilateral or multilateral agencies;

(e) Other Internally generated revenues of the Foundation; and

(f) all other sums accruing to the Foundation from time to time by way of gifts, grants, emolument or bequest.

(2) All monies standing to the credit of the Foundation shall be paid directly into the Fund's Bank Account (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 18: Expenditure of the Foundation.

(1) The Foundation shall apply the Fund established under Section 17 of this Bill to —

(a) the administration of the Foundation;

(b) the performance of its functions;

(c) the payment of emoluments and entitlements of members of the Council, and the members of the Board of the Foundation;

(d) the payment of personnel, overhead, allowances, benefits and other administrative costs;

(e) the cost of maintaining the head office, field offices and operating the Directorates and other interventions concerning the Sectorial Innovation Councils;

(f) the training of members of staff of the Foundation;

(g) the publication and promotion of research and innovation results from public and private sector research and development institutes;

(h) the support of national research, innovation and development bodies and for the payment of contributions to international organizations to which the Foundation subscribes; and

(i) undertake any other expenditure in connection with all or any of the functions of the Foundation Under this Bill. (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 19: Exemption from Tax.

- (1) The Foundation shall be exempt from the payment of tax on any income accruing from investments made by the Foundation.
- (2) The provisions of any enactment relating to the taxation of companies or Trust Funds shall not apply to the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 20: Investment of Income.

Subject to the approval of the Board, the Foundation may invest its income in profitable production of goods by Joint Venture, Partnerships, or Shareholding as the case may be and the net income so generated shall be paid into the fund of the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 21 Annual estimates, Income and Expenditure.

The Foundation shall, not later than 30th September in each year, submit to the Board for approval, its programme of work and estimate of its income and payments into the Foundation's Fund for the next succeeding year (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 22: Accounts and Audits.

- (1) The Foundation shall keep proper accounts in respect of each year and proper records in relation thereto and cause same to be audited.
- (2) The Accounts of the Foundation shall be audited not later than 6 months after the end of the year to which they relate by Auditors appointed by the Foundation from a list of Auditors supplied and in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Auditor-General of the Federation.
- (3) The Foundation shall prepare and submit to the Board not later than 30th September in each year, a report on the activities of the Foundation, the Audited Accounts of the Foundation and the Auditor's report for the immediate preceding year (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 23: Annual Reports.

The Foundation shall prepare and submit to the Board not later than 30th September in each year, a report on its activities, the Audited Accounts of the Foundation and the auditor's report for the immediate preceding year (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 24: Borrowing Powers.

The Foundation may with the approval of the Board or in accordance with any general guidelines approved by the Board, borrow by way of loan, or overdraft from any source, any monies required by the Foundation for meeting its obligations and discharging its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 25: Power to Accept Gifts.

- (1) The Foundation may accept gifts of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organization making the gift.
- (2) The Board shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organization making the gift are inconsistent with the objectives of the Foundation under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART IV — LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**Clause 26: Power to Accept Gifts.**

- (1) A Suit shall not be commenced against the Foundation, before the expiration of one month, after a written notice of intention to commence the suit have been served upon the Council by the intending plaintiff or his agent, and the notice shall clearly and explicitly state the —
 - (a) cause of the action;
 - (b) particulars of claim;
 - (c) name and place of the abode of intending plaintiff; and
 - (d) Relief which he claims.
- (2) The notice referred to in subsection (1) of this section and any summons, notice or other documents required or authorized to be served upon the Council under this Bill or any other enactment or law, may be served by —
 - (a) delivering same to the Executive Secretary; or
 - (b) sending it by registered post addressed to the Executive Secretary at the head office of the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 27: Restriction on Execution against Property of the Council.

- (1) In any action or suit against the Foundation, execution or attachment of process shall not be issued against the Foundation except —
 - (a) a three month notice of Intention to execute or attach has been given to the Foundation;

(b) a written Consent of the Honourable Attorney-General of the Federation and Minister of Justice is obtained and not less than three months.

(2) Any sum of money which by the Judgment of any court has been awarded against the Foundation shall, subject to the directives given by the court, where notice of appeal against the judgments has been given, be paid from the funds of the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

PART V — MISCELLANEOUS

Clause 28: Power to Purchase or take Property on Lease.

The Foundation may, subject to the Land Use Act, purchase, lease any interest in land, building or property, or build, equip and maintain such other offices and premise for efficient performance of its functions under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 29: Power to Sell or Lease out Property.

The Foundation may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease out any land, or office belonging to the Foundation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 30: Indemnity.

The Executive Secretary or any officer or employee of the Foundation shall be indemnified out of the assets of the Foundation against any liability incurred by him in defending any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, if the proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Board, Executive Secretary of the Foundation, officer or other employees of the Foundation under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 31: Power to Make Regulations.

- (1) The Foundation may with the approval of the Board, make such regulations generally for the purpose of giving full effect to the Provisions of this Bill, and in facilitating the discharge of the functions of the Foundation.
- (2) The Council may issue guidelines to give effect to the respective relevant provisions of this Bill.
- (3) Regulations made shall be published in the Federal official Gazette and in such other manner as the Foundation may prescribe (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Clause 32: Interpretation.

In this Bill —

“innovation” means the act or process of Innovating, or introducing a new product, technology, or method (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"research" means a process intended to create new or improved technology that can provide competitive advantage at the business, development, national or global level (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"development" means systematic utilization of knowledge or understanding gained from research towards the production of materials, devices, systems, or methods, including design and development of prototypes and processes (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Board" means Governing Board of the Foundation established under this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Geopolitical zone" means North East, North West, North Central, South East, South West and South South geopolitical zones of the Federation (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Public officer" means any person working in the public service of the Federation or of a State as defined in the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Science" includes any system of knowledge attained by verifiable means and the organized body of knowledge humans have gained by research (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Research Institution" includes any organization practicing research as recognized by this Bill or any Act of the National Assembly (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"Relevant Ministers" means Ministers of Science and Technology, Finance, Agriculture, Health, Education, Works and Power, Industries, Trade and Investments, Communication Technology, Justice and such other Ministers as may be determined by the President (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

"National Facilities" means facilities designated as such by the Foundation pursuant to the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

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

Clause 33: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the National Research and Innovation Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Section 12 (6)]

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE BOARD

1. Subject to this Bill and section 27 of the Interpretation Act, the Board may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Board and any committee thereof.
2. Every meeting of the Board shall be presided over by the Chairman and if the Chairman is unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their members to preside at the meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Board shall consist of the Chairman (or in an appropriate case, the person presiding at the meeting pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Schedule and six other members.
4. Upon any special occasion, the Board may co-opt any person to be member for as many meetings as may be necessary, and that person while so co-opted shall have all the rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

Committees

5. (1) Subject to its standing orders, the Board may appoint such number of standing and ad hoc committees as it thinks fit to consider and report on any matter with which the Foundation is concerned.
(2) Every committee appointed under the provisions of subparagraph (1) of this paragraph shall be presided over by a member of the Board and shall be made up of such number of persons, not necessarily members of the Board, as the Board may determine in each case.
6. The decision of a committee shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Foundation.

Miscellaneous

7. The fixing of the seal of the Foundation shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and of the Executive Secretary of the Foundation or such other member authorized generally or specifically by the Board to act for that purpose.
8. Any contract or instrument which, if made by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Foundation by the Executive Secretary or by any other person generally or specifically authorized by the Board to act for that purpose.
9. Any document purporting to be a contract, an instrument or other document signed or sealed on behalf of the Foundation shall be received in evidence and, unless the contrary is proved, be presumed, without further proof, to have been so signed and sealed.
10. The validity of a proceeding of the Board or a committee thereof shall not be adversely affected —
 - (a) by any vacancy in the membership of the Board; or
 - (b) by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Board or committee; or
 - (c) by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceeding.
11. A member of the Board or committee who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Board or committee shall declare his interest and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DIRECTORATES OF FOUNDATION

[Section 9]

1. (1) The Foundation shall have —
 - (a) a Research Policy and Strategy Directorate to be headed by a Director;
 - (b) a Research and Innovation Fund Directorate to be headed by a Director;
 - (c) a Finance and Administration Directorate to be headed by a Director who shall also be the Secretary of the Foundation;
 - (d) a Research Directorate to be headed by a Director;
 - (e) an Innovation and Product Development Directorate to be headed by a Director;
 - (f) a Monitoring and Evaluating Directorate to be headed by a Director;
 - (g) a Coordinating Directorate for Sectors, Regions, States, LGAs, Industries and other Stakeholders to be headed by a Director;

- (h) Legal Services Directorate to be headed by a Director; and
 - (i) such other Directorates as may be approved by the Board for the proper performance of the functions of the Foundation.
- 2. The Board shall on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary appoint Directors who shall be in charge of the Directorates provided under Section 9 of this Bill.
- 3.
 - (1) A Director who is in charge of the Finance and Administration Directorate shall possess a University degree or its equivalent and a minimum of twelve (12) year experience in the field of Finance, Accounting or Administration or related expertise.
 - (2) The Director of Finance and Administration shall —
 - (a) be the head of the Finance and Administration Directorate of the Foundation.
 - (b) prepare draft expenditure estimates and budget;
 - (c) be the Secretary of the Board; and
 - (d) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary.
- 4.
 - (1) A Director who is in charge of the Research, Policy and Strategy shall possess a university degree or its equivalent in either law, intellectual property rights policy or other relevant qualification in policy formulation and a minimum of twelve (12) year experience to hold the office of Director Research , Policy and Strategy Directorate of the Foundation.
 - (2) The Director Research, Policy and Strategy Directorate shall —
 - (a) be the head of the Research Policy and Strategy Directorate of the Foundation;
 - (b) formulate a National Research Policy for the country and devise strategies to implement the policies and ensure compliance with the policy document;
 - (c) receive feedback from Stakeholders and take same into consideration in the review of the National Research Policy document.
- 5.
 - (1) A Director who is in charge of the Research and Innovation Fund Shall possess a university degree or its equivalent in Accounting, Economics or other relevant qualification and a minimum of twelve (12) year experience to hold the office of Director Research and Innovation of the Foundation .
 - (2) The Director of Research and Innovation Fund shall be —
 - (a) be vested with the responsibility of initiating and coordinating funding raising activities for the Foundation as provided under this Bill;
 - (b) establish a unit each to attend to each source of fund;
 - (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive secretary.

6. (1) A Director who is in charge of the Research Directorate shall possess —

- (a) at least 10 years demonstrable research experience in Science and Technology, Engineering, Education, Medicine, humanities, Law and other related subjects preferably at Ph.D. level and must be knowledgeable in the field of innovation;
- (b) at least 10 years cognate working experience post Master Degree;
- (c) proven record of cognate experience in Research Management.

A candidate who must have won and managed research grants shall have an added advantage.

(2) The Director of Research shall —

- (a) draw out a national research agenda, make grants from research fund, established under this Bill, constitute relevant units for the Directorate and constitute the Research Proposals Evaluation Committee to process and approve applications for grants in accordance with the national research policy;
- (b) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary.

7. (1) A Director who is in charge of Innovation and Product Development Directorate shall possess —

- (a) 10 years demonstrable research experience in either Science and Technology, Engineering, Education, medicine, humanities, Intellectual Property law preferably at doctoral level and must also be knowledgeable in the field of innovation;
- (b) at least 10 years cognate working experience post Master Degree; and
- (c) proven record of cognate experience in innovation and product Development. A candidate who has patented and developed research product or has proven product development managerial skills shall have an added advantage.

(2) The Director Innovation and Product Development shall —

- (a) be responsible for formulating and reviewing a National Innovation and Product Development Strategy.
- (b) Intellectual Property right policy and ensure compliance by Innovators to the document.
- (c) provide administrative support for applications by innovators/Inventors for protection of property rights of the innovations/Inventions from the National Office of Technology Acquisition and Promotion (NOTAP).
- (d) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary;

8. (1) A Director who is in charge of Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate must be well qualified and experienced to hold the office of the Director Monitoring and Evaluation of the Foundation.
- (2) The Director Monitoring and Evaluation shall—
- (a) monitor and assess research projects and products development processes to ascertain the quality and quantity of deliverables and adherence to funding guidelines;
 - (b) submit satisfactory progress report and Monitoring and Evaluation Report of evaluators to guarantee the release of funds after the first instalment and winning subsequent awards; and
 - (c) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary.
9. A Director who is in charge of the Directorate for Sectors, Regions, States, LGAs, Industries and other stakeholders must be well qualified and experienced to hold the office of the Directorate for Sectors, Regions, States, LGAs, Industries and other Stakeholders of the Foundation.
10. The Coordinating Director for Sectors, Regions, States, LGAs, Industries and other Stakeholders shall —
- (a) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary.
11. (1) A Director who is in charge of in charge of the Legal Services Directorate Shall possess —
- (a) 12 years demonstrable experience in product development management and patent registration;
 - (b) a Ph.D. in Law preferably in Intellectual Property Law or related fields;
 - (c) at least 10 years cognate working experience post Master Degree;
- (2) The Director Legal Services Directorate shall —
- (a) have oversight responsibility over all legal and compliance related matters of the Foundation;
 - (b) serve as the Legal Adviser and Secretary of the Foundation as well as the Secretary of the governing board and therefore coordinate all matters having legal content including legal publications, Regulations and Litigations involving the Foundation;
 - (c) Provide legal advice on all matters in which the Foundation has interest;
 - (d) provide legal advice regarding the making of regulations, offer legal opinions and interpretation of laws relating to patents, intellectual property and other related laws relevant to the mandate of the Foundation;
 - (e) drafting of regulations of the Foundation or that of its Governing Board;

- (f) drafting/vetting of all agreements in which the Foundation is a party or an interested party;
- (g) advising the Foundation on all litigations in which the Foundation is a party Including appointment of external solicitors and coordinating and monitoring litigations involving the Foundation;
- (h) be the Secretary of the Foundation; and
- (i) perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the Executive Secretary (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to provide for the establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council; the National Research and Innovation Foundation to among other things, set national priorities on Research, Innovation and Development, promote the gains of the application of the outputs of research and innovation, set directions to coordinate innovation activities in line with national priorities, and facilitate fund raising activities to support science, technology and innovation activities in areas of national needs and priorities (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Provide for the Establishment of the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation; and for Matters Related Thereto (HB 1139) (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

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 the National Research and Innovation Council, National Research and Innovation Foundation; and for Matters Related Thereto (HB. 1139) and approved Clauses 1 - 33, the First and Second Schedules, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

10. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Wednesday, 29 November, 2017 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 1.41 p.m.

Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun
Deputy Speaker