



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

FIRST VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, 21 December, 2017

1. The House met at 11.27 a.m. Mr Speaker read the Prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings**
Mr Speaker announced that he had examined and approved the *Votes and Proceedings* of Wednesday, 20 December, 2017.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

Conference Committee on the Constitutional Review:

Mr Speaker announced the Membership of the Conference Committee as follows:

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| (1) | Hon. Edward Pwajok Gyang | — | <i>Chairman</i> |
| (2) | Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (3) | Hon. Sadiq Ibrahim | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (4) | Hon. Aminu Shehu Shagari | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (5) | Hon. Lynda Ikpeazu | — | <i>Member</i> |
| (6) | Hon. Diri Douye | — | <i>Member</i> |

4. **Admittance into the Chamber**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit the Deputy Governor of Edo State, His Excellency, Shaibu Philip and his entourage into the Chamber for the purpose of observing proceedings of the House, pursuant to Order Nineteen, Rule 8 (x) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives," (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*)."

Agreed to.

5. **Petitions**

- (i) A petition from A. M. Eruaga and 2 others, on the alleged proposed reversal of the appointment of Dr N. O. Aisueni to the post of Director/Chief Executive of the Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research, Benin City, Edo State, by the Joint Union and Allied Institutions sector, was presented and laid by Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*);
- (ii) A petition from Enyi Sinclair (Barrister and Solicitors), on behalf of Staff of Ascot Flowlines Nigeria Limited, on their alleged torture and abandonment by the management of Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria (AMCON), was presented and laid by Hon. Chinda Kingsley (*Obio/Akpor Federal Constituency*);

- (iii) Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Sani Umar Bala (*Tsanyawa/Kunchi Federal Constituency*):
- (a) Abdullahi Salisu and 3 others, on their alleged wrongful disengagement and computation of benefits and allowances by the management of Niger Delta Power Holding Company Limited (NDPHC);
 - (b) Maryam Danna Mohammed, on her alleged wrongful disengagement from service by the management of Niger Delta Power Holding Company Limited (NDPHC); and
 - (v) A petition from Okeke Asolvka & Co. (Solicitors and Notary Public), on behalf of Advocacy for Oil and Economic Development Initiatives, on the procurement irregularities at the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, was presented and laid by Hon. Peter Akpatason (*Akoko Edo Federal Constituency*).

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

6. **Defection**

Mr Speaker read a communication from Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoba/Okha Federal Constituency*), announcing his defection from the People's Democratic Party (PDP) to All Progressives Congress (APC).

7. **Mr Speaker's 50th Birthday**

By leave of the House, Hon. Nnenna Elendu-Ukeje Ijeoma (*Bende Federal Constituency*), rose to congratulate the Speaker, Rt Hon. Yakubu Dogara, on the auspicious occasion of his 50th birthday, on December 26, 2017. She recognised the sterling qualities and high personality of the Speaker whom she described as representing one of the very best among his peers, whose consistency and commitment to the country stems from a place of unapologetic patriotism. She appreciated Speaker Dogara's passion for, and commitment to the plight of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), victims of insurgency in the North East Nigeria, and the vulnerable in society, made manifest in his sponsorship of the North East Development Commission Bill (now an Act), and his astute efforts at ensuring increased funding for the region. She highlighted the Speaker's towering leadership which has driven progress for the House of Representatives and strengthened the place of Parliament in Nigeria's Democracy. He is also an advocate of the gender agenda.

She prayed for the Speaker and wished him a happy birthday.

The Deputy Speaker, Hon. Yussuff Sulaimon Lasun, in his remarks stated that the Speaker is a man of integrity, a true patriot, seasoned legislator, and a diligent leader who has piloted the affairs of the 8th House of Representatives with professional dexterity. He wished him a happy birthday.

Members contributed their remarks on the Speaker's birthday.

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

- (i) ***Need to Investigate the Allegations of Unwarranted Harassment, Persecution and Threat to Life by DCP Abduyari S. Lafia of the Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano against the Person and Office of the Inspector-General of Police:***

Hon. Prestige Ossy (*Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith —Agreed to.

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The House:

Aware that the Nigerian Police is the Principal Law Enforcement Agency in Nigeria vested with the constitutional duty of maintaining law and order in Nigeria;

Also aware that part of the functions of the Nigeria Police as enunciated in the Police Act include:

- (a) the prevention and detection of crime,
- (b) apprehension of offenders,
- (c) protection of life and property;

Further aware that the police Code of Conduct demands accountability from Police Officers in the exercise of their powers and frowns at every presentation of acts of corruption;

Notes that the public perception of the Police Force is at almost an all-time low and is regarded as the incubator of corrupt practices;

Recalls the President's and this regime's avowal to fight corruption to a standstill is one of the major/cardinal objectives of the Mohammed Buhari's Administration;

Also recalls that a Police Officer is generally expected to carry out his functions within the bounds of the Law and owes a duty to serve the community, protect the innocent, keep the peace and ensure that there is liberty, equality and justice for all;

Aware the office of the IGP and the DCP represent the top hierarchy of the Nigeria Police;

Concerned that allegations of threat to life, persecution and unwarranted harassment are serious issues which if left unresolved could undermine the effective discharge of the functions of the Nigerian Police;

Worried that the allegations as made bothers on very serious cases of corruption and travesty of justice which if not resolved is a disservice to the common people of Nigeria;

Also worried that if offices who show due diligence in the discharge of their public duties are vilified, hounded and intimidated instead of being commended and promoted, it will undermine the reward system and further imperil Officers morale to serve their fatherland diligently.

Resolves to:

- (i) constitute a special *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the allegations levied against the Person and Office of the IGP and other officers mentioned as part of this large scale act of corruption and victimization and report back within four (4) weeks; and
- (ii) mandate the Special *Ad-hoc* Committee to establish any actual threat to life and act of intimidation and harassment as alleged (*Hon. Prestige Ossy — Aba North/Aba South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

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 - (ii) mandate the Special *Ad-hoc* Committee to establish any actual threat to life and act of intimidation and harassment as alleged (**HR. 202/2017**).
- (ii) **Implementation of Laws Enacted by the 8th National Assembly:**
Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung (*Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Implementation of Laws Enacted by the 8th National Assembly:

The House:

Notes that the 8th National Assembly, in pursuit of its well articulated Legislative Agenda, enacted critical Laws that will positively impact the lives of Nigerians in the areas of National Security, Internally Displaced Persons, Education, Nigerians in Diaspora, Healthcare and Human Capital Development. The laws which have already been accorded Presidential ascent are:

- (i) North East Development Commission Act, 2017,
- (ii) Nigerians in Diaspora Commission Act, 2017,
- (iii) Federal University of Petroleum Resources Act, 2017,
- (iv) Federal College of Dental Technology and Therapy Act, 2017,
- (v) Air Force Institute of Technology of Nigeria Act, 2017, and
- (vi) Defense Space Administration Act, 2017;

Aware that the successful implementation of the extant laws requires adequate budgetary provision;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on Appropriation, to ensure that adequate budgetary provisions are made in the 2018 Appropriations Bill for the smooth take off of the said establishments (*Hon. Gyang Istifanus Dung — Barikinladi/Riyom Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that the 8th National Assembly, in pursuit of its well articulated Legislative Agenda, enacted critical Laws that will positively impact the lives of Nigerians in the areas of National Security, Internally Displaced Persons, Education, Nigerians in Diaspora, Healthcare and Human Capital Development. The laws which have already been accorded Presidential ascent are:

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- (v) Air Force Institute of Technology of Nigeria Act, 2017, and
- (vi) Defense Space Administration Act, 2017;

Aware that the successful implementation of the extant laws requires adequate budgetary provision;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Appropriation, to ensure that adequate budgetary provisions are made in the 2018 Appropriations Bill for the smooth take off of the said establishments (**HR. 203/2017**).

Motion made and Question proposed, “That the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (4) to enable it take more that 2 matters of urgent public importance” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(iii) ***Need to Stop Drug Abuse by Banning the Sale of Codine and Tramadol over the Counter:*** Hon. Abdussamad Dasuki (*Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

- (a) consider and approve the matter as one of urgent public importance; and
- (b) suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to allow debate on the matter forthwith.

Question that the matter be considered as one of urgent public importance — Agreed to.

Question that the House do suspend Order Eight, Rule 4 (3) to enable it debate the matter forthwith — Agreed to.

Need to Stop Drug Abuse by Banning the Sale of Codeine and Tramadol Over the Counter:

The House:

Informed of the rising incidents of indiscriminate consumption and consequent abuse of Codeine (also known as 3-Methylmorphine) in Northern Nigeria by women, young girls and boys in institutions of higher learning, working class ladies and men, married women, unemployed boys and girls, etc.;

Also informed of statistics that show over three million bottles of Codeine Syrup are consumed daily in Kano and Jigawa States alone, and when the figure from the other Seventeen States in the North is added, the stark reality of the catastrophic situation of the abuse of Codeine and other drugs in the North comes into focus;

Notes that Codeine is an opioid pain medication, sometimes called a narcotic and issued to treat mild to moderately severe pain, as a cough medicine and for diarrhea and is also an addictive drug;

Also notes that Codeine is not safe for use by someone who has severe breathing problems, a blockage in the stomach or intestines, frequent asthma attacks, by hypoventilation as it has the capacity to slow breathing and may be habit-forming as the misuse of this medicine can cause addiction, over dose or death, especially in a child or other person using the medicine without prescription;

Further notes that Codeine is not recommended for use by children under the age of twelve and should not be used by any person under eighteen years who had recently undergone surgery to remove his tonsils or adenoids or during pregnancy as it may cause life-threatening withdrawal symptoms in the new born baby who could also become dependent on Codeine;

Equally notes that fatal side effects can occur if Codeine is used with alcohol or with other drugs that cause drowsiness or slow one's breathing, and in some people, Codeine breaks down rapidly in the liver and reaches higher than normal levels in the body, thus causing dangerously slow breathing and can lead to death;

Aware that Codeine is not advisable for someone who has a range of ailments such as liver disease, asthma, sleep apnea, breathing disorders, abnormal curvature of the spine, kidney disease, head injury or brain tumour, low blood pressure, blockage in the digestive tract (stomach or intestine), gallbladder or pancreas underactive thyroid, Addison's disease or other adrenal gland disorder, enlarged prostate, urination problems, mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction, etc.;

Also aware that Codeine should not be used in larger amounts or for longer than the period prescribed while the user should be drinking 6-8 glasses of water daily to help prevent constipation while taking the medicine and he should not stop taking it suddenly after long-term use or he could develop unpleasant withdrawal symptoms;

Further aware that the short-term and seeming salutary effects of Codeine include euphoria, feelings of being drunk, altered consciousness but the common negative short-term effects are nausea and vomiting, excessive drowsiness, dysphoria or confusion, dryness of the mouth, constipation, allergic skin reaction or rash, etc.;

Concerned that the vast majority of the Northern youth, men and women who abuse Codeine lack knowledge of both the required prescriptive manner of its intake or its adverse effects beyond the short-term euphoria it brings;

Cognizant that the widespread abuse of Codeine and other drugs in Northern region poses a major challenge of unparalleled description to the survival of the region in particular and the nation in general as its youth and the women folk are faced with the threat of being rendered useless from the adverse effects of the abuse of the medicine;

Equally aware that monitoring the use of these drugs at the point of sale has proven insufficient in the war against drug addiction. To curtail the rise of this problem and record any tangible gains, a combined approach must be employed by the relevant agencies. The approach should have at least Five (5) key elements: Orientation, Rehabilitation, Regulation, Extinction and Sanctions.

Recalls a Resolution of the House on Thursday, 17 March, 2016 in a Motion presented by Hon. Beni Lar in which the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) was mandated to intensify their advocacy efforts in the area of Drug Abuse;

Still aware that the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) is empowered by Section 5 (a), (e), (j), (l), (n) and (s): “*Sale, Distribution and Use of Drugs in the Country*”. The need exists for the Agency to step up its regulatory responsibility by banning the dispensing of Codeine and other drugs across the counter of pharmacies and other addictive drug stores so that they can only be dispensed upon prescription by a Doctor practising in a licensed hospital.

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) to ban the dispensing of codeine across the counter and ensure that it is a prescription only drug and to only sell in Hospitals;
- (ii) also urge NAFDAC and other stakeholders to adopt the use of a central database where prescription data is logged in to help detect addicts and check over prescription;
- (iii) call on the Federal and State Ministries of Information and the National Orientation Agency to intensify enlightenment campaigns on the dangers of drug abuse;
- (iv) further urge the stakeholders in the health sector to enforce existing regulations aimed at impacting availability. These include volume restrictions per purchase;
- (v) ensure that NAFDAC introduces punitive measures for medical practitioners caught dispensing opioid medications without a notarised prescription by a medical doctor; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Narcotic Drugs, and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation (*U. N. Abdussamad Dasuki — Kebbe/Tambuwal Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

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- *Aware* that Codeine is not advisable for someone who has a range of ailments such as liver disease, asthma, sleep apnea, breathing disorders, abnormal curvature of the spine, kidney disease, head injury or brain tumour, low blood pressure, blockage in the digestive tract (stomach or intestine), gallbladder or pancreas underactive thyroid, Addison's disease or other adrenal gland disorder, enlarged prostate, urination problems, mental illness, drug or alcohol addiction, etc.;

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- (iv) further urge the stakeholders in the health sector to enforce existing regulations aimed at impacting availability. These include volume restrictions per purchase;
- (v) ensure that NAFDAC introduces punitive measures for medical practitioners caught dispensing opioid medications without a notarised prescription by a medical doctor; and
- (vi) mandate the Committees on Healthcare Services, Narcotic Drugs, and Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values to ensure implementation (**HR. 204/2017**).

9. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Physically Challenged (Empowerment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1261).
- (2) Nigerian Civil Defence University, Azare (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (HB. 1262).
- (3) Federal Polytechnic, Abiriba (Establishment) Bill, 2017 (1263).

10. Presentation of Report

Ad-hoc Committee on Need to Avert a Breakdown of Law and Order in Kano State:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the *Ad-hoc* Committee on Need to Avert a Breakdown of Law and Order in Kano State (**HR. 47/2017**)" (*Hon. Toby Okechukwu — Aninri/Agwu/Oji-River Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

11. A Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 into Nigerian Law, to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) — Third Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Incorporate Annex 12 to the Convention on International Civil Aviation, 1944 into Nigerian Law, to Establish the Nigerian Search and Rescue Service; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HB. 319) be now read the Third Time" (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader*).

Question Agreed to.

Bill read the Third time and passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Mandate Banks and Other Financial Institutions in Nigeria to state in writing, all charges and fees accruing to any Transactions in the Banks; and to Repeal and Re-enact the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, 2017; and for Related Matters (HB. 961 and HB. 1095) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, Cap. B3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Mandate Banks and Other Financial Institutions in Nigeria to state in writing, all charges and fees accruing to any Transactions in the Banks; and to Repeal and Re-enact the Banks and Other Financial Institutions Act, 2017; and for Related Matters (HB. 961 and HB. 1095) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Jones Chukwudi Onyineri — Nkwere/Isu/Nwangele/Njaba Federal Constituency and 2 others*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Koko, Delta State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1217) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Polytechnic, Koko, Delta State to Provide for Equity and Access to Tertiary Education in the Country, make Comprehensive Provisions for due Management and Administration; and for Related Matters (HB. 1217) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Daniel Oritsegbabemi Reyenieju — Warri South/Warri West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Akwete, Abia State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1218) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Akwete, Abia State to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instructions and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1218) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services.

15. A Bill for an Act to Establish a Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine; and for Related Matters (HB. 1172) — *Second Reading*

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish a Centre for Scientific Research into Plant Medicine; and for Related Matters (HB. 1172) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. James Abiodun Faleke — Ikeja Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Science and Technology.

16. Rescission of the House Resolution on the Report of the Committee on Local Content on Investigation into the Provision of Indigenous Support Vessel Total Upstream Nigeria Limited, Total Nigeria Plc Tender for Provision of PVC and Terminal Support Ref: NTD 00001632: Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives
Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Recalls that on Wednesday, 15 March, 2017, the House considered the Report of the Committee on Local Content on the above matter and adopted the recommendation in the Report;

Notes that the Resolution that was adopted urged that the whole bidding process be cancelled and a fresh bidding process be introduced within six (6) months in line with the provisions of the Nigerian Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act, 2010 and the Public Procurement Act, 2007;

Also notes that emerging facts since the adoption of the Resolution require that the House do rescind its Resolution of 15 March, 2017 on the matter and commit it to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration.

Resolves to:

- (i) rescind the Resolution of the House on the bidding process for provision of Indigenous Support Vessel Total Upstream Nigeria Limited; Total Nigeria Plc Tender for provision of PVC and Terminal Support Ref: NTD 00001632 which was adopted on Wednesday, 15 March, 2017; and
- (ii) commit the recommendation to the Committee of the Whole for reconsideration (*Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — Surulere I Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Ordered: Mr Speaker ordered Committees to ensure that they secure a resolution of the House before embarking on any Investigative Hearing as provided by the Constitution.

17. Discharge of Committees on Referrals on Bills, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that the following Bills were read a Second time separately between 2015 and 2016 and referred to Standing Committees of the House for legislative actions, namely:

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Title of Bill</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Committee(s)</i>
1.	Freedom of Information Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 40)	18/11/2015	FOI (Reform Government Institutions)
2.	Federal Land Registry (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 52).	24/11/2015	Housing
3.	Nigerian Minerals and Mining Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 88)	26/11/2015	Solid Minerals Development
4.	Nigerian Police Academy Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 115)	2/12/2015	Tertiary Education and Services
5.	Federal Capital Territory Trust Fund (Establishment, etc) Bill, 2015 (HB. 148)	9/12/2015	Federal Capital Territory
6.	Kidney Transplant Bill, 2015 (HB. 153)	16/12/2015	Healthcare Services
7.	Commodities Exchange Bill, 2015 (HB. 31)	14/1/2016	Commerce
8.	Interpretation Act (Amendment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 137)	14/1/2016	Justice
	Federal Capital Territory College of Agriculture (Establishment, etc.) Bill, 2015 (HB. 309)	21/1/2016	Federal Capital Territory
10.	FCT University of Science and Technology, Abaji (Establishment) Bill, 2015 (HB. 145)	16/2/2016	Federal Capital Territory
11.	Sales of Goods Act (Repeal) Bill, 2016 (HB. 371)	1/3/2016	Commerce and Justice
12.	Defence Industry Corporation of Nigeria Bill, 2016 (HB. 399)	3/3/2016	Defence
13.	Survey Co-ordination Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 355)	17/3/2016	Housing
14.	National Institute of Credit Administration (Establishment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 425)	14/4/2016	Finance
15.	National Eye Centre Bill, 2016 (HB. 356)	21/4/2016	Health Institutions
16.	Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 416)	21/4/2016	Interior
17.	Immigration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB.480)	14/7/2016	Interior
18.	Border Patrol Agents Bill, 2016 (HB. 524)	20/7/2016	Interior
19.	Trafficking in Persons (Prohibition) Law Enforcement and Administration Act (Amendment) Bill, 2016 (HB. 614)	28/9/2016	Human Rights

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Aware that the Committees are yet to present Reports on the Bills, contrary to the provisions of **Order Seventeen**, Rule 3 (g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives, to wit:

“Any matter referred to any Committee shall be treated within 30 days otherwise the Committee shall stand discharged after 60 days and the matter Committed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration”.

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committees mentioned above from the referrals of those Bills and commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. Call for Rehabilitation of Onitsha-Owerri Road

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House

Notes that some sections of the Onitsha-Owerri road which links the commercial city of Onitsha to Port Harcourt, through Owerri, have failed and require urgent rehabilitation to prevent further deterioration and return to the hardship and nightmare of the past when motorists were spending long hours to get to their destinations;

Also notes that the entire South-East and South-South Zones had experienced increased economic activities with the reconstruction of the road as businessmen and farmers were able to convey goods and farm products to various markets in the zones and beyond with relative ease;

Aware that the nature of the soil in the Southeast makes the failed sections of the road acutely vulnerable to gully erosion, as a result, if urgent rehabilitation works are not carried out, the road might become impassable and would require huge cash outlay to reconstruct;

Desirous of sustaining the relief being enjoyed by motorists who ply the road as well as the economic gains of businessmen and farmers who rely on the road to move their goods and farm products to various markets across the country.

Resolves to:

- (i) call on the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence rehabilitation of the failed sections of Onitsha-Owerri road to prevent further deterioration and also undertake routine assessment of all roads under its purview and carry out routine preventive maintenance of those roads; and
- (ii) mandate the Committees on Federal Roads Maintenance Agency, Works and Appropriations to make provisions for the rehabilitation of the Onitsha-Owerri road in the 2018 Budget (*Hon. Obinna Chidoka — Idemili North/Idemili South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 205/2017).

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

19. Need to Investigate Fraudulent Activities in the Housing Sector

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

20. Need to Investigate the Level of Implementation of Cassava Bread Fund (CBF)

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes the introduction of 15% levy in 2012 on every wheat imported into Nigeria with the promise to use the proceeds of the tariff to develop a Local Content Industry-Cassava Bread Value Chain;

Also notes that the 15% levy was introduced with the buy-in of all the three (3) National Stakeholder Associations which necessitated a 20% increase in the price of bread in 2012 due to corresponding increase of ₦1,000.00 in the price of wheat flour by Flour Millers in direct reaction to the levy for the implementation of this Local Content policy Fund towards Cassava Flour Inclusion;

Further notes the inauguration of a Committee in 2013 after a similar one in the Caribbean country of Trinidad and Tobago to guide the fund management, operations and disbursement of the first tranche of ₦9.999 Billion out of the then balance of ₦200 Billion, based on approved proposals;

Aware that the Cassava Bread Fund (CBF) is estimated to have accumulated over half a trillion naira as at date for building a robust and fresh roots supply chain for small, medium and large cassava processing plants, support to Large/Medium High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) Mills, support to SMEs producing High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF), to Master Bakers on 20% (HQCF) Cassava Bread, production and social marketing of 20% cassava bread, pre-emptive measures against cassava brown streak disease to up-scale about 5,000 bakers, training and support for at least 6 bakers per Local Government Area (LGA) across the 774 LGAs in the country and to engage professional advertising companies or consultants on branding cassava bread under the social marketing component;

Informed of the estimation that Cassava farmers lost investments in excess of N360 Million due to break-down in the value chain necessitated by non-implementation of the programme within a year;

Concerned that ₦536.54 Million worth of employment of youths, women etc. which hitherto were exported to Europe and USA would have been made available at 20% inclusion of Cassava Flour daily, thereby reducing the rate of unemployment in Nigeria;

Also aware that at 20% inclusion level, the GDP of Nigeria would have been enhanced by ₦195.84 Billion annually with the transformation of the lives of the rural poor who will form the bedrock of formation of new crop of wealthy Nigerians;

Also concerned about the loss of investment of over ₦10 Billion in the past 5 years across the value chain and 10 million additional job opportunities across the entire CBF Stakeholders, yet the annual wheat importation into Nigeria is USD3.2 billion yearly (₦979.2 billion at ₦306/USD), while Nigeria spends over USD8.7 million (₦2.6 billion) daily totaling about ₦3.886 trillion for the past 4 years on wheat importation which is not sustainable in the face of dwindling revenue from oil.

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Banking and Currency to:

- (i) carry out an investigative audit of the releases, cumulative contributions, owings and level of implementation of the Cassava Bread Fund Programme;
- (ii) examine the losses suffered by Cassava Bread Growers Association and the Value Chain therein, with a view to compensating/encouraging them; and
- (iii) determine modalities for rejuvenating the Cassava Bread Growers Programme and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Ibrahim Ayokunle Isiaka — Ifo/Ewekoro Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the introduction of 15% levy in 2012 on every wheat imported into Nigeria with the promise to use the proceeds of the tariff to develop a Local Content Industry-Cassava Bread Value Chain;

Also noted that the 15% levy was introduced with the buy-in of all the three (3) National Stakeholder Associations which necessitated a 20% increase in the price of bread in 2012 due to corresponding increase of ₦1,000.00 in the price of wheat flour by Flour Millers in direct reaction to the levy for the implementation of this Local Content policy Fund towards Cassava Flour Inclusion;

Further noted the inauguration of a Committee in 2013 after a similar one in the Caribbean country of Trinidad and Tobago to guide the fund management, operations and disbursement of the first tranche of ₦9.999 Billion out of the then balance of ₦200 Billion, based on approved proposals;

Aware that the Cassava Bread Fund (CBF) is estimated to have accumulated over half a trillion naira as at date for building a robust and fresh roots supply chain for small, medium and large cassava processing plants, support to Large/Medium High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF) Mills, support to SMEs producing High Quality Cassava Flour (HQCF), to Master Bakers on 20% (HQCF) Cassava Bread, production and social marketing of 20% cassava bread, pre-emptive measures against cassava brown streak disease to up-scale about 5,000 bakers, training and support for at least 6 bakers per Local Government Area (LGA) across the 774 LGAs in the country and to engage professional advertising companies or consultants on branding cassava bread under the social marketing component;

Informed of the estimation that Cassava farmers lost investments in excess of ₦360 Million due to break-down in the value chain necessitated by non-implementation of the programme within a year;

Concerned that ₦536.54 Million worth of employment of youths, women etc. which hitherto were exported to Europe and USA would have been made available at 20% inclusion of Cassava Flour daily, thereby reducing the rate of unemployment in Nigeria;

Also aware that at 20% inclusion level, the GDP of Nigeria would have been enhanced by ₦195.84 Billion annually with the transformation of the lives of the rural poor who will form the bedrock of formation of new crop of wealthy Nigerians;

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Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Agricultural Production and Services and Banking and Currency to:

- (i) carry out an investigative audit of the releases, cumulative contributions, owings and level of implementation of the Cassava Bread Fund Programme;
- (ii) examine the losses suffered by Cassava Bread Growers Association and the Value Chain therein, with a view to compensating/encouraging them; and
- (iii) determine modalities for rejuvenating the Cassava Bread Growers Programme and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 206/2017**).

21. Need to carry out a Comprehensive Audit of the Internally Generated Revenues (IGRs) and Remittances into the Federation Account by Federal Medical Centers, Teaching Hospitals and Other Tertiary Health Institutions (Specialist Hospitals) Across the Country from 2011-2017

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

22. **Rescission on the Adoption of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Matters Connected Therewith (HBs 165, 174, 220, 429, 468, 484, 809 and 966), Pursuant to Order Nine, Rule 1 (6) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives**

Motion made and Question proposed;

The House:

Notes that on Tuesday, 5 December, 2017, the Report of the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Matters Connected Therewith was considered and adopted;

Also notes the need to pass an Electoral Law that will stand the test of time to meet the yearnings and aspirations of Nigerians;

Desirous to rescind the decision of the House on the entire Report as earlier adopted in order to enable the House to further scrutinize the Recommendations;

Resolves to:

Rescind the decision of the House on the adoption of the Report on a Bill for an Act to Further Amend the Electoral Act, No. 6 of 2010; and for Matters Connected Therewith; and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for further legislative action (*Hon. Oker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

23. **Consideration of Reports**

(i) ***Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters:***

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Electoral and Political Party Matters on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Nigerian Electoral Offences Commission; and for Related Matters (HB. 504 and HB. 546) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(ii) ***Committee on Commerce:***

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) of Nigeria with Responsibility, among Others, for Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification for Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications; and for Related Matters (HB. 973) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi 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 CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT (CILT) OF NIGERIA WITH RESPONSIBILITY, AMONG OTHERS, FOR DETERMINING THE STANDARDS OF KNOWLEDGE, SKILL AND QUALIFICATION FOR PERSONS SEEKING TO BECOME REGISTERED PROFESSIONALS AND PRACTITIONERS IN LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT IN NIGERIA AND LICENSING AND REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT IN ALL RAMIFICATIONS;
AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 973)

PART 1 — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF LOGISTICS AND TRANSPORT, NIGERIA (CILT^N)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Nigeria (CILT^N).

(1) There is hereby established a body known as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute") which shall be a body corporate and charged with:

- (a) perpetual succession;
- (b) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct;
- (c) may sue and can be sued in its corporate name;
- (d) may, subject to the Land Use Act, acquire, hold and dispose of any property, moveable or immovable;
- (e) on the commencement of this Bill, all properties held immediately before that day by or on behalf of the former Institute shall, by virtue of this subjection and without any further assurances, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purposes of the Institute; and
- (f) the former Institute shall cease to exist.

(2) The Institute shall have general duty of:

- (i) determining what standard of knowledge and skill are to be attained by person seeking to become registered professionals and practitioners in Logistics and Transport;
- (ii) certifying and licensing persons/bodies wishing to practice as Logisticians and/or Transportants;
- (iii) holding and maintaining a register of logistics and transport professionals and practitioners in Nigeria;
- (iv) promoting the study and practice of the art and science of logistics and transport in all ramifications;
- (v) ensuring supply of quality personnel to be industry;
- (vi) establishing, maintaining and upholding the ethics of professional practice in Logistics and Transport;
- (vii) keeping qualified individuals professionally up-to-date throughout their career;

- (viii) establishing, promoting and monitoring standards of professional practice;
- (ix) conducting, encouraging and sponsoring research in the field of logistics and transport;
- (x) accrediting reputable training providers to train students for the Institute's Examinations;
- (xi) providing advisory and advocacy services in Logistics and Transport;
- (xii) rewarding excellence and sanctioning unprofessional practice;
- (xiii) collaborating with other reputable professional bodies towards professional development (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Election and Appointment of Council Members of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be a President and six (6) Regional Vice Presidents representing the six Geo political Zones of the country, i.e. North-West, North-Central, North-East, South-West, South-East and South-South, all of whom shall:
 - (a) be Fellows of the Institute;
 - (b) be elected by the General Assembly;
- (2) There shall be an elected Female representative in the Council.
- (3) All international office holders resident in Nigeria including but not limited to International Vice President (IVP) for Africa/Chairman, Africa Forum, International Vice President for Nigeria and Global Convenor, Women in Logistics and Transport (WLAT) shall be members of the Council.
- (4) There shall be a representative appointed from each of the following:
 - (i) Ministry of Transportation;
 - (ii) Ministry of Trade, Industry and Investment;
 - (iii) accredited Training providers;
 - (iv) Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT);
 - (v) One Member each from the Arms to represent the Nigerian Armed Forces.
- (5) There shall be a Regional Secretariat under the supervision of the national Secretariat.
- (6) There shall be a Regional Council, each headed by the respective Regional Vice President with the head of the regional Secretariat who shall not be a member of Council serving as Secretary. The Regional Council shall consist of the following members:

- (i) the Regional Vice President — Chairman;
 - (ii) a Vice Chairman shall rotate among the branches within the Council.
 - (iii) representative of Road Mode;
 - (iv) representative of Air Mode;
 - (v) representative of Maritime Mode;
 - (vi) representative of Pipeline Mode;
 - (vii) representative of Logistics;
 - (viii) one Female representative;
 - (ix) one WiLAT Representative;
- (7) The Council shall through the instrumentality of the Constitution determine the process of election and appointment to all Council offices (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: The Governance Council.

- (1) There is established for the Institute a Governing Council (in this bill referred to as "the Council") with the responsibilities for:
- (a) policy making;
 - (b) providing general direction for the management of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of 17 members constituted as follows:
- (i) the National President of the Institute, who shall be the Chairman of the Council;
 - (ii) the Deputy President of the Institute, who shall the Deputy Chairman of the Council;
 - (iii) six (6) Regional Vice-President of the Institute, who shall each be the Vice Chairman of the Council;
 - (iv) the immediate past President of the Institute who shall serve for one year as *ex-officio*;
 - (v) the International Vice President (IVP);
 - (vi) representative of Women in Logistics and Transport (WiLAT);
 - (vii) female representative;
 - (viii) representative from the Ministry of Transportation;
 - (ix) representative of Trade, Industry and Investment;

- (v) representative from the Armed Forces;
- (vi) representative of the Accredited Training Providers;
- (3) The President shall be:
 - (i) the Head of the Institute, Chairman of the Council and preside over all Meeting of the Council;
 - (ii) in the event of the permanent unavailability arising from death, incapacity or incapability, of the President, the Deputy President shall assume the position of the president for the unexpired period of the tenure and shall be eligible to contest a fresh term (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Appointment of Board of Trustees.

- (1) There shall be appointed a seven-member Board of Trustees by the Council for the Institute, whose period shall be for a term of three (3) years. Any member of the Board of Trustees may be eligible for re-appointment for another term of three (3) years, only.
- (2) Membership of the Board of Trustees shall be drawn from amongst the distinguished Fellow (FCHLT) of the Institute who have made substantial contributions to the Industry (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 2 — THE REGISTRAR AND STAFF

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: Appointment and Duties of the Registrar and Maintenance of the Register.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a qualified person to be Registrar for the purposes of this Bill, as the Institute may, from time to time, deem necessary, who shall be a professional/practitioner of Logistics and Transport, and at least of Chartered Member of the Institute.
- (2) The Registrar shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute and Secretary to the Council though not a member of Council.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to prepare and maintain, in accordance with rules made by the Council, a register of members names, address and approved qualifications and such other relevant particulars as may be specified in the rules, of all persons who are entitled to be enrolled as Professional Ambassadors, Honorary Fellows, Fellow, Chartered Members, Member, Affiliates, and Student Members. In addition, the Registrar shall keep a specialist Register of Professionals, Practitioners and Corporate Members who apply to be so registered.
- (4) Subject to the following provisions of this section, the Council may make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the register and the making of entries therein, and in particular:
 - (a) the making of applications for enrolment;

- (b) providing for notification to the Registrar, by the person or entity to whom any registered particulars relate, to any change in those particulars;
- (c) authorizing a registered person to have any qualification which is, in relation to the relevant division of the profession, either an approved qualification or an accepted qualification for the purposes of this Bill, registered in relation to his name in addition to or, as he may elect, in substitution for any other qualifications so registered;
- (d) specifying the fees including subscription to be paid to the Institution in respect of the entry of name on the register and authorizing the Registrar to refuse to enter a name on the register until any fee specified for the entry has been paid;
- (e) specifying anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this section, but rules made for the purposes of paragraph (d) of this subsection shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a special meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose thereafter or at the next annual general meeting as the case maybe (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Publication and Maintenance of a Register.

- (1) It shall be the duty of the Registrar to:
 - (a) prepare and publish a Registrar within one year after the enactment of this Bill;
 - (b) update the Register with new entrants to and exists from the Institute from time to time;
 - (c) cause the register to be printed, published and put out on sale to member of the public every year;
 - (d) correct, in accordance with the directions of the Council, any entry in the Register which in the opinion of the Council was incorrectly made; and to cause to be printed, published and put on sale either a corrected edition of the register or a list of alterations made to the register since it was last printed;
 - (e) cause a print of each edition of the register and of each list of corrections to be deposited at the principal office of the Institute, and made available at all reasonable times for inspection by members of the Institute; and
 - (f) cause to publish on the Institute's website a register of members.
- (2) A document purporting to be a print of an edition of the register published under this section by authority of the Registrar or documents purporting to be prints of an edition of the register so published and of a list of corrections to that edition so published, shall (without prejudice to any other mode of proof) be admissible in any proceedings as evidence that any person specified in the document, or documents read together, as being registered,

is so registered at the date of the edition or of the list of corrections, as the case may be, and that any person not so specified was not so registered.

- (3) Where in accordance with subsection (2) of this section, a person in any proceedings is shown to have been or not to have been registered at a particular date, shall, unless the contrary is proved, be taken for the purposes of those proceedings as having at all material times thereafter continued to be or not to be so registered.
- (4) If the Registrar sends by post, email or any other medium to any registered person a correspondence addressed to him at his address on the register enquiring whether the registered particulars relating to him are correct and receives no reply to the letter within the period of six months from the date of posting it.
- (5) Upon the expiration of that period send in the like manner to the person in question a second similar letter and receives not reply to that letter within three months from the date of posting it, the Registrar may remove the particulars relating to the person in question from the register.
- (6) However, the Council may direct the Registrar to restore to the appropriate part of the register any particulars removed there from under this subsection, if it is satisfied that the conditions are met.
- (7) Make from time to time, any necessary alteration to the registered particulars of registered persons.
- (8) Remove from the register the name of any registered person who has died or ceased to be a member.
- (9) Record the names of members of the Institute who are in default for more than six months in the payment of annual subscriptions, and to take such action in relation thereto (including removal of the names of defaulters from the register) as the Council under this Bill, may direct or require (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Registration of Logistics and Transport Professionals and Practitioners.

- (1) The Institute will hold a General Register in two parts, namely:

Part 1: Individual Members;

Part 2: Corporate Members.
- (2) A person may be entitled to be registered as a student Member, Affiliate Member, Member, Chartered Member, Fellow, Honorary Fellow, and Professional Ambassador, subject to qualifications, professional experience and contributions.
- (3) A Corporate entity may be registered in any of the Four Categories, such as Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze, subject to satisfactory evaluation of its structure, performance, contributions and other established criteria.

- (4) The Institute shall publish from time to time, the approved qualifications and criteria for registration under this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Licensing.

- (1) The Institute shall license professionals and practitioners according to their areas of expertise and professional practice. In general, an individual can be registered as a Chartered Transportant and/or or Logistician, if he satisfies the established criteria set from time to time by the Council.
- (2) An individual can be registered in any of the specialized areas in Transport and Logistics, as a Transport Planner, Transport Economist, Transport Geographer, Transport Administrator, Transport Technologist, Transport Engineer, Transport Lawyer, Transport Modeler, Transport Analyst, Transport Operator, Port Operations Specialists, Inventory/Warehouse Specialist, Air Operation Specialist, Logistics Integrator, Transport Policy Specialist, Air Passenger Specialist, Road Operations Specialist, Road Passenger Specialist, Maritime Operations Specialist, etc.
- (3) Those so licensed under subsection (2) above shall be entitled to apply for the Institute's seal, for use in their professional practice.
- (4) There shall be Certification of Transport and Logistics Professionals, such as Certified Transport Technician (CTT), Certified Logistician (CL), Certified Transportant (CT).
- (5) Practitioners who are corporate bodies shall be registered as a Certified Logistics Service Providers, Certified Passenger Transport Operators, Certified Freight Operators, etc. (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 3 — PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Approval and Withdrawal of Qualifications.

- (1) The Institute shall determine and publish approved qualifications and levels of experience for the various grades of entry and upgrades in its Membership.
- (2) In pursuance to subsection (1) above, the Institute shall accredit Institutions for the purpose of providing trainings towards the Institute's certification.
- (3) The Institute may establish educational Institutions for the purpose of developing the profession.
- (4) The Institute may approve:
- (a) any course of training at any approved institution which is intended for persons seeking to become or are already members of the Institute and which in the opinion of the Council is designed to confer on persons completing it sufficient knowledge and skills for the practice of the profession;

- (b) any qualification which, as a result of an examination taken in conjunction with a course of training approved by the Council under this section, is granted to candidate searching as standard at the examination indicating in the opinion of the Council, that the candidates have sufficient knowledge and skill for the practice of the profession.
- (5) The Council may, if it thinks fit, withdraw any approval given under this section in respect of any course, qualification or institution; but before withdrawing such approval the Council shall:
 - (a) give notice that it proposes to do so to Institutions by whom the course is conducted or the qualification is granted;
 - (b) afford such Institutions an opportunity of making to the Council representations with regard to the proposal; and
 - (c) take into consideration any representation by trainees of such Institutions benefiting from its programmes with respect to the proposal in pursuance of paragraph (b) of this subsection.
- (6) A course, qualification or institution shall not be treated as approved during any period the approval is withdrawn under subsection (2) of this section.
- (7) The withdrawal of an approval under subsection (6) of this section shall not prejudice the registration or eligibility for registration of any person who by virtue of the approval was registered or was eligible for registration (either unconditionally or subject to his obtaining certificate of experience) immediately before the approval was withdrawn.
- (8) The giving or withdrawal of any approval under this section shall have effect from such date either before or after the execution of the instrument signifying the giving or withdrawal of the approval, as the Council may specify in that instrument.
- (9) As provided in this section, holders of Certificate in Logistics and Transport shall be known as Assistant Logisticians/Transportants with entry level of Grade Level OS; holders of the Diploma in Logistics and Transport shall be known as Senior Logisticians/Transportants with entry level of Grade Level 07, while holders of the Advanced Diploma in Logistics and Transport shall be known as Principal Logisticians/Transportants, with entry level of Grade Level 09 in the Civil Service.
- (10) Certified Logisticians/Transportants' entry level in the Civil Service shall be Grade Level 12 and are qualified to certify projects requiring professional endorsements. No person, who is not a Chartered Logistician/Transportant shall endorse any logistics and transport related projects (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Instructional and Examination Standards.

- (1) The Institute shall establish uniform standards of Instruction and examination for all accredited training providers/institutions.

- (2) Any Institution applying for accreditation must meet the standards in respect of facilities and faculties.
- (3) Each accreditation has a life-span of three years before re-accreditation.
- (4) The Institute shall hold its examinations twice every year — June and November.
- (5) The Council shall appoint a visitor to oversee the conduct of instruction and examination of accredited training providers (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Mandatory Professional Development.

The Institute shall organize two categories of Mandatory Professional Development as follows:

Category 1: For Students, Affiliates and Members;

Category 2: For Chartered Members and Fellows (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 4 — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS, ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Management of Constitute Funds.

- (1) The Council shall establish and maintain a fund for the Institute the management of which shall be in the hands of the Registrar who is the Chief Accounting Officer and into which shall be paid:
 - (a) all monies received by the Institute in pursuance of its objectives including fees, levies, grants, investitures, donations and honoraria;
 - (b) such monies as may be payable to the Institute whether in the course of the discharge of its functions or otherwise;
 - (c) such monies as may, from time to time, be granted to the Institute by government, parastatals, companies, agencies and institutions and such other funds as may be provided by donors, benefactors or external sources; and
 - (d) such monies as are held by the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Nigeria incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act 1990 (in this Bill hereinafter referred to as "as Institute") on its ceasing to exist as provided in this Bill.
- (2) There shall be disbursed out the fund of the Institute:
 - (a) all reasonable expenditures incurred by the Council in the discharge of its functions under this Bill.
 - (b) the remuneration and allowance of the Registrar and other staff of the Institute;

- (c) the remuneration for professional services rendered by Members or any other party on behalf of the Institute or in collaboration with the Institute; and
- (d) such reasonable traveling and subsistence allowances of members of the Council in respect of the time spent on the duties of the Council as the Council may determine from time to time (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Powers to Accept Gifts.

- (1) Subject to subsection (1) of this section, the Council may accept gifts of lands, money or other property upon such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person making the gift. The Council shall not accept any gift if any of the conditions attached by the person making the gift is inconsistent with the objectives of the Institute.
- (2) The Institute may invest its funds in any security such as treasury bills, shares or other securities in Nigeria approved by the Council.

Borrowing.

- (3) The Council may, from time to time, borrow for the purposes of the Institute and any interest payable on money so borrowed shall be paid out of the Institute's Fund (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Accounts, Record and Audit.

- (1) The Registrar shall Keep proper accounts on behalf of the Institute in respect of each financial year and proper records in relation to those accounts; and
- (2) The Council shall:
 - (a) appoint an external Auditor for the purpose of this section who shall not be a member of the Council.
 - (b) cause the accounts to be audited each year by the external auditor. (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Assets and Liabilities.

- (1) On the commencement of this Bill:
 - (a) all properties held immediately before that day or on behalf of the former Institute shall, by virtue of this subsection and without any further assurances, vest in the Institute and be held by it for the purposes of the Institute; and
 - (b) the former Institute shall cease to exist; and

- (2) The provisions of the Second Schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to, and matters arising from the transfer by this section to the Institute of the property of the former Institute and with respect to the other matters mentioned in the Schedule (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 5 — PROFESSIONAL ETHICS AND DISCIPLINE

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Code of Conduct and Ethics.

- (1) It shall be considered unprofessional and inconsistent with honourable and dignified conduct and contrary to public interest, for any Member of the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport, Nigeria to:
- (a) practice as a Logistician and/or Transportant without a valid license;
 - (b) practice as a Logistician and/or Transportant without a registered business premises:
 - (i) charge more than 10 percent of the total cost of the contract as professional fees;
 - (ii) operate a business in a manner that compromises health and safety standard;
 - (iii) engage unprofessional staff to execute professional services;
 - (iv) operate without insurance cover for passengers as a passenger transport operator;
 - (v) fail to adhere to regulations guiding the use of plant, equipment;
 - (vi) hold out his services outside of what he is registered and know for by the Institute;
 - (vii) exert undue influence or to offer, solicit or accept compensation for the purpose for affecting negotiations for a professional engagement;
 - (viii) use the advantages of a salaried position to compete unfairly with other professionals;
 - (ix) accept remuneration for services rendered other than from his client or his employer;
 - (x) attempt to supplant another practitioner in a particular engagement after definite steps have been taken toward employment for a project;
 - (xi) review the work of another practitioner for the same client except with the knowledge of such practitioner, unless such practitioner's engagement on the work which is subject to review has been terminated;

- (vii) attempt to injure, falsely or maliciously, the profession, business, or employment position of another Logistician and/or Transportant;
- (viii) place orders on his own behalf, in respect of a project on which he is engaged but shall only do so explicitly on behalf of his client;
- (xiv) be the medium of payments made on his behalf unless especially so requested in writing by his client, but shall only issue certificates for payment;
- (xv) take part in a completion involving the submission of proposals and designs for logistics and transport work unless an assessor who shall be a Transport and Logistics Professional of acknowledged standing, has been appointed to whom such proposals and designs are to be submitted for assessment;
- (xvi) advertise Logistics and Transport services in any manner derogatory to the dignity of the profession;
- (xvii) practice in a dual capacity as a consultant and contractor for the same project except with prior written consent of the client.

(2) A member shall:

- (i) have an obligation to exercise honesty, objectivity, and diligence in the performance of his duties and responsibilities;
- (ii) refrain from entering into any activity which may be in conflict with the interest of his profession or which would prejudice his ability to carry out objectively, his duties and responsibilities to the Institute, Members, Nigeria and the general public at large;
- (iii) be prudent in the use of information acquired in the course of his duties. He shall not use confidential information for any person gain nor in a manner which would be damaging to the welfare of his members, employers and the general public;
- (iv) in expressing an opinion, use all reasonable care to obtain sufficient factual evidence to warrant such expression. In his reporting, a Member shall reveal such material facts known to them which, if not revealed, could either distort the report of the results of operations under reviews or conceal unlawful practice;
- (v) continually strive for improvement in the proficiency and effectiveness of his service;
- (vi) abide by the by-law and uphold the objectives of the Institute. In the practice of his profession, he shall be ever mindful of his obligation to maintain the highest standard of competence, morality, and dignity, which the CILT Nigeria National Council has established;

- (vii) declare all necessary details pertaining financial transactions on which he is liable to pay charges to the Institute within three (3) months. Failure of which shall amount to the offence of concealing material facts;
- (3) A training provider in holding the trust of the general public, shall exhibit loyalty in all matters pertaining to the affairs of Training their students and to whosoever they may be rendering a service.
- (4) Sanctions for breaches of the Code shall include a fine, suspension and delisting. The amount of fine and the appropriate penalty shall be left at the discretion of the Council.
- (5) On Logistics and Transport works in foreign countries, a member may adapt his conduct according to the professional standards and customs of that country, but shall adhere as closely as practicable, to the principles of this code (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigation Panel.

- (1) There is established the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the Panel established under subsection (3) of this section, and any other case which the tribunal has cognizance under this Bill.
- (2) The tribunal shall consist of a Chairman and 4 other members appointed by the Council.
- (3) There is established the Chartered institute of Logistics and Transport Investigation Panel (in this Bill referred to as "the Panel") which shall be charged with the duty of:
- (a) conducting a preliminary investigation into any case where it is alleged that a member has misbehaved in his capacity as a Chartered Transportant or Logistician or, should for any other reason, be the subject of proceedings before the tribunal;
- (b) determining the disciplinary measures to be taken on any erring Member where applicable; and/or/
- (c) deciding whether the case shall be referred to the Tribunal.
- (4) The panel shall be appointed by the Council and shall consist of the chairman who shall be a member of the Council and three senior members who shall be Fellows of the Institute.
- (5) The provisions of the Third Schedule to this Bill shall, so far as they are applicable to the tribunal and panel respectively, have effect with respect to those bodies.
- (6) The Council may make rules consistent with this Bill as to acts which constitute unprofessional conduct (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: Penalties for Unprofessional Conduct.

(1) Where:

(a) a person enrolled or registered under this Bill is:

(i) adjudged by the tribunal to be guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect;

(ii) convicted by any court in Nigeria or elsewhere having power or competent jurisdiction, of an offence (whether or not punishable with imprisonment) which, in the opinion of the Tribunal, is incompatible with the status of a Chartered Transportant or Logistician;

(iii) the Tribunal is satisfied that the person was fraudulently enrolled or registered.

(b) the Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding that person or ordering the registrar to strike his name off the relevant part of the register.

(2) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit, defer or further defer its decisions as to the giving of a direction under subsection (1) of this section until a subsequent meeting of the Tribunal.

(3) No decision of the Tribunal shall be deferred under subsection (2) of this section for period exceeding one year in the aggregate.

(4) As far as possible, no person shall be a member of the Tribunal for the purposes of reaching a decision which has been differed or further deferred, unless he was a member of the Tribunal when the decision was deferred.

(5) For the purpose of subsection (1) (a) (ii) of this section, a person not be treated as convicted as therein mentioned unless the conviction stands at a time when no appeal or further appeal is pending or may (without extension of time) be brought in connection with the conviction.

(6) When the Tribunal gives a direction under subsection (1) of this section, it shall give a notice of the direction to be served on the person to whom it relates.

(7) The person to whom the direction gives under subsection (1) of this section relates may, at any time within 28 days of the date of service on him of notice of that direction, appeal against the direction to the Federal High Court, and the Tribunal may appear, as respondent to the appeal and, for the purpose of enabling directions to be given as the costs of the appeal and of the proceeding before the Tribunal, the Tribunal shall be deemed to be a party thereto whether or not it appears on the hearing of the appeal.

(8) A direction of the Tribunal given under subsection (1) of this section shall take effect where:

(a) no appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limited to such appeal, or on the expiration of that time;

- (b) such an appeal is brought and withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution on the withdrawal or striking out of the appeal;
 - (c) such an appeal is brought and is not withdrawn or struck out if and when the appeal is dismissed.
- (9) A person whose name is removed from the register in pursuance of a direction of the Tribunal under this section shall not be entitled to be registered again except in pursuance of a direction in that behalf given by the Tribunal on the application of that person.
- (10) A direction under this section for the removal of person's name from the register may prohibit an application under subsection (9) of this section by that person until the expiration of such period from the date of this direction (and where he had duly made such an application, from the date of his last application) or as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

PART 6 — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Application of Bill to Un-enrolled Persons.

- (1) Any practicing person or body corporate who is not registered before the commencement of this Bill, shall at the commencement of this bill be required to register with the Institute within six months from the commencement of this Bill.
- (2) Where an application under subsection (1) of this section is approved by the Council, the applicant shall be enrolled or registered, as the case may be, according to his qualification.
- (3) After the expiration of the time given in subsection (1) of this section, any person practicing as a Transportant or Logistics without registration shall be served a notice of default.
- (4) If he fails to register, such a person or body corporate shall be subjected to the following disciplinary actions:
 - (i) the name of the operator and/or person shall be published;
 - (ii) the business premises shall be sealed up;
 - (iii) a legal proceeding shall be instituted against such a person or body corporate; if he continues in default. The penalties shall include ban on practice, fines, and other sanctions as the Council may decide from time to time or a jail terms if convicted by a court of competent jurisdiction (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 20: When a person is deemed to practice as a Logistician or Transportant.**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, a person shall be deemed to practice as a Transportant or Logistician if, in consideration of remuneration received or to be received, and whether by himself or in partnership with any other person(s), he:
 - (a) engage himself in the practice of transport or logistics management or holds himself out to the public as a Transportant or Logistician;
 - (b) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to Logistics and Transport;
 - (c) renders any other service which may, by regulations made by the Council, be construed as service constituting practice as Transportant or Logistician.
- (2) This section applies to persons who, while in the employment of any government or private organizations, are required under the terms of such employment, to perform the duties of a Transportant or Logistician (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 21: When an Organization is deemed to be in Logistics or Transport Practice.**

- (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, an organization which holds out itself to provide services in logistics and transport shall be deemed to be in logistics and/or transport practice if, in consideration of remuneration received or to be received, and whether by itself or in partnership with any other persons/organizations, it:
 - (a) engages itself in the practice in any area of logistics or transport service or holds itself out to the public as a Transport or Logistics service provider;
 - (b) renders professional service or assistance in or about matters of principle or detail relating to Logistics and Transport.
 - (c) renders any other service which may, by regulations made by the Council, be construed as Transport or Logistics practice.
- (2) This section applies to any organization which offers service relating to logistics and transport, either alone or in partnership with other persons or body corporate (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 21: Licensing and Practicing Fees.**

- (1) The Council shall establish a licensing regime for professionals and practitioners.
- (2) Licensed professionals shall be issued with an Operating License and a Seal to practice.

- (3) Licensed practitioners shall be issued with a compliance certificate renewable every two years.
- (4) A license will take an oath of office before he is given a license and he is expected to discharge his responsibilities with the highest ethical standards and utmost integrity.
- (5) The license remains the property of the Institute and is subject to be withdrawn or suspended if the professional is involved in any unethical practices. Such a license may also be subject to established disciplinary processes as the Council may prescribe from time to time.
- (6) The licensee shall pay a licensing fee to obtain a practicing license which shall be renewable every two years.
- (7) The licensing fee is inclusive of a mandatory professional standard training which must be attended once in every year.
- (8) The license shall be subject to a practicing fee to the Institute, as may be prescribed by the Council from time to time.
- (9) The practitioner shall be subject to withdrawal or suspension of Certificate if he falls below prescribed standard of practice.
- (10) All withdrawals and/or suspension of certificates are to be published.
- (11) All rules and regulations shall be published by the Institute (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Conferment of Professional Ambassador.

The Institute may confer awards of Professional Ambassador on deserving personalities in logistics and transport as the Council may deem fit from time to time (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Provisions of Knowledge Centre.

- (1) The Institute shall:
 - (a) provide and maintain conducive knowledge centres comprising resource library, demonstration equipment, learning aids, etc. for the advancement of knowledge competence and skills in logistics and transport;
 - (b) encourage research in logistics and transport and allied subjects to the extent Council may, from time to time, consider necessary;
 - (c) engage of qualified knowledge resource manager to run the Institute's knowledge centre;
 - (d) allow unfettered access of members to the stock of educational resources in the knowledge centre;

- (e) allow access of approved members of the public by the Registrar to the stock of education resources in Knowledge Centre for research purpose at a token charge to be decided upon by the Council from time to time (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: Extraordinary Rules and Regulations.

- (1) The Council may from time to time make rules and regulations it considers to be of interest to the Institute and the generality of its members.
- (2) Any regulation made under this Bill shall be published within three months after it has been made; and a copy shall be deposited at the office of the Registrar, a copy each shall be sent to the office of the Patron — the Honourable Minister of Transportation, as well as the National Library, and published in the Institute's website within three months after such rule was made.
- (3) Rules made for the purposes of this Bill shall be subject to ratification by the Institute at its Annual General Meeting or at any extra-ordinary meeting of the Institute convened for the purpose and, if annulled shall cease to have effect immediately after such resolution without prejudice to anything done in pursuance or intended pursuance of such rules (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Offences and Penalties.

- (1) A person is guilty of an offence if for the purpose of registering any name, qualification or other matter:
 - (a) makes a statement which is untrue in a material particular, or
 - (b) deliberately makes a statement which is false in a material particular.
- (2) Any person not a member of the Institute is guilty of an offence if, he practices as a Transportant or Logistician or uses any name, title, or description implying that he is in practice as a registered member of the institute.
- (3) A person guilty of sections (1) and (2) above shall subject to section 14 be absolved or his offences if he makes successful application to the Institute and is so notified.
- (4) An employee of the Institute commits an offence if he wilfully makes any falsification in any matter relating to the Register.
- (5) A person who commits an offence under this section is liable:
 - (a) on summary conviction, to a fine of an amount not less than ₦100 and

- (b) on conviction or indictment, to a fine not less than ₦100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not below six months, or both.
- (6) Where an offence under this section which has been committed by a body corporate is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of, or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of, any employee or any person purporting to act in such capacity, he, as well as the body corporate, shall be deemed to be guilty of that offence and liable for prosecution accordingly.
- (7) In addition to subsections (1)-(6) of this section, a list of all offenders shall be periodically published (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 27: Interpretations.

In this Bill:

"Commencement date" means the day this Bill comes into force (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Transportant" means a transport professional (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Logistician" means a logistics professional (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Practitioner" means a transport/logistic service provider (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fellow" mean a Transportant/Logistician with a Fellow status of the Institute. This is the core professional and the highest status of the Institute, with Post nominal FCILT (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Honorary Fellow" means a Transportant/Logistician with an Honorary status of the Institute, with Post nominal HFCIL T (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chartered Transportant" means a Transportant with a Chartered Status of the Institute, with post nominal CMILT (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Chartered Logistician" means a Logistician with a Chartered Status, with a post nominal MILT (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Member of the Institute" means persons admitted and registered as Chartered and none Chartered Members of the Institute (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Affiliate Member" means an entry level Transportant/Logistician, with no post nominal (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Student Member" means a trainee Transportant/Logstician, with no post nominal (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council" mean the governing body of the Institute (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Board of Trustees" mean a board set up by Council to carry out prescribed functions as contained in this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Registrar" mean the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute employed by Council (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Enrolled" means members registered in the part of the register relating to professional Ambassador, Honorary Fellow, Fellow Chartered Member, and none Chartered member such as Members, Affiliates, and students, as the case may be (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Fees" means all statutory moneys in respect to registration, annual subscriptions, licensing, practicing, renewals, levies, etc. (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Incorporated Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria incorporated under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Institute" means the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport of Nigeria established under section 1 (1) of this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Council Member" means an elected member of the Council (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Minister" means the Minister charged with responsibility for matters related to Transportation (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Panel" means the Chartered Institute of Transport and Logistics Investigation Panel established by section 15 (3) of this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"International Vice President, President, Deputy President and Vice-Presidents" means respectively the office holders under those names in the institute; and (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "International Vice President, President, Deputy President and Vice Presidents" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Register" means the register prepared and maintained under section 10 (2) of this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Approved qualification" means qualification approved by Council (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Ethics" means well-based principles of right and wrong that prescribe what the professional and practitioner ought to do, usually in terms of rights, obligations, benefits to society, fairness, and specific virtues, and include those that enjoin virtues of honesty, compassion, and loyalty (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

"Ethical Standards" means standards relating to rights, such as the right to life, the right to freedom from injury, the right to choose, the right to privacy, and right to freedom of speech and expression (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 28: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) Nigeria Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Section 2)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Qualification and tenure of Office of member of the Council

1. (i) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, every elected member of the Council shall hold office for a period of two (2) years in the first instance and shall be eligible for re-election for a further term of two years in the same office. He shall not be eligible for election into a different office at the expiration of the two terms. In the same vein, any appointed member shall not be reappointed;
- (ii) Only Fellows of the Institute are eligible to be elected into the office of President, Deputy President and Vice President while the minimum qualifications for other positions shall be Chartered Member;
- (iii) Any member of the Institute who ceases to be a member thereof shall, if he is also a member of the Council, cease to hold office in the Council;
- (iv) Any member of the Council may be notice in writing addressed to the President reign as a member of Council;

- (v) If for any reason there is a vacation of office by a member and such member was elected, the Council may, if the time between the unexpired portion of the term of office and the next meeting of the Institute appears to warrant the filling of the vacancy, co-opt some fit person for such time as aforesaid.

Powers of Council

2. The Council shall have power to do anything which in its opinion can facilitate the objectives of the Institute.

Proceedings of the Council

3. (i) Subject to the provision of this Bill, the Council may in the name of the Institute make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Institute or of the Council, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up committees in the general interest of the Institute, and make standing orders thereof;
- (ii) Standing orders shall provide for decisions to be taken by a majority of the members, and in the event of equality votes, the President or the chairman, as the case may be shall exercise his right of second vote;
- (iii) Standing orders made for a Committee shall provide that the Committee reports back to the council on any matter not within its competence to decide;
- (iv) The quorum of the Council shall be one-third (a) of Council membership and the quorum of a committee of the Council shall be fixed by the Council.

Meeting of the Institute

4. (i) The Council shall convene the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Institute on 30 April in every year or on such other day as the Council may, from time to time, appoint, however not exceeding 30th July of the same year. In addition to 4 (1) above, the Council may convene an extraordinary general meeting as the need arises.
- (ii) The Chairman of the Council shall convene a "Special Meeting" of the Institute if not less than twenty (20) financial members of the Institute requires it and issues a notice in writing to the Registrar of the Institute setting out the objectives of the proposed meeting.
- (iii) The quorum of any meeting of the Institute shall be Thirty (30) financial members and that of any special meeting of the Institute shall be twenty (20) financial members.
5. (i) Subject to the provisions of any standing orders of the Council, the Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the chairman, and if the chairman is required to do so by notice in writing given to him by not less than five council members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within seven days from the date on which the notice is given;
- (ii) At any meeting of the Council, the Chairman or in his absence the Vice-Chairman shall preside, but if both are absent, any of the Vice Presidents shall preside and where none is present members present at the meeting shall appoint from amongst them to preside;

- (iii) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him as a member for such period as the Council thinks fit; but a person who is a member by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.

Committees

6. (1) There shall be three Committee of the Council each headed by elected Council members; namely:
- (a) Professional Development Committee (PDC);
- (b) Communications and Strategy Committee (CSC);
- (c) Audit and Finance Committee (AFC).
- (2) The Council may appoint one or more other committees to carry out on behalf of the Institute or the Council, such functions as the Council may determine.
- (3) A committee appointed under this paragraph shall consist of the number of persons determined by the Council and any person other than a member of the Council shall hold office in the committee in accordance with the terms of the instruments by which he is appointed.
- (4) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Section 13)

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY

1. (1) Every agreement which the former Institute was a party immediately before the commencement of this Bill, whether in writing or not and whether or not of such a nature that the rights, liabilities and obligations thereunder could be assigned by the former Institute, shall, unless its terms or subject matter make it impossible that it should have effect as modified in the manner provided by these subparagraphs, have effect from the commencement of this Bill so far as it relates to assets and liabilities transferred by this Bill to the Institute, as if:
- (a) the Institute had been a party to the agreement;
- (b) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to the former Institute, were substituted as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill as reference to the Institute; and
- (c) for any reference (however worded and whether express or implied) to a member or members of the Council of the former Institute or an officer of the Institute, that were substituted, as respects anything failing to be done on or after the commencement of this Bill, a reference to a member or members of the Council under this Bill or the officer of the Institute who corresponds as nearly as may be to the member or officer in question of the Institute.

- (2) Other documents which refer, whether specifically or generally, to the former Institute shall be considered in accordance with subparagraph (1) of this paragraph so far as applicable.
- (3) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions of this Schedule, where, by the operation of section 5 of this Bill, any right, liability or obligation vests in the Institute, the Institute and all other persons shall, as from the commencement of this Bill have the same rights, power and remedies (and, in particular, the same rights as to taking or resisting of legal proceedings or the making or resisting of applications to any authority) for ascertaining, perfecting times been a right, liability or obligation of the Institute.
- (4) Any legal proceedings or application to any authority pending on the commencement of this Bill by or against the former Institute and relating to property transferred by this Bill to the Institute may be continued on or after that day by or against the Institute.
- (5) If the law in force at the place where any property transferred by this Act is situated provides for the registration of transfers or property of the kind in question (whether by reference to an instrument of transfer or otherwise), the law shall, so far it provides for alterations of a registration (but not for avoidance of transfers, the payment of fees or any other matter) apply, with the necessary modifications, to the transfer of the property aforesaid; and it shall be the duty of the Council to furnish the necessary particulars of the transfer to the proper officer of the registration authority, and of that officer to register the transfer accordingly.

Transfer of functions, etc.

2.
 - (1) At its first meeting, the Council of the Institute shall fix a date, not later than three months after the commencement of this Bill, for the annual general meeting of the Institute.
 - (2) The members of the Council of the former Institute shall be deemed to be the members of Council of the Institute for the unexpired period of their tenure.
 - (3) The members of the former Institute shall, as from the commence of this Act, by registered as members of the Institute; and without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of this Schedule relating to the transfer of property, any person who, immediately before the commencement of this Bill, was a member of the staff of the former Institute shall on that day become the holder of an appointment with the Institute with the status, designation and functions which correspond as nearly as may be to those which appertained to him in his capacity as a member of that staff.
 - (4) Any person being an office holder on or member of, the Council of the former Institute immediately before the commencement of this Bill and deemed under this paragraph to have been appointed to any like position in the Institute, or the Council of the Institute, and thereafter ceasing to hold office otherwise than by reason of his misconduct, shall be eligible for appointment to office in the Institute or to membership of the Council, as the case may be.
 - (5) All regulations, rules and similar instruments made for the purposes of the former Institute and in force immediately before the commencement of this Bill, shall, except in so far as they are subsequently revoked or amended by any authority having power in that behalf, have effect, with any necessary modifications, as if duly made for the corresponding purposes of the Institute (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

THIRD SCHEDULE

(Section 16)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE DISCIPLINARY
TRIBUNAL AND INVESTIGATION PANEL

The Tribunal

1. The quorum of the Tribunal shall be three members.
2.
 - (1) The Chief Justice of Nigeria shall make rules as to the selection of members of the Tribunal for the purposes of any proceedings and as to the procedure to be followed and the rules of evidence to be observed in proceedings before the Tribunal.
 - (2) The rules shall subject to the provision of Section 15 of this Bill, as to the costs of proceedings before the Tribunal; in particular provide:
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such a manner as may be specified by the rules, to the person who is the subject of the proceedings;
 - (b) for determining who in addition to the person aforesaid, shall be a party to the proceedings;
 - (c) for securing that any party to the proceedings shall, if he so requires be entitled to be heard by the Tribunal;
 - (d) for enabling any party to the proceedings to be represented by a legal practitioner;
 - (e) for requiring in a case where it is alleged that the person who is the subject of the proceedings is guilty of infamous conduct in any professional respect, that where the Tribunal adjudges that the allegation has not been proved it shall record a finding that the person is not guilty of such conduct in respect of the matters to which the allegation relates.
 - (f) for publishing in the Gazette notice of any direction of the Tribunal which has taken effect providing that a person's name shall be struck off a register.
 - (3) For the purposes of any proceedings before the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths and any party to the proceedings may issue out of the registry of the High Court writs of subpoena ad testificandum ad duces tecum; but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled:
 - (a) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (b) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action.
3.
 - (1) For the purpose of advising the Tribunal on questions of law arising in the proceedings before it, there shall in all such proceedings to be assessors to the Tribunal who shall be appointed by the Council on the nomination of the Attorney-General of the Federation and shall be a legal practitioner of not less than seven years' standing.

- (2) The Attorney-General of the Federation shall make rules as the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular, such rule shall contain provisions for securing:
 - (a) that where an assessor advises the Tribunal on any question of law as to evidence, procedure or any other matters specified by the rules, he shall do so in the presence of every party or person representing a party to the proceedings who appears thereat or, if the advice is tendered while the Tribunal is deliberating in private, that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed what advice the assessor has tendered;
 - (b) that every such party or person as aforesaid shall be informed if in any case the Tribunal does not accept the advice of the assessor on such a question as aforesaid.
- (3) An Assessor may be appointed un this paragraph either generally or for any particular proceedings or class of proceedings and shall hold and vacate office in accordance with the terms of the instrument by which he is appointed.

The Panel

4. (1) The quorum of the Panel shall be three.
- (2) The Panel may, at any meeting of the Panel attended by the members of the Panel, making standing orders with respect to the Panel.
- (3) Subject to the provisions of any such standing orders, the Panel may regulate its own proceedings.

Miscellaneous

5. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be eligible for re- appointment as a member of that body.
- (2) A person may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of both the Tribunal and the Panel; but no person who acted as a member of the Panel with respect to any case shall act as a member of the Tribunal with respect to that case.
6. The Tribunal or the Panel may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership; and the proceedings of either body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of the that body, or (subject to paragraph 7 (2) of this Schedule) by reason of the fact that any person who was not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of that body.
7. Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Act to be served on the Tribunal or the Panel shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuance of section 6 of this Bill.
8. Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by the Institute.
9. Elections to the Council shall be held in such manner as may be prescribed by the rules made by the Council, and until so prescribed; they shall be decided by a show of hands.
9. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Institute shall be authenticated by the signatories of the President or of some other members of the Council Authorized generally or specially by the Institute to act for that purpose.

- (2) Any contract or instrument which, if made or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal, may be made or executed on behalf of the Institute of the Council as the case may require, by any person generally or specially authorized to act for that purpose by the Council.
- (3) Any document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Institute shall be received in evidence and shall, unless the contrary is proved, be deemed to be so executed.
- (4) The validity of any proceedings of the Institute or the Council or of a committee of the Council shall not be adversely affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Institute or of the Council or of a person to serve on the committee or by reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings.
- (5) Any member of the Institute or the Council, and any person holding office on a committee of the Council, who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by the Council on behalf of the Institute, or on behalf of the Council or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the President of the Institute or to the Council, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any question relating to the contract or arrangement (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), Nigeria, charged with the responsibility for amongst other things determine the standards of knowledge, skill and qualification of persons seeking to become registered professionals and practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and for Licensing and regulating the practice of Logistics and Transport in all ramifications (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) of Nigeria with Responsibility, among Others, for Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification for Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications; and for Related Matters (HB. 973)

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT) of Nigeria with Responsibility, among Others, for Determining the Standards of Knowledge, Skill and Qualification for Persons seeking to become Registered Professionals and Practitioners in Logistics and Transport in Nigeria and Licensing and Regulating the Practice of Logistics and Transport in all Ramifications; and for Related Matters (HB. 973) and approved Clauses 1 - 28, the First, Second and Third Schedules, Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iii) **Committee on Commerce:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, Cap. O5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 64, HB. 332 and HB. 400) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi 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 AMEND THE OIL AND GAS EXPORT FREE ZONE AUTHORITY ACT, CAP. O5, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 TO PROVIDE FOR THE DESIGNATION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF OIL AND GAS FREE ZONES IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HBS 64, 332 AND 400)

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Amendment of Cap. O5, LFN, 2004.

The Oil and Gas Export free Zones Act Cap. O5 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: Substitution for section 1.

Substitute for section 1 of the Principal Act, a new section "1":

"Designation and Establishment of the Oil and Gas Free Zones.

(1) The President, on the recommendation of the Authority, may, by order —

(a) designate any area within the Federal Republic of Nigeria as:

(i) an Oil and Gas Free Zone (in this Bill referred to as "the Oil and Gas Free Zones"), and

(ii) a Special Investment Area; and

(c) amend, vary or add to the limit of any Oil and Gas Free Zone as the case may be.

(2) Oil and Gas Free Zones established under subsection (1) of this section may be designed, developed, funded or operated by the Authority or a combination of both the Authority and a private or public enterprise" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 3: Amendment of section 2.**

Section 2 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" —

- (1) There is established the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones Authority (in this Bill referred to as "the Authority") (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 4: Amendment of section 3.**

Section 3 of the Principal Act is amended by substituting for subsection (1), a new subsection "(1)" —

- "(1) There shall be for the Authority a Governing Board (in this Bill referred to as "the Board") which shall consist of —
 - (a) a chairman who shall be a suitably qualified person by reason of his profession, academic or administrative qualifications or experience in trade and investment promotion, commercial or economic matters; and who shall be appointed by the President.
 - (b) one representative each of the following, not below the rank of a director in the public service of the Federation —
 - (i) Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment;
 - (ii) Ministry of Petroleum Resources;
 - (iii) Ministry of Justice;
 - (iv) Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Mines and Agriculture;
 - (v) Manufacturers Association of Nigeria,
 - (vi) Federal Ministry of Finance,
 - (c) the Managing Director of the Nigeria Ports Authority or his representative, not below the Rank of a General Manager.
 - (d) the Comptroller-General of Nigeria Customs Service or his representative not below the rank of Assistant-Comptroller-General;
 - (e) the Comptroller-General of the Nigeria Immigration Service or his representative not below the rank of Assistant-Comptroller General;
 - (f) Association of Nigerian Exporters (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Amendment of section 5.**

Section 5 of the Principal Act is amended —

- (b) by inserting, after paragraph (f), new paragraphs "(g)" - "(i)" —
- "(g) attracting, facilitating and encouraging the retention of investments leading to value addition, into Free Zones and Special Investment Areas;
 - (h) regulating the activities and monitoring the operations of Free Zones, enterprises and organizations that provide services within and to Free Zones;
 - (i) developing and monitoring the performance standards and indices relating to Free Zones;
 - (j) acting as a one-stop shop for all government services for Free Zones;
 - (k) establishment and maintenance of a registry as specified in the Fourth Schedule to this Bill; and
 - (l) carrying out such activities as may be necessary or expedient for the full discharge of all functions activities of the Authority under this Bill"; and
- (c) by inserting, after subsection (1), a new subsection "(1A)" —
- "(1A) The Authority shall have the sole power to license, regulate and manage the oil and gas free zones in Nigeria" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: Amendment of section 6.

Section 6 of the principal Act is amended —

- (a) by inserting after subsection (2f), a new subsection "(2A)" —
- "(2A) The Managing Director —
- (a) shall hold office for a term of 4 years; and
 - (b) may be eligible for re-appointment for another term of 4 years and no more"
- (b) by inserting, after subsection (5), a new subsection "(6)" —
- "(7) The Secretary of the Authority appointed pursuant to subsection (4) (a) of this section shall serve as secretary to the Board and shall —
- (a) oversee the activities of the registry established under section 5 (1) (k) of this Bill; and
 - (b) perform such other duties as the Chairman of the Board or the Managing Director may from time to time direct" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: Amendment of Section 7.

Section 7 of the Principal Act is amended by —

(a) inserting a new subsection "(2)" —

"(2) The Authority shall have power to acquire land, hold, manage and alienate movable or immovable property or assets and real estate"; and

(b) renumbering the existing section as subsection "(1)" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Substitution for section 8.

Substitute for section 8 of the Principal Act, a new section "8" —

"Exemption from taxes.

8. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or law, an approved enterprise, body corporate or firm operating within the free zones shall be exempted from the payment of Federal, State and Local Government taxes, Value Added Tax, levies, customs duties, rates, withholding tax, and deductions.

(2) Notwithstanding the provision of any other law, all employees in the Free Zones shall comply with the provisions of the Personal Income Tax Act.

(5) Except as provided under this Bill, provisions of the Federal Inland Revenue Services Act, Customs and Excise (Consolidated) Act, Companies and Allied Matters Act, Industrial Training Fund Act and other related enactments applicable in the Customs Territory shall not apply within the Zones" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Amendment of Section 10.

Section 10 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (2), a new subsection "(2A)" —

"(2A) In addition to any other power conferred on the Authority notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or law relating to any approved enterprise under this Bill, the Authority may undertake, purchase or acquire any asset for the attainment of the objectives of this Bill".

"(5) In addition to any other power conferred on the Authority notwithstanding the provisions of any other enactment or law relating to any approved enterprise under this Bill, the Authority may undertake, purchase or acquire any asset for the attainment of the objectives of this Bill" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Amendment of Section 12.

Section 12 of the Principal Act is amended by inserting, after subsection (9), new subsections "(10)"-"(11)" —

- “(10) All oil and gas related cargo shall be discharged at designated terminals approved by the Nigerian Ports Authority.
- (11) A licensee may, with the approval of the Authority bring machinery or equipment into the Customs Territory for the execution of Special Projects and return such machinery within the period specified by the Authority”
(*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Substitution for section 18.

Substitute for section 18 of the Principal Act, a new section "18" —

“Incentives and Related Matters

- 18.** (1) Free zone enterprises operating within the Zones shall be entitled to the following incentives and concessions —
- (a) statutory provisions pertaining to all Federal, State and Local Government taxes, levies, contributions, duties and foreign exchange regulations shall not apply to free zone enterprises within the Zones;
 - (b) a Licensee or any other entity entitled to an exemption from payment of taxes under this Bill shall be exempted from providing, filing or submitting any document or information which, but for this Bill, would be required by Ministry or other government agency, excluding the Authority for the purpose of assessing or charging such taxes or duties;
 - (c) repatriation of foreign capital investment for free zone enterprises in the Zones at any time with capital appreciation of the investments;
 - (d) remittance of profits and dividends earned by foreign investor for free zone enterprises in the Zones;
 - (e) no import or export licence shall be required for products imported by free zones enterprises into the Zones;
 - (f) the Authority or any approved enterprise shall be entitled to import into the Zones, free of customs duty, any capital goods, consumer goods, raw materials, components or articles intended to be used for the purposes of, and in connection with, an approved activity, including any article for construction, alteration, reconstruction, extension or repair of premises in the Zones or for equipping and furnishing such premises within the Zones;

- (g) up to 100% of goods and services produced in the Zones may be sold in the Customs Territory on payment of appropriate customs duty;
 - (h) exemption from procurement of import licences for importation of goods and raw materials for products imported into the Zone;
 - (i) up to 100% ownership of business in the Zone for free zone enterprises;
 - (j) foreign managers and qualified personnel may be employed by companies operating in the Zone subject to compliance with Nigeria Oil and Gas Industry Content Development Act.
- (2) The Authority shall, in consultation with the Federal Inland Revenue Service, publish guidelines on the tax implications of transactions between the enterprises within the Zones entitled to be in the Customs Territory.
- (3) For the avoidance of doubt —
 - (a) corporation tax shall not be payable by Free Zone enterprise or company; and
 - (b) goods imported into the Zone shall not be subject to import or other customs duties.
- (4) Retail trade in the Zone shall only be conducted —
 - (a) with the prior approval of the Authority; and
 - (b) on such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Authority;
- (5) The processes for procurement of Entry Visa and Work Permit for foreign staff of approved Enterprises in Free Zones shall be simplified.
- (6) The Authority shall grant up to 75% Import Duty Tariff Rebate on any special product imported into the Zones for which value has been added without changing the essential character of the product after processing it in a Free Zone and intended for the Customs Territory.
- (7) Incentives shall be applicable on the activities performed in the adjoining waters of the Zones as long as they relate to the development of the Zones and performed by the Free Zones enterprises or company.
- (8) There shall be no strikes or lockouts for period of 10 years from the commencement of operations in the Zones and any trade dispute arising shall be resolved by the Authority.

- (9) Goods manufactured or produced in the Zones shall be imported into the Customs Territory irrespective of whether the goods are restricted or not, on payment of the appropriate duty, but restricted goods that have been assembled or packaged without meeting the 35% value-addition requirement shall not be allowed into the Customs Territory.
- (10) Except as provided under this Bill, provisions of the Federal Inland Revenue Services Act, Customs and Excise (consolidated) Act, Companies and Allied Matters Act, Industrial Training Fund Act and other related enactments applicable in the Customs Territory shall not apply within the Zones" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: A new section 24.

A new section 24 is inserted as follows:

"Establishment, etc of Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones Labour Council.

- 24.** (1) There is established the Oil and Gas Free Zones Labour Council (in this Bill referred to as "the Council") which shall —
- (a) be responsible for dialogue and resolution of labour issues within the Free Zones; and
 - (b) from time to time, make recommendations to the Authority on resolution of labour issues within the Free Zones;
- (2) The Labour Council shall comprise —
- (a) a representative of the Managing Director of the Authority who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) a representative of the Federal Ministry of Labour, Employment and Productivity;
 - (c) one representative of each of the following —
 - (i) Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC),
 - (ii) National Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG),
 - (iii) Petroleum and Natural Gas Senior Staff Association of Nigeria (PENGASSAN), and
 - (iv) Maritime Workers Union of Nigeria (MWUN);
 - (d) two persons to represent operators of the Free Zones on rotational basis.
- (3) The tenure of each Labour Council shall be for a term of 3 years.

- (4) The Council shall regulate its own proceedings" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Substitution for section 21.

Substitute for section 21 of the Principal Act, a new section "21(1)" —

"Fund of the Authority.

21. (1) The Authority shall establish and maintain a fund which shall consist of —

- (a) 0.5% of the Cost, Insurance and Freight (CIF) value of all Oil and Gas Free Zone designated cargo;
- (b) money received from the Federal Government;
- (c) proceeds from all activities, services and operations of the Authority;
- (d) grants, gifts and donations made to the Authority;
- (e) such other sum as may accrue, from time to time, to the Authority; and
- (f) proceeds from all activities, services and operation of licensed enterprises within the Zones" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Insertion of new sections 22A - 22B.

Insert, after section 22 of the Principal Act, new sections "22A" - "23B" —

"Establishment of Free Zones Training Fund.

"22A. (1) There is established the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones Training Fund (in this Bill referred to as "the Training Fund") into which shall be paid all contributions prescribed under this section.

22B. (2) The Fund shall be utilized to train employees of free zone enterprises to acquire skills relevant to the activities of the Free Zone in order to generate a pool of indigenous trained manpower" (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Amendment of section 26.

Section 26 of the Principal Act is amended by deleting —

- (a) after the word, "Gas", the word, "Export"; to read —

"15. This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones Act, 2004"; and

- (b) the word, "Export", appearing in the long title (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones (Amendment) Bill, 2017 (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 17: Insertion of a new Schedule.

The Schedule to the Act is amended by —

- (a) by inserting, after the Schedule to the Act, a new "Second Schedule" —

"SCHEDULE

NIGERIA OIL AND GAS FREE ZONES ACTIVITIES

Activities and Services that require Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR)'s Permit for operating in Nigeria's Oil and Gas Sector are herein listed as the approved Activities for the Oil and Gas Free Zones in Nigeria:

CATEGORY I — GENERAL MAINTENANCE SERVICES

- Civil Works
- Minor Civil
- Culvert
- Drainage
- Onshore Scaffolding
- Mechanical Works
- Minor Mechanical
- Minor Metal Fabrication
- Underground Storage Tanks (UST)
- Surface Storage Tanks (SST)
- Electrical Works
- Overhead Tanks
- Minor Electrical
- Onshore Pipeline/Storage Facility Maintenance
- Pipeline Maintenance
- Storage facility maintenance
- Pipeline pigging and inspection
- Non-destructive testing (NDT)
- Corrosion prevention and control services
- Cathode protection and coating
- Pipeline monitoring and ROW surveillance

CATEGORY II — EQUIPMENT/MATERIAL SUPPORT SERVICES:

- ICT Supplies
- Computers/data storage system
- Communication equipment
- Office and household appliance
- Heating Cooling and Energy Products

- Cold room services
- Heating and cooling equipment
- Solar energy products
- **Safety lab and chemical supplies**
- Laboratory equipment supply
- Safety equipment (PPE)
- Paints/coatings/sealants
- Fire and gas extinguisher
- **Mechanical Parts**
- Valves up to 12" Nozzles and Flanges
- Seals, "O" rings, Bolts and Nuts
- **Consultancy:**
- Media and publicity
- Training/manpower development (basic safety software/IT, engineering)
- Finance/accounts
- Management/admin soft skills trainings)
- Community relations
- Nigerian manpower supply (Nigerian professionals only)
- Security services (security equipment/devices, pipeline surveillance, Armed Guards etc)
- Medical consultancy
- Information technology (hardware and software management)
- Legal services
- Architectural services
- Engineering services (0-50,000 man-hours)
- Quantity surveying and estate management
- Local freight/clearing and forwarding
- Horticultural/Landscaping
- Furnishing and interior/Exterior Decoration
- Insurance brokerage
- QA/QC services
- Events planning
- Geotechnical services
- Hydrogeology
- **Water Boreholes:**
- Water borehole drilling
- Borehole water treatment
- Borehole water maintenance
- **Protocol and Logistics:**
- Car/vehicle hire and leasing
- Protocol services
- Travel Agencies, etc.
- Vehicle documentation
- **Laboratory:**
- Environmental quantity monitoring
- Bio- monitoring
- Bio-degradability studies
- Medical investigation
- Sample storage and preservation
- **Onshore Environmental:**
- Environmental assessment/studies (EIA, EER, EAR, PIA)
- Office and domestic waste management (Non-Hazardous)
- Office fumigation and sanitation, etc.
- Sewage evacuation and disposal
- **Installation and Maintenance Services**
- Civil Installation/Maintenance and Material

- Mechanical Installation/Maintenance and Materials
- Electrical Installation/Maintenance and Material
- Plumbing Installation/Maintenance and Material
- **Aviation Support:**
- Supply, Installation and Maintenance of Air
- Navigational/communicational equipment.
- Aviation Logistics
- **Survey:**
- Land
- Topographic
- Geodetic survey services
- **Integrity Test:**
- Pressure Testing/Leak detection of Vessels/Pipeline
- Surface and Underground Oil and gas Storage Tanks
- **Calibration:**
- Calibration of Petroleum Storage Tanks
- Oil and Gas Measurement/Equipment
- Relief/Pressure safety Valves Certificate, etc.
- Laboratory Equipment
- **Haulage:**
- Road Haulage
- Petroleum Products Haulage
- Domestic Waste Transportation
- **Medical/Pharmaceutical:**
- Pharmaceutical supplies
- Medical Equipment
- Dietitians
- Veterinary Services
- **Hospitality:**
- Lodging/Boarding
- Onshore Catering and other related services
- **Automobile:**
- Services and Maintenance of cars/Vehicles/trucks/heavy
- duty/articulated equipment
- **Data and Measurement:**
- Ullage
- Fiscalization
- Cargo survey

CATEGORY III — OFFSHORE/ONSHORE PIPELINE SERVICES:

- **Pipeline Laying and Construction:**
- Laying of Oil and gas pipeline
- Pipeline Fabrication
- **Pipeline Maintenance**
- Pipeline Maintenance
- Production Facilities Inspection/Maintenance
- Pipeline Pigging and Inspection
- Non-Destructive Testing (Normal or using Radioactive source)
- Hydro test
- Corrosion Prevention and Control Services (cathode Protection, Coating)
- **Pipe Milling/Coating:**
- Pipeline Procurement
- Pipe Milling/Threading/Coating

CATEGORY IV — MAJOR CONSTRUCTION:

- **Discipline Engineering and Construction:**
- Road Construction
- Structural Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Offshore Scaffolding
- **Installation and Upgrade of Offshore Facilities:**
- Installation/Upgrade of On-/Offshore production facilities and Platforms
- Storage and/or Export Facilities, e.g. Oil Terminals, Depots, Jetties
- Process Facilities
- FPSO Vessels
- Marine Vessels

CATEGORY V — DRILLING AND PRODUCTION

- **Hoisting & Rig Operations:**
- Supply, Hoisting and Operation of Drilling rig
- Casing/Tubing running
- Well completion Services
- Cementing and Linear Hanger Services
- Directional Drilling
- Intelligent well completion Services
- Well control Monitoring and Management Services
- **Drilling Support Services:**
- Fishing operations
- Well logging, Wire line Services, Well Testing Stem
- Pressure Volume Temperature (PVT) Analysis
- Core Sample
- Stimulation, Pumping, Coiled tubing/slick line
- Drilling/Production Chemicals/Materials Supply
- Mud Logging
- Cutting Re-injection
- Logging While Drilling (LWD)
- Measurement While Drilling (MWD)
- Solids Control
- Wellbore cleanout Services
- Hydraulic work over
- **Exploration**
- Seismic Data Acquisition
- Processing and Interpretation
- Down Hole Data Gathering and Interpretation
- Supply of Seismic Materials and Explosives
- **Technical Consultancy**
- Engineering Services (above 50,000 man-hours)
- Project Management
- Environmental Sensitivity Index (ESI)
- Mapping Geographic Information System (GIS)
- Marine Engineering/Survey
- Reservoir Evaluation and Management
- Technical Integrity
- Management/Assurance (e.g. Scaffolding Certification, Safety Audit/Technical Surveys)
- Lifting Equipment Certification

- Aircraft Inspection (QC and QA)
- Risk Management Services
- Oceanography
- Offshore Environmental Services (EIA, Sea Bed Survey, etc.)
- Production Operations and process Maintenance
- Research and Development (Technology)
- Calibration/Meter Proving
- Geological Studies
- Instrumentation
- Facility Inspection and Maintenance Services
- Interface Management and Regulatory Compliance
- **Special Transportation**
- Air Transportation
- Sea Transportation
- Rig Move and Deployment Logistics
- Marine Vessels Supply and Operation
- Offshore Operation Support Services (e.g. Marine Security and Escort, Mooring Services, House Boats, Barges, Tug boats)
- **Dredging**
- Dredging
- Hydraulic Water Channel Maintenance
- Shore Consolidation
- Land Reclamation
- **Diving**
- Diving
- Underwater Inspection
- ROV Operation and associated services (underwater welding)
- **Hospital/Medical**
- Health Management Services
- Hospital Retainer-ship
- Surgery & Similar Medical Procedures
- Industrial Hygiene: Radiation, Safety Monitoring and Control
- Hospital Services
- **Heavy Duty Equipment Supply**
- Turbines
- Christmas Trees
- Risers
- SBM
- OCTG/Pipes
- Caterpillars
- Pay-loaders
- Cranes
- Elevators/lifts
- Swamp-buggies
- LP/HP Pumps
- Fire Trucks
- Compressors
- Shale Shakers
- Skips
- Drill Bits
- Separators
- Reamers
- Blowout Preventers
- Bottom Hole Assembly
- Valves (12 inches and above)
- Well Head Jacket
- HV ACS/Accessories

- Diving equipment and accessories
- Life Boats/Life Rafts
- Humidifiers
- Subsea Equipment
- Baskets
- Containers
- Tanks
- **Communication**
- Telecommunication Operators
- ISP Providers
- Cable Network
- **Banking/Financial Services**
- Banking
- Audit
- Taxation
- Financial and Management Advisory Services
- **International Freight and Forwarding**
- Bulk Haulage
- Courier Services
- **Insurance**
- Insurance Matters
- Automobile
- Sales and Maintenance of Cars/Vehicle (Without showroom)
- **Hyperbaric**
- Divers' Fitness Certification
- Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy (HPOT) and Associated Services
- **Manufacturing**
- Product/materials manufactured are to be specified, and not more than two (2) items will be covered by License:
- Woodworks
- Valves
- Gas Cylinders
- Cables
- Ropes
- Christmas Trees
- **Environmental Restoration Services**
- Soil Remediation
- Pit Back-filling and Land Reclamation
- Oil Spill Control/Clean-Up
- **Marine Support Service**
- Supply, Installation and Maintenance Navigational/Communication Equipment
- Marine Logistics
- Cargo Handling/Storage
- **Local Gas Distribution Services**
- Natural Gas Distribution Services
- **Rope Access**
- Rope Access Service

CATEGORY V — DOWNSTREAM SERVICES

- Petroleum Crude Refining
- Crude Oil Refining and Crude Oil Processing
- Natural Gas Processing
- Purifying of Raw Natural Gas (Fertilizer Plants, Petro-Chemicals, etc.)

- **Petroleum Product Marketing**
- Marketing and Distribution of Crude Oil and Natural Gas
- Marketing and Distribution of Gasoline or petrol, kerosene, jet fuel, diesel oil; heating oil, fuel-oils, lubricants, waxes, asphalt, natural gas, and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), etc.; and

(b) renumbering the Schedule appropriately (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to amend the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones Act, Cap. O5, Laws Federation Nigeria, 2004 to provide, among others, for the designation and establishment of the Nigeria Oil and Gas Free Zones (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, Cap. O5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HBs 64, 332 and 400) (*Hon. Sylvester Ogbaga — Abakaliki/Izzi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Commerce on a Bill for an Act to Amend the Oil and Gas Export Free Zone Authority Act, Cap. O5, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for the Designation and Establishment of Oil and Gas Free Zones in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 64, HB. 332 and HB. 400) and approved Clauses 1 - 17, the Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(iv) **Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Refugees and Initiatives on North-East Zone on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the National Commission for Refugees Act, Cap. N21, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the National Commission for Internally Displaced Persons, Refugees, Stateless and other Persons of Concern, to Provide a Framework for Durable Solutions to Victims of Displacement; and for Related Matters (HB. 603) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(v) **Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values:**

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Information, National Orientation, Ethics and Values on a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian Film Corporation Act, Cap. N109, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigerian Film Commission Act, 2017 to Regulate and Develop the Film Industry in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 584) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) ***Committee on Science and Technology:***

That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Science and Technology on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Biotechnology Development Agency; and for Related Matters (HB. 33) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

(vi) ***Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Public Procurement:***

That the House do consider the Report of the Committees on Petroleum Resources (Upstream), and Public Procurement on the Investigation into the \$260 Million Contract Awarded by the National Petroleum Investment Management Services (NAPIMS) and approve the recommendations therein.

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

24. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till 2.55 p.m. (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.50 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker