



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 28 February, 2018

1. The House met at 11.22 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 Tuesday, 27 February, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcements**

(a) **Visitors in the Gallery:**

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following visitors in the Gallery:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Standard Basic Nursery, Primary and High School*, New Nyanya, Karu, Nasarawa State;
- (ii) Staff and Students of *Jethrone Eagles Academy*, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (iii) Staff and Students of *The Bells Secondary School*, Ota, Ogun State; and
- (iv) Staff and Students of *Premier International School*, Wuse II, Abuja.

(b) **Sectoral Debate:**

Mr Speaker announced that the House has scheduled a sectoral debate on the Iron and Steel sector of the national economy pursuant to the Legislative Agenda and Standing Orders of the House of Representatives (Order Sixteen, Rule 3), on Thursday, 1 March 2018, at 11.00 a.m.

(c) **Bereavement:**

By leave of the House, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila (*Surulere I Federal Constituency*), announced the demise of Hon. Rasheed Adewale Shitta-Bey, a former Member (*Surulere Federal Constituency, Second Republic*).

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

4. **Petition**

A petition from the Association of Tutorial School Operators (ATSO), on a call for review of the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB) policy on the 2018 University Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), was presented and laid by Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie (*Andoni-Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*).

Petition referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) ***Need to Celebrate the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) at 40:***
Hon. Ezenwa Onyewuchi (*Owerri Municipal/Owerri North/Owerri West 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 Celebrate the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) at 40:

The House:

Notes that today marks the 40th anniversary of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) as the umbrella union of the nation's working class;

Also notes that this celebration is a reflection of the labour movement's struggles, trials and successes over the past four decades;

Aware that though opinions remain divided as to what the NLC has achieved in the last forty years, one must agree that the NLC has been a rallying point for the oppressed Nigerian worker;

Worried that the NLC has faced and still faces insurmountable challenges which have dampened its efforts to protect, defend and promote the rights, well-being and interests of all Nigerian workers and pensioners;

Also worried that the NLC has on numerous occasions stated that the resolve of the average Nigerian worker is being tested with the inability of government at all levels and the private sector to address issues of workers' welfare, unemployment, under-employment, minimum wage, casualization, pensions, promotions, provision of occupational safety in workplaces, among others;

Concerned that Nigeria will continue to regress if government does nothing to address the concerns raised by the NLC and other labour movements/stakeholders;

Resolves to:

- (i) congratulate the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) as it marks its 40th anniversary and celebrate its years of struggle, commitment and perseverance as organized labour; and

- (ii) identify with the various labour issues and challenges raised by the NLC and other relevant stakeholders with a view to ameliorating the plight of Nigerian workers (*Hon. Ezenwa Onyewuchi — Owerri Municipal/North/West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that today marks the 40th anniversary of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) as the umbrella union of the nation's working class;

Also noted that this celebration is a reflection of the labour movement's struggles, trials and successes over the past four decades;

Aware that though opinions remain divided as to what the NLC has achieved in the last forty years, one must agree that the NLC has been a rallying point for the oppressed Nigerian worker;

Worried that the NLC has faced and still faces insurmountable challenges which have dampened its efforts to protect, defend and promote the rights, well-being and interests of all Nigerian workers and pensioners;

Also worried that the NLC has on numerous occasions stated that the resolve of the average Nigerian worker is being tested with the inability of government at all levels and the private sector to address issues of workers' welfare, unemployment, under-employment, minimum wage, casualization, pensions, promotions, provision of occupational safety in workplaces, among others;

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Resolved to:

- (i) congratulate the Nigerian Labour Congress (NLC) as it marks its 40th anniversary and celebrate its years of struggle, commitment and perseverance as organized labour; and
 - (ii) identify with the various labour issues and challenges raised by the NLC and other relevant stakeholders with a view to ameliorating the plight of Nigerian workers (**HR. 74/2018**).
- (ii) ***Killings and Wanton Destruction of Lives and Property at Kasuwan Magani in Kajuru and Cattle Rustling in Chikun Local Government Area (LGA) of Kaduna State:***
Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde (Kajuru/Chikun 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.

Killings and Wanton Destruction of Lives and Property at Kasuwan Magani in Kajuru Local Government Area and Cattle Rustling in Chikun Local Government Area (LGA) of Kaduna State:

The House:

Notes the crisis in Kasuwan Magani, a community in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State on Sunday, 25 February, 2018, which spilled over to the next day;

Also notes that the crisis was as a result of a change of religious belief by some people, thereby, prompting some irate youths to embark on killings and destruction of property in that community;

Further notes the efforts of the State Governor, His Excellency, Mallam Nasiru El-Rufai for his quick intervention by deploying security personnel to the area that brought the situation under control, as well as directing the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) to come to the aid of the victims and also ordering the arrest of the culprits;

Worried that as a result of this crisis, over twenty (20) persons have lost their lives and property worth millions of Naira destroyed with many families rendered homeless;

Also worried at the rate lives and property of our citizens are being destroyed at the slightest provocation with absolute disregard to value of human life;

Further worried that on same Sunday night, in Dagbache and Gazamani villages of Chikun ward in Chikun LGA, two persons, one Mr Mami and Mr Dauda Ayuba lost their lives in the attempt to go after cattle rustlers who invaded their villages;

Resolves to:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly move to these communities with relief materials in order to alleviate the suffering of the people rendered homeless and the families that lost their loved ones (*Hon. Yakubu Umar Barde — Kajuru/Chikun Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the crisis in Kasuwan Magani, a community in Kajuru LGA of Kaduna State on Sunday, 25 February, 2018, which spilled over to the next day;

Also noted that the crisis was as a result of a change of religious belief by some people, thereby, prompting some irate youths to embark on killings and destruction of property in that community;

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Resolved to:

Urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to quickly move to these communities with relief materials in order to alleviate the suffering of the people rendered homeless and the families that lost their loved ones (HR. 75/2018).

6. Admittance into the Chamber

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do admit into the Chamber, on Thursday, 1 March, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. the Hon. Minister of Mines and Steel Development, the Hon. Minister of Finance, their entourage and two experts on Steel Development for the purpose of Sectoral Debate on Steel Sector Development in Nigeria, pursuant to Order Sixteen, Rule 3" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

7. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) Fiscal Responsibility Act (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1348).
- (2) Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute Bill, 2018 (HB. 1349).
- (3) National Institute of Construction Technology and Management (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1350).
- (4) National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1351).
- (5) Chartered Institute of Directors of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1352).

8. Presentation of Report

Committee on Special Duties:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Committee on Special Duties on a Bill for an Act to Establish the National Boundary Task Force for the Protection of Persons and Prevention of Communal Clashes and other Criminal Acts; and for Related Matters (HB. 486)" (Hon. Nasiru Sani Zangon Daura — Baure/Zango Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote Efficiency and Expand Opportunities for Nigerian's participation in the World Markets while at the same time recognizing the role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 168) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the National Broadcasting Commission Act, Cap. N11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to Provide for Competition in Nigeria, to Promote Efficiency and Expand Opportunities for Nigerian's participation in the World Markets while at the same time recognizing the role of Foreign Competition in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 168) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

10. **A Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigration Act, 2015 to make further Provisions to Restrict and Regulate the Issuance of Work Permit to Foreign Nationals; and for Related Matters (HB. 480) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the Immigration Act, 2015 to make further Provisions to Restrict and Regulate the Issuance of Work Permit to Foreign Nationals; and for Related Matters (HB. 480) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

11. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs to Regulate and Control the Practice of Entrepreneurship; and for Related Matters (HB. 1239) — Third Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Entrepreneurs to Regulate and Control the Practice of Entrepreneurship; and for Related Matters (HB. 1239) be now read the Third Time" (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

Agreed to.

Bill read the Third Time and Passed.

12. **A Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry to Provide for an Institute to be charged with Responsibility for the Registration, Regulation and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and to Establish a Council that may invest moneys into any Security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other Security in Nigeria approved by the Council; and for Related Matters (HB. 594 and HB. 1089) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Regulate the Profession of Forestry to Provide for an Institute to be charged with Responsibility for the Registration, Regulation and Disciplining of Members of the Profession and to Establish a Council that may invest moneys into any Security created or issued by or on behalf of the Government of the Federation or in any other Security in Nigeria approved by the Council; and for Related Matters (HB. 594 and HB. 1089) be now read a Second Time" (Hon. Adeyinka Ajayi — Odo-Otin/Ifelodun/Boripe Federal Constituency and 1 other).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Environment and Habitat.

13. **A Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian National Heroes Register Act, Cap. N121, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian National Heroes Bill to Provide for the Recognition of Heroes, Re-establish the Nigerian Heroes Register and Criteria for the Identification, Categories, Selection and Honouring of National Heroes; and for Related Matters (HB.954) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Repeal the Nigerian National Heroes Register Act, Cap. N121, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the Nigerian National Heroes Bill to Provide for the Recognition of Heroes, Re-establish the Nigerian Heroes Register and Criteria for the Identification, Categories, Selection and Honouring of National Heroes; and for Related Matters (HB.954) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Abubakar Amuda-Kannike Garba — Ilorin East/Ilorin South Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

14. **A Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote and Foster the Practice of Public Diplomacy and Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.824) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Establish the Chartered Institute of Public Diplomacy and Management of Nigeria to Provide for the Control of its Membership and to Promote and Foster the Practice of Public Diplomacy and Management in Nigeria and for Related Matters (HB.824) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Edim Eta Mboru — Calabar Municipal/Odukpani Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

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

Bill read the Second Time.

Bill referred to the Committee on Commerce.

15. **Discharge of the Committee on Power on Referral on the Motion: Constitutional Breaches, Impunity and other Infractions Against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) and the Need to Ensure Probity and Enforcement of Statutory Oversight Functions, Pursuant to Order Seventeen, Rule 3(1)(g) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives.**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that the Motion on the Constitutional Breaches, Impunity and other Infractions against the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) and the Need to Ensure Probity and Enforcement of Statutory Oversight Functions was debated on Thursday, 26 January, 2017 and mandated the Committee on Power to conduct an investigative hearing involving all relevant stakeholders with a view to identifying any Constitutional Breaches and ascertain the veracity of reported infractions by the NDPHC and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action;

Aware that the matter has lingered in the Committee for more than one year without any tangible progress;

Also aware of the importance of the motion to overall development of the Power Sector in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Discharge the Committee on Power on the Referral and Recommit the Resolution to an *Ad-hoc* Committee to be constituted by the House (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

16. Need to Investigate the Stagnation in the Prices of some quoted Stocks on the Nigerian Stock Exchange

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the declaration by the Honourable Minister of Finance on the performance of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) which she asserted to be the best in the world, based on the upward appreciation in the shares of some Public Limited Companies (Plcs) listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE);

Aware that investors who choose to invest in buying shares of publicly quoted Companies expose their money to the risks inherent in the operations of the given Company and therefore reasonably expect to share in the profitability of such Company in two basic ways: through dividends as declared by the Company and the appreciation in the price of the Company's stock, from time to time;

Also aware of media reports on the daily trading performance of some Companies quoted on the NSE indicating positive earnings and profitability profiles; but also listed on the Exchange are many other non-performing stocks, whose prices have remained pegged in one position, typically trading at par value over long period of time, for two to three years in some cases;

Concerned that this situation has the direct effect of short-changing investors in the stocks of such Companies, as such investors neither earn dividend nor have any growth in the quoted prices of their investments;

Also concerned that if this trend continues unchecked, it could be a disincentive to the investing public, thus stifling the growth of the stock market;

Further aware of the fact that the stock market is regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and that both the NSE and SEC have the responsibility of protecting the interests of the investing public in order to sustain the growth of the stock market;

Further concerned that quoted Companies in the Insurance Industry (the largest sector on the market) are the worst affected in this discouraging trend, made obvious by the fact that nearly all the twenty-six Insurance Companies quoted on the Stock Exchange have had their stock prices trading at 50 kobo par value for many years now;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Capital Market and Institutions, and Insurance and Actuarial Matters to:

- (i) investigate the prolonged market dysfunction of the Nigerian Stock Exchange;
- (ii) review and confirm the pricing basis of the recent acquisitions of Publicly quoted Nigerian Insurance Companies; and

- (iii) liaise with the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE), the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the National Insurance Commission (NAICOM) to take steps necessary to stem the trend, including the need to evolve new NSE listing requirements; and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Fakeye Julius Olufemi — Boluwaduro/Ifedayo/Ila Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the declaration by the Honourable Minister of Finance on the performance of the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE) which she asserted to be the best in the world, based on the upward appreciation in the shares of some Public Limited Companies (Plcs) listed on the Nigerian Stock Exchange (NSE);

Aware that investors who choose to invest in buying shares of publicly quoted Companies expose their money to the risks inherent in the operations of the given Company and therefore reasonably expect to share in the profitability of such Company in two basic ways: through dividends as declared by the Company and the appreciation in the price of the Company's stock, from time to time;

Also aware of media reports on the daily trading performance of some Companies quoted on the NSE indicating positive earnings and profitability profiles; but also listed on the Exchange are many other non-performing stocks, whose prices have remained pegged in one position, typically trading at par value over long period of time, for two to three years in some cases;

Concerned that this situation has the direct effect of short-changing investors in the stocks of such Companies, as such investors neither earn dividend nor have any growth in the quoted prices of their investments;

Also concerned that if this trend continues unchecked, it could be a disincentive to the investing public, thus stifling the growth of the stock market;

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17. Need for Completion of the Gas Turbine Project in Egbema, Imo State and other Power Plants in the Niger Delta Region

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that as part of the National Integrated Power Projects, the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, awarded a contract to Rockson Engineering to carry out engineering, procurement and construction of a 378 MW Gas Turbine Power Station at Egbema, Imo State;

Aware that out of the ten (10) Power Plants, Gas Supply Lines and several Transmission and Distribution Projects initiated by the NDPHC, eight (8) have been completed, namely the 451MW capacity Ihovibor Power Plant built by Marubeni Engineering West Africa Ltd in Benin, Edo State, the 561 MW capacity Calabar Power Plant at Ikot Nyong II Power Plant, also built by the same Firm, other completed Projects include the 451 MW capacity Power Plant at Ogorode, Sapele in Delta State, the 434 MW capacity Geregu II Power Station at Ajaokuta, Kogi State built by Siemens Nigeria Ltd, the 676 MW capacity Olorunsogo II Power Plant in Ogun State built by SEPCO III Electrical Power Construction Corporation of China, the 451 MW capacity Omotosho II Power Plant built by China Machinery Engineering Corporation (CMEC) in Okitipupa Local Government Area, Ondo State, the 961 MW capacity Alaoji Power Plant in Abia State and the 225 MW capacity Gbarain Power Plant in Bayelsa State, also built by Rockson Engineering;

Also aware that the two (2) Power Stations yet to be completed by Rockson Engineering are the 378 MW capacity Egbema Power Plant in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area, Imo State and the 225 MW capacity Omoku II Power Plant in Ogba/Egbema/Ndoni Local Government Area of Rivers State;

Concerned that Rockson Engineering has failed to complete the two Power Plants several years after the award of the contracts and has demobilized from the sites, citing paucity of funds as being responsible for the delay in completion of the projects;

Determined to ensure that the two outstanding Power Plants at Egbema, Imo State and Omoku, Rivers State are completed to support the Federal Government's desire to solve the power problem in Nigeria;

Resolves to:

Set up an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the circumstances surrounding the delay in completion of the Egbema Power Plant in Imo State and Omoku Power Plant II in Rivers State and report back within six (6) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah — Ohaji/Egbema/Oguta/Oru West Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that as part of the National Integrated Power Projects, the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing, awarded a contract to Rockson Engineering to carry out engineering, procurement and construction of a 378 MW Gas Turbine Power Station at Egbema, Imo State;

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Resolved to:

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18. Need to Place the Fiscal Responsibility Commission (FRC) on First Line Charge

Order read; deferred by leave of the House.

19. Consideration of Reports

(i) Committee on Sports:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Sports on a Bill for an Act to Repeal Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigeria Football Federation Bill to Provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.587) and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Busari/Geidam/Yunusari Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL NIGERIAN FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION ACT, CAP. N110, LAWS OF THE FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, 2004 AND RE-ENACT THE NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION BILL TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE GAME OF FOOTBALL IN NIGERIA; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 587)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 1: Establishment of the Nigeria Football Federation.**

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Nigeria Football Federation (in this Bill referred to as "the Federation").
- (2) The Federation:
 - (a) shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal;
 - (b) shall be a body with legal rights capable of suing and being sued in its corporate name, and no member shall have any right to its assets nor incur any liability for its obligations:

Provided always that in resolution of matters relating to the administration of football reference shall be made first to the statutes of FIFA.

- (c) shall be neutral in matters of politics and religion and shall avoid discrimination of any kind against a country, private person or group of people on account of politics, religion, gender, ethnic or other consideration and, discrimination of any kind among its members shall be strictly prohibited and punishable with suspension or expulsion;
- (d) is formed for an unlimited period;
- (e) shall have its headquarters located in Abuja, Nigeria;
- (f) shall be abbreviated as "NFF";
- (g) shall register its flag, emblem, logo and abbreviation with the trademarks registry of the appropriate authority in Nigeria;
- (h) shall have as its area of Jurisdiction the Federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 2: The Statutes of the Federation:**

- (a) the Statutes of the Federation as drafted and approved by its members at its Congress and ratified by FIFA shall be the supreme laws for the governance of the functioning, organisation, administration and operations of the Federation.
- (b) the Statutes of the Federation may be amended from time to time in accordance with the procedure and process stipulated in the Statutes.
- (c) specifically, the Federation and its members shall be self-governed by the Federation and its bodies, according to its statutes and regulations, as well as those that are determined by WAFU, CAF and FIFA even if different regulations are provided by this Bill.

- (d) the Federation shall deposit its Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, with the National Assembly and the agency of the Federal Government in charge of sports, for information and guidance.
- (e) howsoever that, the subjects of Audit for the subsidies, grants and/or appropriation received from the Government by the Federation, control of legality, public order and safety shall be within the exclusive competence of the Government (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: National Asset:

- (a) the Sport of Football is hereby recognized and classified as a National Asset by the Federal Government.
- (b) pursuant to paragraph (a) of this section, the Federation is entitled to special privileges, concessions and to from time to time receive grants, subvention and/or appropriation from the Government in furtherance to its objectives and functions and to facilitate the overall development of football in Nigeria (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: (1) The aims and objectives of the Federation shall be as stipulated in its statutes and shall include to:

- (a) organise the management, administration and governance of football in all its ramification in Nigeria;
- (b) develop, promote, administer, co-ordinate, control and regulate the sport of Association Football in all its forms throughout the territory of Nigeria in accordance with the principles laid down in the Statutes of FIFA;
- (c) consider and establish rules to control football in Nigeria;
- (d) enforce the Laws of the Game as promulgated by IFAB and FIFA from time to time and protect the game against any form of abuse;
- (e) encourage the sport at a national level, and in spirit of fair play;
- (f) organise competitions in Association Football in all its forms at a national level, by defining precisely, as required, the areas of authority conceded to the various leagues of which it is composed;
- (g) control and supervise all friendly football matches of all forms played throughout the territory of Nigeria;
- (h) initiate, negotiate, arrange, finance and control tours and matches of teams to and from Nigeria;
- (i) manage the international sporting relations connected with Association Football in all its forms;

- (j) protect the joint interests of its members;
 - (k) settle disputes arising between members or bodies or persons connected directly or indirectly with football within the jurisdiction of the Federation;
 - (l) raise and administer the funds of the Federation in such a manner as the Federation may deem advisable and in particular by means of subscriptions, donations, sponsorships and grant (appropriation) from Government;
 - (m) liaise and cooperate with the various Government agencies in charge of sports in Nigeria in the discharge of its duties;
 - (n) affiliate with international sporting organisations including, FIFA, CAF, WAFU, National Council of Sports, and the Nigerian Olympic Committee;
 - (o) manage and encourage the development and promotion of the National teams and all forms of Association Football in accordance with the statutes and laws of the Federation, and of any other international football body to which the Federation is affiliated;
 - (p) encourage the affiliation of Nigerian football clubs with the Federation and recognise international football bodies to improve the standard or the performance of Nigerians in world football;
 - (q) enhance the status and credibility of football referees in Nigeria;
 - (r) find ways and means of ensuring the security and safety of football spectators generally and the participants themselves, in particular;
 - (s) encourage the participation of Nigerian youths in the game of football;
 - (t) to do all things as may be incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives or any one of them.
- (2) The Powers of the Federation shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation and shall include to:
- (a) have the full power and authority to do any act, matter or thing as may be required to give effect to the objects of the Federation as described herein, and in addition to the general powers and authority herein conferred on the Federation, and without in any way limiting such powers and authority, the Federation may not have the power to carry on any business, including, inter alia, ordinary trading operations in the commercial sense, speculative transactions, dividends stripping activities as well as letting of property on a systematic or regular basis;
 - (b) engage staff on the basis of a policy of fair employment and equal opportunities, acquire assets and enter into commitments for the promotion of its aims and objectives;

- (c) grant practical and financial assistance to individuals and organisations in order to enable them to promote ideas and concepts consistent with objects of the Federation;
- (d) enter into donor funding arrangements with companies or individuals and to solicit and accept fees, donations, bequests, contributions and subscriptions for the funds of the Federation, provided however that the Federation shall ensure that no donor will derive any monetary advantage from any monies paid to and on behalf of the Federation;
- (e) partner with, invest, promote or own shares in competent business companies and other investment outfits with the view to deriving financial benefits or dividends for the funds of the Federation;
- (f) utilize its goodwill for the maximum benefit and promotion of the Federation in all ramifications;
- (g) take lease, purchase or otherwise acquire premises, equipment, vehicles, furniture and other property or assets, whether movable or immovable which may be deemed necessary or convenient for any purposes of the Federation, and in order to provide suitable equipment, accommodation and facilities;
- (h) improve, manage, develop, exchange or lease, mortgage, sell, dispose of, turn to account and grant options, rights and privileges in respect of, or otherwise deal with, all or any part of the property and rights of the Federation;
- (i) deposit or invest the monies and assets of the Federation not immediately required in such securities and in such a manner as may from time to time be determined, and provided that cash resources and investment will only be made with Financial Institutions as defined by the Central Bank of Nigeria, and in Securities listed on a licensed Stock Exchange as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- (j) borrow, or raise money in such a manner as the Federation shall deemed fit, and in particular to secure payment of any money borrowed by means of mortgage, pledge, charge or lien to secure and guarantee the performance by the Federation of any obligation or liability it may undertake;
- (k) open and operate commercial banking accounts and or any other bank of its choice and to draw, make, accept, endorse, sign, discount, execute, issue cheques, promissory notes, bills of exchange, bills of lading, warrants, debentures and other negotiable documents;
- (l) make rules, regulations and directives that, shall not be inconsistent with the terms of the Statutes of the Federation. The rules, regulations and directives of the Federation shall have the same force and effect as if they were incorporated in the Articles of the Statutes of the Federation;

- (m) select Nigeria teams for International and Representative matches at all levels and to arrange tours and to sanction matches in and regulate the transfer of players to and from the Federal Republic of Nigeria in terms of the Rules of FIFA;
- (n) keep or cause to be kept, true accounts of all receipts, credits, payments, assets and liabilities of the Federation and all other matters necessary for showing the correct financial state of affairs of the Federation. The account shall be kept in such books and in such manner in accordance with appropriate accounting principles as the Executive Committee deems fit and to the satisfaction of the Auditors of the Federation;
- (o) appoint auditors to audit accounts of the Federation and to perform duties relating to the nomination and elections of officers as set out in the Articles of the Statutes of the Federation;
- (p) inquire into the administrative and/or financial affairs of Members;
- (q) appoint such sub-committees or commissions upon such terms as it may consider to give effect to its powers;
- (r) suspend, fine, terminate the membership of or otherwise deal with any State FA, League, Club or individual affiliated to the Federation (including Associate members) for infringing the Statutes of the Federation, rules, policies, principles or resolutions of the Federation or for engaging in acts of misconduct, improper practices, misdemeanour, acts of defiance, or for bringing the game of Association Football or the Federation into disrepute.
- (s) all disputes within the Federation and football matters shall be resolved through the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms enshrined in the Statutes of the Federation and other football governing bodies including those of CAF, FIFA and Court of Arbitration on Sports (CAS). The decisions obtained through such alternative dispute resolution mechanisms shall be final and binding on all parties to the disputes.
- (t) participation in the activities of the Federation being voluntary, its members and all participants shall be deemed to have undertaken to waive their rights to take the internal disputes of the Federation and football matters to ordinary courts of law and to resolve all such disputes only through the alternative dispute resolution mechanisms provided in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE NIGERIA
FOOTBALL FEDERATION CONGRESS AND/OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 5: (1) There is hereby established, for the Federation, a body to be known as the NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION Congress or General Assembly (in this Bill referred to as "the Congress").

- (2) The Congress is the meeting to which all the members of Federation shall be regularly convened. It represents the supreme and legislative authority of the Federation. Only a Congress meeting that is properly convened has the authority to make decisions.
- (3) A Congress may be an Ordinary or Extra-ordinary. Ordinary Congress shall be held once every year while Extra-Ordinary Congress may be held from time to time as the situation demands.
- (4) The President of the Federation shall conduct the Congress business in compliance with the Statutes of the Federation and the standing orders of the Congress.
- (5) The Executive Committee decides on the participation of third parties at the Congress. Third parties have no voting rights at the Congress, and can only be consulted with the express permission of the Executive Committee.
- (6) The General Secretary shall be responsible for the coordination, recording and keeping records of minutes of the Congress as well as circulating it to all members (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 6: The Congress shall consist of all the accredited members of the Federation as outlined in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 7: All voting members of the Congress shall be natural or judicial persons (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 8: Juridical persons who are voting members of the Congress shall be represented at the Congress in accordance with their governing regulations approved by the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: As from the commencement of this Bill, the Statutes of the Federation may permit non-juridical persons, associations or groups to participate in the activities of the Federation to such extent as the Federation deems fit but, excluding the right to vote at and be counted for the quorum of the Congress of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: The Congress (ordinary and extraordinary) shall be convened and organised in accordance with the stipulations of the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: The areas of authority of the Congress shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation and shall include:

- (a) adopting or amending the statutes, regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Assembly;
- (b) electing the President, Vice Presidents and other members of the Executive Committee from time to time as stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation;
- (c) approving the annual accounts and deciding on the allocation of surplus or issuing statements on how deficits arising in the profit and loss account must be covered;
- (d) approving the President's activity report;
- (e) formally approving the actions of the Executive Committee after having listened to the report from the accounts auditing organs;
- (f) approving the budget of the Federation;
- (g) appointing the independent auditors upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;
- (h) fixing membership subscriptions;
- (i) electing half of the members of the judicial bodies every two (2) years;
- (j) deciding, on the proposal of the Executive Committee, whether to bestow the title of Honorary President or member on a person who has made a particularly valuable contribution to Football within Federation;
- (k) admitting, suspending or expelling a member;
- (l) approving the resignation of a member;
- (m) revoking the mandate of one or a number of the members of an organ of the Federation as outlined in the Statutes of the Federation;
- (n) dissolving Executive Committee Federation;
- (o) passing decisions at the request of a member in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Members of the Congress shall be given such notices before the convening of Ordinary Congress or an Extra Ordinary Congress in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 13:**
- (1) The General-Secretary shall draw up the agenda for the Congress based on proposal from the Executive Committee and any member. Any proposal that a member wishes to submit to the Congress shall be sent to the General Secretariat in writing with a brief explanation within the time limited by the Statutes of the Federation before the date of the Congress.
 - (2) The Congress Agenda shall be drawn up as stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation but shall include the following mandatory items:
 - (a) a declaration that the Congress has been convened and composed in compliance with the Statutes;
 - (b) verification of the composition of the meeting;
 - (c) approval of the Agenda;
 - (d) the President's address;
 - (e) appointment of Members to check the minutes of the previous meeting;
 - (f) approval of the minutes of the previous meeting;
 - (g) appointment of the scrutineers;
 - (h) suspension or expulsion of Members (if applicable)
 - (i) President's activity report (containing the activities since the last Assembly);
 - (j) presentation of the consolidated and revised balance sheet and the profit and loss statements;
 - (k) approval of financial statements;
 - (l) approval of budget;
 - (m) admission for membership (if applicable);
 - (n) votes on proposals for amendment to the Statutes, the regulations governing the application of the Statutes and the standing orders of the Assembly (if applicable);
 - (o) discussion of proposals submitted by the Members and the Executive Committee;
 - (p) appointment of independent auditors (if applicable) upon the proposal of the Executive Committee;

- (q) dismissal of a person or a body (if applicable);
 - (r) election of the President, Vice President and members of the Executive Committee;
 - (s) nomination, if any, of the State to host the next General Assembly;
 - (t) fixing the date of the next General Assembly;
 - (u) questions from members and any other business.
- (3) The admission of a member must appear on the agenda after all debates. Conversely, the suspension or exclusion of a member must take place before any debates.
- (4) The agenda for an Ordinary Congress may be altered, provided two-thirds of the members present at the Congress and eligible to vote agree to such a motion (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 14:**
- (1) The Executive Committee may convene an Extraordinary Congress Meeting at anytime, if it deems this to be necessary
 - (2) When the required number of members of the Federation as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation submits the request properly justified and in writing, the Executive Committee is obliged to convene an extraordinary congress meeting within the time limited in the Statutes of the Federation. If the meeting is not convened, the members who requested it may convene the meeting themselves. As a last resort, the members can refer the matter to FIFA for a decision.
 - (3) The members shall be notified of the place, date and agenda within the time limited by the Statutes of the Federation before the date of the Extraordinary Congress.
 - (4) The agenda and any other relevant documents must be sent out to the members within the Statutes of the Federation before the meeting.
 - (5) When the Extraordinary Congress is convened on the initiative of the Executive Committee, this body must set the agenda. When it is convened at the request of the Federation members, the agenda must contain the points raised by those members.
 - (6) The agenda of an Extraordinary Assembly may not be changed under any circumstances (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

**PART III — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERATION**

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 15:**
- (1) There is established for the Federation an Executive Committee which shall be known as the NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION Executive Committee (in this Bill referred to as "Executive Committee").
 - (2) Membership of the Executive Committee shall be by election, appointment or *ex-officio* basis in accordance with the stipulations of the Statutes of the Federation
 - (3) The Federation Executive Committee shall be composed as stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation and shall consist of the following;
 - (a) The President,
 - (b) Vice Presidents,
 - (c) and ordinary members duly elected and or appointed by the Congress in line to the statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 16:**
- (1) Members (other than *ex-officio* members) of the Executive Committee shall be elected or appointed, as the case may be, for an initial tenure of four (4) years and may be eligible for re-election or re-appointment for a further four year tenure and no more.
 - (2) Proceedings of the Executive Committee and the other matters connected with the functions of the Executive Committee shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 17:** A person shall be qualified for election, appointment or membership of the Executive Committee of the Federation if he:
- (a) is a Citizen of Nigeria in accordance with the Constitution of the Federal republic of Nigeria.
 - (b) has attained the age of thirty-five (35) years.
 - (c) has been educated up to at least school certificate level or its equivalent.
 - (d) is not adjudged to be a lunatic or otherwise declared of unsafe mind.
 - (e) is not an Ex-Convict.
 - (f) is not a member of a secret society or cult or an unlawful organisation.
 - (g) is not adjudged to be bankrupt.

- (h) is a proven and accredited Executive Member of a Football club or Federation affiliated to the NFF or, such other recognized football bodies including NGOs, Football Academies who are members of the NFF or, has contributed or been involved in the administration of football for a minimum period of 3 years prior to the election or, on the special recommendation of a serving member of the executive committee.
- (i) has a proven and verifiable means of livelihood.
- (j) has provided a Bank Bond/Guaranty (from a reputable bank) in favour of the Federation as an indemnity to cover the period of his mandate, for an amount to be determined by the General Assembly upon the proposal of the Executive Committee. The amount of the Bank Bond shall not be less than 10 Million Naira (₦10m) in the case of President and 8 Million Naira (₦8m) for Vice President and Five Million (₦5m) in the case of an ordinary member (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 18: The Powers and Functions of the Executive Committee shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation and shall include:

- (a) be the executive body of the Federation and shall be directly accountable to the Congress for interpreting and carrying out the general policies established by the Congress for the administration, management and control of the affairs of the Federation;
- (b) make policies when necessary, which are not in conflict with those adopted by the Congress, or in all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress;
- (c) at all times further the objectives of the Federation and in particular supervise the carrying out of the decisions of the Federation as determined by the Congress;
- (d) taking such decisions and actions as the committee considers appropriate in managing the affairs of the Federation including without limitation appointing the General Secretary and determining the terms of service of the President of the Federation, the Executive Committee and the General Secretary.
- (e) making decisions upon any and all matters of policy or procedure to be followed by the Federation as such relate to income or expenditure of the Federation, including consideration of strategy, budgets and business plans.
- (f) exercising all such powers of the Federation as may be required to give effect to the objects as described in the provisions of the Federations Statutes and this Bill and which are not by statutes or Articles specifically to be done or exercise by the Congress
- (g) shall pass decisions on all cases that do not come within the sphere of responsibility of the Congress or are not reserved for other bodies by law or under these Statutes:

- (h) shall prepare and convene the Ordinary and Extraordinary General Congress of Federation;
- (i) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the standing committees;
- (j) shall appoint the chairmen, deputy chairmen and members of the judicial bodies provided that no member of the Executive Committee shall be appointed to any judicial bodies of the Federation;
- (k) may decide to set up ad-hoc committees if necessary at any time;
- (l) shall compile the regulations for the organisation of standing committees and ad-hoc committees;
- (m) shall appoint or dismiss the General Secretary on the proposal of the President. The General Secretary shall attend the meetings of all the committees *ex-officio*;
- (n) shall propose the independent auditors to the Congress;
- (o) shall decide the place and dates of and the number of teams participating in the competitions of the Federation and Leagues under its jurisdiction;
- (p) shall appoint the coaches for the national representative teams and other technical staff;
- (q) shall approve regulations stipulating how the Federation shall be organised internally;
- (r) shall ensure that the Statutes are applied and adopt the executive arrangements required for their application;
- (s) may dismiss a person or body or suspend a Member of the Federation provisionally until the next Congress;
- (t) may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority to other bodies of Federation or third parties.
- (u) carry out such other functions as the Congress may consider necessary to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill;
- (v) meet at least four times a year;
- (w) at its own discretion, it may delegate tasks arising out of its area of authority and call on the services of advisers or grant mandates to third parties
- (x) the Executive Committee may delegate any of its powers to a committee consisting of one or more Executive Committee members, or to the General Secretary or any other person holding any other executive office. Any such delegation may be made subject to any conditions as the Executive Committee may impose and either collaterally with or to the exclusion of its own powers and may be revoked or altered.

- (y) the Executive Committee may, by power of attorney or otherwise, appoint any person to be the agent of the Federation for such purposes and on such conditions as the Executive Committee shall determine, including authority for the agent to delegate all or any of his powers (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 19: Elections and or appointment into the Executive Committee shall be conducted as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: The President represents the Federation legally and his responsibilities shall be as stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation and shall include:

- (a) ensuring the implementation of the decisions passed by the Congress and the Executive Committee through the Federation Secretariat ;
- (b) ensuring the effective functioning of the bodies of Federation in order that they achieve the objectives described in the Federations Statutes and this Bill.
- (c) supervising the work of the General Secretariat of the Federation.
- (d) ensuring the regular and effective function of the Secretariat to allow it to achieve its objectives;
- (e) ensuring the smooth relations between the Federation and FIFA, CAF, WAFU, members, political bodies and other organizations.
- (f) proposing the appointment or dismissal of the General Secretary
- (g) presiding over the congress, the Executive Committee meetings, the emergency Committee, and those Committees in which he has been appointed President.
- (h) the President shall have an ordinary vote on the Executive Committee and, whenever votes are equal, shall have a casting vote
- (i) if the President is absent or unavailable, such Vice-President as specified by the Statutes, and available shall deputise.
- (j) any additional powers of the President shall be contained in the internal organisation regulations of Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE FEDERATION

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Subject to the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation, the General Secretariat shall carry out all the administrative work of the Federation under the direction of the General Secretary. The members of the General Secretariat are bound by the internal organisational regulations of the Federation and shall fulfil the given tasks in the best manner (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: The General Secretariat shall be internally organized as deemed fit by the Executive Committee of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: The General Secretary of the Federation:

- (a) is the chief executive of the General Secretariat
- (b) shall be appointed on the basis of an agreement governed by private law and shall have the necessary professional qualifications (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: The responsibilities of the General Secretary shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation and shall include:

- (a) implementing decisions passed by the Congress and Executive Committee in compliance with the President's directives.
- (b) attending the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and the standing and ad-hoc committees;
- (c) organising the Congress and meetings of the Executive Committee and other bodies;
- (d) compiling the minutes for the meetings of the Congress, Executive Committee, Emergency Committee and standing and ad-hoc committees;
- (e) managing and keeping the accounts of the Federation properly;
- (f) preparing and managing the correspondence of the Federation;
- (g) coordinating and managing relations with the Members, Committees, FIFA, CAF and WAFU;
- (h) organising the General Secretariat;
- (i) the appointment and dismissal of staff working in the General Secretariat;

- (2) The General Secretary may not be a Congress delegate or a member of any body of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 25: The Federation may appoint, on the proposal of the General Secretary such other persons to be employees of the Federation as the Federation may from time to time, determine to assist the General-Secretary in the exercise of his function under the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: The remuneration, tenure of office and conditions of service of the General Secretary and other employees of the Federation shall be as determined by the Executive Committee in accordance with the stipulation of the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 27: The Appointment and Dismissal of the General-Secretary shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 28: The functions of the General Secretariat shall be as stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation and shall include:

- (a) organise matches for clubs affiliated to it;
- (b) organise the participation of Nigerian clubs and National teams in international competitions in consultation with the Federal Government Agency in charge of Sports;
- (c) provide in co-operation with other bodies, adequate training for its employees and various personnel who may be involved in the administration and organisation of matches and its activities, with a view to improving the standard of football administration and officiating;
- (d) organise and regulate the activities of the Nigeria Football Referees Association, Nigeria Players Union, the Nigerian Football Coaches Association, any recognised Football Supporters Club and any other body involved with football as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation;
- (e) grant annual licence to persons seeking to be members of the Nigeria Referees Association, the Nigerian Football Coaches Association and football clubs in Nigeria and their administrators and managers;
- (f) send for the approval of the Congress on the recommendation of Executive Committee, the International bodies to which the Federation may, from time to time, associate;

- (g) carry out such other functions as the Federation Executive Committee may assign to it to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill; and
- (h) advise the Executive Committee on matters affecting the Federation and the sport of Association Football generally.
- (i) any other functions as may be determined by the Executive Committee towards the attainment of the objects of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 29:**
- (1) There shall be such number of Standing and Ad-hoc committees appointed by the Executive Committee as deemed necessary in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation.
 - (2) The Standing and *Ad-hoc* Committees shall consist of such number of members as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 30:**
- (1) There shall be a Security Committee in each State of the Federation and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, comprising of representatives of all relevant security agencies, for the purpose of ensuring effective security, safety and maintenance of public order at all football matches played in any particular State or the Federal Capital Territory for such period or occasions as may be determined from time to time.
 - (2) It shall be the duty of the security agencies to ensure the enforcement of the provisions of subsection (1) of this Bill upon request by Federation and or its members (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — LEAGUES

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 31:** The Federation Executive Committee shall, subject to the approval or ratification of the Congress, authorize the formation, registration, management and operation of Leagues, as it deems necessary in accordance with the provision of the statutes of the Federation, CAF and FIFA and any regulations thereof (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 32:**
- (1) The Clubs shall make up the Leagues in the competition in which they take part and, where the League is operated by an incorporated body, members in a general meeting of such body.

- (2) The Leagues are subordinate to the Federation, which shall approve their Statutes/Governing regulations and regulations along with any amendment to the same.
- (3) The Leagues shall be managed and operated in accordance with their approved governing regulations independently of any external body, irrespective of the corporate structure of the League.
- (4) The composition of the membership of administration of the League bodies may either be by election and or appointment as may be provided by their governing regulations.
- (5) The Leagues may be incorporated as limited liability companies with the Federation as the preferential or golden shareholder, with special rights, and the participating clubs as ordinary members.
- (6) The League Management Company (LMC) incorporated as a limited liability Company in compliance with subsection 32 (5) of this Bill, shall be in charge of the management and operation of the elite professional football League in Nigeria in accordance with the Statutes of the Federation. The company shall be composed and operated in accordance with its governing regulations, as may be amended from time to time (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 33:**
- (1) The Statutes and Regulations of all Leagues, that are members of the Federation, shall be in line with the principles of the Statutes of the Federation, in particular, and those of FIFA, CAF, WAFU and other football bodies to which the Federation may be subsequently affiliated.
 - (2) Notwithstanding the corporate structure of the League, every League affiliated to the Federation shall ensure that it takes decisions on any matter regarding membership independently of any external body.
 - (3) Each League shall ensure that no natural or legal person (including holding companies and subsidiaries) exercise control over more than one club, so that the integrity of its competition or any match is not jeopardized.
 - (4) The Leagues shall ensure that their member clubs are in compliance with the Clubs Licensing Regulations of the Federation as a condition for participation in the competitions organised and managed by each League (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF NIGERIAN PLAYERS

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 34:**
- (1) All Transfers of players that are under the age of 23 from Nigeria (clubs or academies) to foreign Clubs shall be conducted in accordance with the stipulations of the Statutes of the Federation, as well as CAF and FIFA regulations for international players transfers.

- (2) All transfer contracts for Players Under the age of 23 shall include a clause to guarantee the receipts of a certain percentage of not less than 5% of at least the player's two future transfers by his club in Nigeria (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 35: Copies of all contracts entered into between Nigerian players under the age of 23 transferring to foreign clubs from Nigeria shall be endorsed by the General-Secretary of the Federation and deposited with the Federation within 30 days of the signing of the contract by the player (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 36:**
- (1) The Federation shall be conducted on a non-profit basis, with the intent and purpose that its capital and income when so ever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of it objectives, and no portion shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, (whether by salary, dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever) by way of profit or distribution to any of the members of the Federation, provided that nothing herein contained shall preclude the payment in good faith to a member or any other person of:-
 - (a) reasonable remuneration for services actually rendered for or on behalf of the Federation;
 - (b) reimbursement of actual cost, expenses and other commitments incurred on behalf of the Federation;
 - (c) payment of gratuity, severance payment and/or pension on the retirement of any person who previously shall have been in the employment of the Federation and or membership of the Executive Committee;
 - (d) payment of honoraria and or fees to members of the Executive Committee on the basis to be determined and approved by the executive committee on the recommendation of the relevant committee.
 - (2) The financial period is one year and the specific timing shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation
 - (3) The revenue and expenses of the Federation shall be managed so that they balance out over the financial period.
 - (4) The Federation major duties in the future shall be guaranteed through the creation of reserves.
 - (5) The General Secretary is responsible for drawing up the annual consolidated accounts of the Federation as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 37:**
- (1) The Federation through the Executive Committee shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed, with the general or specific approval of the Congress, all expenditure incurred by the Executive Committee in the running of the Federation.
 - (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established under subsection (1) of this section:
 - (a) all monies as may be granted to the Federation by the Federal Government for the funding of national representatives teams, developmental projects/programs, grassroots development, hosting of major competitions and championships and special grants etc;
 - (b) all monies realized for the general purposes of the Federation;
 - (c) all monies accruing to the Federation by any means, including grants-in-aid, endowments and donations.
 - (d) all charges, fees, duties or amounts recovered by the Executive Committee;
 - (e) return on investments;
 - (f) all interests on money invested by the Executive Committee;
 - (g) members' annual subscription;
 - (h) the receipts generated by the marketing of rights and commercial properties to which Federation is entitled;
 - (i) sponsorships;
 - (j) loans;
 - (k) the fines imposed by the authorised organs of the Federation;
 - (l) the other subscriptions and receipts in keeping with the objectives pursued by Federation and such other money as may, from time to time accrue to the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 38:** The Executive Committee shall cause to be prepared and submit to the Congress in each fiscal year an estimate of the expenditure necessary to carry out the programmes approved by the Executive Committee for the next fiscal year (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 39:** (1) The Executive Committee shall prepare and circulate to every member of Congress at least three (3) months before an Ordinary Congress during which it is proposed to be considered a report in such form as the Congress may direct on the activities of the Executive Committee during the immediate preceding year and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounts of the Federation for that year and the auditor's report thereon.
- (2) The Executive Committee shall also submit the report mentioned in subsection (1) and a copy of the audited accounts of the Federation to the National Assembly, at least two weeks after submission to the NFF Congress (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 40:** (1) The Executive Committee shall cause true accounts to be kept of all receipts, credits, payments, assets and liabilities of the Federation, and of all matters necessary for showing the true state and condition of the Federation, and the accounts shall be kept in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting as the Executive Committee think fit, and to the satisfaction of the auditors.
- (2) A copy of every balance sheet and profit and loss account (including any documents required by law to be annexed thereto) which is to be laid before the Federation Congress, the Executive Committee and auditors reports shall, for such period as may be stipulated by the Statutes of the Federation, prior to the Annual Congress, be delivered or sent by post to every Member whose address the Federation is aware, and to every other person who is entitled to receive notice of meetings from the Federation under the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation and instead of such copies, a summary of financial statements derived from the Federation annual accounts and the report of the Executive Committee and prepared in the form and containing the information prescribed by the Statutes of the Federation and any regulations made thereunder.
- (3) The Federation book of accounts shall be kept at such place or places as the Executive Committee appoint, and shall be open to inspection by a Member with the consent of the Executive Committee or a special resolution of the Congress.
- (4) The accounts of the Federation shall be annually examined within six months after the end of the year to which the accounts relates and the correctness of the balance sheet and the accompanying accounts ascertained by an auditor or auditors to be appointed by the Federation at the annual Congress from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.
- (5) The independent auditors appointed by the Congress shall audit the accounts recommended by the relevant Committee and approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with the appropriate principles of accounting and present a report to the Congress. The auditors shall be appointed for a period of two years by the Congress. This mandate may be renewed

- (6) The Federation shall cause its audited accounts to be published in at least two National Dailies at least once annually.
- (7) That the national Assembly or relevant Committees may investigate or cause an investigation to be carried out with respect only to determining how monies appropriated to the NFF and State grants have been administered (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 41:**
- (1) The Federation shall prepare a consolidated annual budget of its guaranteed income and forecast expenditure including all contingencies thereon based on its programs and activities for the year and shall submit it to the Federal Government. The activities shall include but not limited to funding for the Nigeria National Representative teams, developmental project/programs, hosting of major competitions etc
 - (2) The Federal Government shall make available grants and/or subventions to cover any shortfall in the budget outline in subsection (1) of this section and/or in support of the Federation to achieve its set objectives.
 - (3) Grants, appropriation and subventions to the Federation may also be paid by the Federal Government in consideration of the following:
 - (a) media or broadcast rights of the Federation, in particular the Broadcast rights of the Nigeria National representative teams' matches for the Nigerian territory), which rights shall be acquired through the National or Public Broadcaster.
 - (b) media or broadcast Rights of the Leagues, in particular the broadcast rights of leagues for Nigeria territory which shall be acquired through National or Public Broadcaster
 - (c) the position of Football as a National Asset.
 - (d) the role of football in the socio-economic and political development of the Nation,
 - (e) the role of football in strengthening of unity and tranquillity within the nation and the projection of Nigeria's positive image worldwide.
 - (4) The amount of grant, appropriation and subvention approved by the Federal Government shall be paid directly into the Federation consolidated fund (account) en bloc at the beginning of every financial year of the Federal Government and or the beginning of the federation financial year, whichever comes earlier (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 42:** (1) The Federal Government, subject to the approval of the President and/or the Federal Executive Council (FEC), at the request of the Federation shall grant special concessions, waivers and tax rebates to companies, individuals and corporations sponsoring the activities of the Federation as major sponsors
- (2) All request for special concession, waivers and tax rebates etc shall be forwarded for approval by the Federation through the Agency of Government in charge of sports or Minister of Sports of the Federation.
- (3) The quantum of the concession, waivers and tax rebates to be granted shall be at the discretion of the President and/or the Federal Executive Council (FEC).
- (4) Major sponsors of the Federation shall be those Sponsors categorized as such by the Executive Committee in accordance with the Federation Marketing and commercialization Plans.
- (5) The Federal Government, subject to approval of the National assembly may issue special regulations, tariff, and concessions to specific companies, industries; business sectors etc with the objective to raise funds for football development as a national asset (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — MISCELLANEOUS**Committee Recommendation:**

- Clause 43:** Subject to the provisions of this Bill and the Statutes of Federation, the Federation shall faithfully and diligently collaborate and work in partnership with the Agency of the Federal Government in charge of sports or the Minister of Sports and other relevant Government Agencies in the pursuance of its objectives and the discharge of its functions provided that no action of such collaboration will be inconsistent or in conflict with the rules and regulations of any International Federation to which the Federation may be affiliated to from time to time (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

- Clause 44:** (1) For the purpose of carrying out the functions conferred on the Executive Committee under the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill, the General Secretary or such other employee of the Federation authorized in that behalf:
- (a) shall have a right of access at all relevant times to records of anybody, club, member of the Federation or body to which this Bill applies; and
- (b) may by notice in writing served on any person in charge of the body, club or member of Federation require that person to furnish or cause to be furnished information on such matters as may be specified in the notice.

- (2) It shall be the duty of any person required to furnish information pursuant to subsection (1) of this section to comply with the notice within a reasonable period of time of not more than 30 working days accept extension is granted by the Federation (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 45: Power to make regulations.

The Federation may make regulations generally to give full effect to the provisions of its Statutes and this Bill and, in particular, for:

- (a) making every member of Federation and bodies to which this Bill applies responsible, in its administration, management, governance, finances and other related matters therein;
- (b) making every registered football club responsible, in friendly matches, for organising its matches with respect to but not limited to publicity, security, sale of tickets and concessionary rights;
- (c) requiring all football clubs, administrators, coaches, referees, match commissioners and such other persons as determined by the Executive Committee involved with football within Federation to be registered with and hold a current licence from the Federation;
- (d) regulating the activities of football in Nigeria (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 46: Repeal.

- (1) The Nigeria Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation, 2004 is hereby repealed.
- (2) As from the commencement of this Bill —
 - (a) all assets, funds, resources and other movable and immovable property vested in the Nigeria Football Association shall, by virtue of this Bill and, without further assurance, be vested in the Federation established by this Bill;
 - (b) the rights, interests, obligations and liabilities of the Nigeria Football Association existing immediately before the commencement of this Bill under any contract or instrument or at law or in equity except for the personnel shall, by virtue of this Bill and with further assurance, be assigned to and vested in the Federation established by this Bill;
 - (c) any contract or instrument as is mentioned in paragraph (b) of this subsection, shall be of the same force and effect against or in favour of the Federation and shall be enforceable as fully and effectively as if instead of the Nigeria Football Association, the Federation established by this Bill had been named therein or had been a party thereto.

- (3) Any proceeding or cause of action pending or existing or which could have been taken by or against the Nigeria Football Association, immediately before the commencement of this Bill in respect, of any right, interest, obligation or liability of the Nigeria Football Association, may be continued, enforced or taken by or against the Federation established by this Bill as if the Federation established by this Bill, and not the Nigeria Football Association had been a party thereto (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 47: Interpretation.

In this Bill, unless the context otherwise requires —

"amateur club" means any club licensed by the authorize Division of the Federation to participate in amateur football either in Nigeria or outside Nigeria (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Association Football" means the team sport commonly known as football or soccer, and its variants, played in accordance with the codified rules called Laws of the Game subscribed to by FIFA (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"CAF" means Confederation Africaine de Football or Confederation of African Football, the continental governing body for Association Football in Africa, founded on February 8, 1957, with its headquarters in Cairo, Egypt (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"CAS" means Court of Arbitration for Sports, an independent international body established to settle disputes in sports through arbitration and mediation, founded in 1984, with its headquarters in Lausanne, Switzerland (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Congress" means the NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION Congress established by Section 8 of this Bill (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Executive Committee" means the Nigeria Football Federation governing board established by section 4 of this Bill (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

"Federal Ministry of Sports" means the Federal Ministry charged, from time to time, with responsibility for sports in Nigeria; and Minister shall be construed accordingly (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Federal Ministry of Sports" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Federation" means the NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION established by Section 1 of this Bill (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"FIFA" means Federation International de Football Association or International Federation of Association Football, the world football governing body, founded in May 21, 1904, with its headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"football matters" mean matters, not of a criminal nature or the legality of any law or enactment, concerning the rules and conditions for the voluntary participation of persons, natural and juridical, in the activities of the Federation; or relating to the administration, governance and composition of the Federation and other bodies subordinate to it, as provided in the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill; or arising from the application or enforcement, by the Federation and its subordinate bodies, of the rules and conditions for participation in their activities or, of the Laws of the Game (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"IFAB" means International Football Association Board, the body that determines the Laws of the Game of Association Football, founded in 1886, with its headquarters in Zurich, Switzerland (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"Laws of the Game" means the laws of the game of Association Football as determined or authorized by the International Football Association Board ("IFAB") and, subscribed to by FIFA (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"League" means the competition, subordinate to and organised by the Federation or any other body or entity authorized, delegated or licensed by the Federation to organise league competition, in accordance with the Statutes (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"Member of the Executive Committee or Congress" includes the President of the Executive Committee or Congress (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "Member of the Executive Committee or Congress" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"Misconduct" means misconducts as defined in the Statutes of the Federation and the Public Service Rules (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"National Sports Commission" or "NSC" means the National Sports Commission or the National Sports Commission Board established under an Act of the National Assembly or where it has ceased to exist, an official body within the Federal Ministry of Sports for the time being charged with the statutory functions usually or hitherto performed by the National Sports Commission (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words "National Sports Commission" or "NSC" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"professional club" means any club licensed in accordance with the Club Licensing System and the Statutes of the Federation to participate in professional football either in Nigeria or outside Nigeria (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

"WAFU" means the West Africa Football Union founded in 1975 (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 48: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Football Federation Bill, 2018 (Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency).

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

SCHEDULE**SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE***Proceedings of the Executive Committee*

1. Subject to the provisions of the Statutes of the Federation and this Bill the Executive Committee may make standing orders regulating the proceedings of the Executive Committee and any of its Committees.
2. A meeting of the Executive Committee shall be presided over by the President or in his absence, the Vice President, or such person as may be designated by the Statutes of the Federation, or if they are unable to attend a particular meeting, the members present at the meeting shall elect one of their member to preside at that meeting.
3. The quorum at a meeting of the Executive Committee shall be as stipulated in the Statutes of the Federation
4. Where on a special occasion, the Executive Committee desires to obtain the advice of a person on a particular matter, the Executive Committee may co-opt that person to be a member for as many meetings as may be necessary and that person while so co-opted shall have all rights and privileges of a member, except that he shall not be entitled to vote or count towards a quorum.

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5. Subject to its standing order, the Executive Committee may appoint such number of standing and ad-hoc committees as it thinks fit as guided by the Statutes of the Federation to consider and report on any matter with which the Executive Committee is concerned (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Note:

(This note does not form part of the above Act but is intended to explain its purpose)

The Act provides for the Establishment of the NIGERIA FOOTBALL FEDERATION to administer, manage and govern and control the game of Association Football in Nigeria with the objective of improving and strengthening the standards of football. The Federation shall function strictly in accordance with the provisions of its statutes, the rules and regulations made from time to time by the international bodies it is affiliated to and the provisions of this Bill (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Repeal Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigeria Football Federation Bill to Provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB. 587) (*Hon. Bukar Goni Lawan — Bursari/Geidam/Tarmuwa 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 Sports on a Bill for an Act to Repeal Nigerian Football Association Act, Cap. N110, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Re-enact the Nigeria Football Federation Bill to Provide for the Administration of the Game of Football in Nigeria; and for Related Matters (HB.587) and approved Clauses 1 - 48, the Schedule, Explanatory Memorandum, and the Long Title of the Bill.

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

(ii) Committee on Agricultural Production and Services:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 595) and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGISTRATION AND DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS OF THE PROFESSION AND FOR RELATED MATTERS (HB. 595)

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 1: Establishment of the Institute.

- (1) There is established for the profession of Aquaculture and Fisheries science, a body to be known as the "Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (in this Bill referred to as "the Institute")
- (2) The Institute Shall be a body Corporate with —
 - (a) perpetual succession;
 - (b) a common seal which shall be kept in such custody as the Council may direct;
 - (c) may sue and be sued in its Corporate name;
 - (d) may hold, acquire and dispose of any property movable or immovable; and
 - (e) shall be the highest professional body of the Fisheries Science in Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 2: General Duty of the Institute.

The Institute has the general duty of:

- (a) determining who are members of the Fisheries Profession;
- (b) determining what standards of knowledge and skills to be attained seeking to be come registered as Individuals, Corporate and Affiliates members of the Fisheries Institute and reviewing those standards, from time to time, as circumstances may require;
- (c) shall be the capacity building and training body of the fisheries society of Nigeria;
- (d) regulator of the syllabi of academic and professional programme of fisheries in tertiary institutions in Nigeria;
- (e) being the administrator of certification, accreditation, project programmes, production centres and facilities nationwide;
- (f) in consultation with state chapters of the fisheries society of Nigeria develop, moderate, and implement the annual work plan for capacity training and resources of the fisheries society of Nigeria;
- (g) regulating and controlling the practice of Fisheries Profession in Nigeria;
- (h) securing in accordance with the provisions of this Bill, the establishment and maintenance of the register of individuals, corporate and affiliate members of the profession and the publication, from time to time, of the list of those members;
- (i) maintaining in accordance with this Bill, discipline within the Profession;
- (j) promote the production of fishes;
- (k) ensure that Fisheries science practitioners in Nigeria uphold the ethics of the Profession and guarantee the production of high quality of fish;
- (l) affiliate with any relevant association in fish production either locally or internationally
- (m) educate the public on fisheries society activities; and
- (n) performing, through the council established under this Bill, such other functions conferred on it by the Act (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 3: Powers of the Institute.

The Institute shall have power to:

- (a) promote the professional and practitioner development of all categories of Aquaculture, capture fisheries and post-harvest management sub-sectors of operations, as well as fisheries research and development in Nigeria;
- (b) to promote necessary fora for the productive interaction of individuals and corporate stakeholders, organisations involved in Aquaculture, capture fisheries, post-harvest management sub sector and related development activities in Nigeria;
- (c) to collate, publish and disseminate information for sustainable development of fisheries sector in Nigeria;
- (d) establish necessary Organization for the proper and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Institute;
- (e) provide regulations for staff of the Institute as well as welfare scheme for the staff;
- (f) do such other acts or things as may be necessary for the performance of the functions of the Institute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 4: Members of the Institute.

- (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, person admitted to membership of the Institute shall be registered as member in the category of:
 - (a) Individuals:
 - (i) associate members (AM),
 - (ii) graduate members (GM),
 - (iii) Professional members (MFS),
 - (iv) Chartered Fisheries Professionals (CFP);
 - (b) Corporates:
 - (c) Affiliates
- (2) A person registered under this Bill as a member of the Institute shall be entitled to be enrolled as an individual in the following category:
 - (a) as an Associate member (AM), if he satisfies the Council that he has obtained a minimum of National Diploma in Fisheries or graduates of other related disciplines such as Zoology, Animal Science, Microbiology, Veterinary Medicine, etc. from recognized Institutions;

- (b) as a Graduate Member (GM), if he satisfies the Council that he has been formally inducted by the fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) having completed a Programme leading to Higher National Diploma in fisheries or Bachelor Degree in fisheries, Aquaculture from a recognised Institution and shall be assigned an enrolment number that will be revalidated with a professional number after 2 years post National Youth Service Corps (NYSC);
 - (c) as a Professional member (pm), if he satisfies the Council that he has obtained Higher National Diploma (HND), a Bachelor of Science/B.Tech or Bachelor of Agriculture (B.Agric) in fisheries, Aquaculture and shall be entitled to the award of "member of the Fisheries Institute" (mfi) and an enrolment number after 3 year of consecutive participation at the Annual National Conference of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria.
 - (d) as a Chartered Fisheries Professionals (CFP), if he satisfies the Council by passing the qualifying examination(s) to ascertain that he has fulfilled the requirement for charter Registration as set by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN), from time to time, and be entitled to the award of "Chartered Fisheries Professional (CFP)" and the use of Consultant's stamp for endorsing documents on all relevant professional/specialist assignments.
- (3) The Institute may register a member as a Corporate member and:
 - (a) Corporate membership shall include all corporate organizations, agencies, etc with the award of a Registration number in the under listed categories:
 - (i) fishing Companies, Fish Feed Exporters/Importers;
 - (ii) industrial fish farms, fisheries equipment suppliers/distributors Companies, Feed Millers;
 - (iii) fisheries, Commodities Vendors and Service agencies/Organizations;
 - (iv) individually-owned/Cooperative fish farms, Cooperative Estate Unions, Cooperative Fisheries, Fish Farms Projects
- (4) The Institute may register a member as an Affiliate Member if such member has been formally admitted into the Institute under an approval schedules/guidelines set, from time to time, by the Institute.
- (5) A person shall, when enrolled or registered, as the case may be, receive a certificate in such form as the Institute may approve for the purpose (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

PART II — ESTABLISHMENT AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 5: Establishment of the Council.**

- (1) There is established a governing body of the Institute (in this Bill referred to as "the Council) which shall be the highest policy body of the Institute.
- (2) The Council shall consist of:
 - (a) the Chairman, Board of Trustees who shall be the Chairman;
 - (b) the Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees;
 - (c) the Chairman Council of fellows;
 - (d) the National President, Fisheries Society of Nigeria (FISON) who shall be the Vice-Chairman;
 - (e) the Vice President (FIN and Linkages) FISON;
 - (f) the Registrar, Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN);
 - (g) the Minister of Agriculture or his representative;
 - (h) the Minister of Education or his representative;
 - (i) the Minister of Environment or his representative;
 - (j) the Minister of Water Resources or his representative;
 - (k) the Executive Director, National Institute for Freshwater Fisheries Research
 - (l) the Executive Director, National Institute for Oceanography and Marine Research;
 - (m) one representative of the Nigerian Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture to be appointed by the Chamber;
 - (n) one person to be elected by the Institute to represent agro-allied industries;
 - (o) three persons to be appointed by the Institute to represent the various Polytechnics, colleges and universities of agriculture in Nigeria; and
 - (p) the Registrar of the Institute who shall be the Secretary to the Council.
- (3) The provisions of First schedule to this Bill shall have effect with respect to the qualification and tenure of office of members of the Council and the other matters therein mentioned (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 6: Functions of the Council.**

The functions of the council shall be to:

- (a) carry into effect the functions and powers of the institute
- (b) govern the affairs and the services of the Institute;
- (c) effect proper managements of the institute; and
- (d) do other acts or things as the council may consider necessary for carrying out the functions and powers of the institute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 7: Tenure of Office.**

- (1) The term of office of a member of the council other than an ex-officio member shall be three years but such member shall at the end of that term be eligible for another term of three years and no more.
- (2) The office of a member of the council shall become vacant if the member:
 - (a) resigns his office, by notice under his hand, addressed to the council;
 - (b) is removed from office by the council, by reason of his professional misconduct or physical or mental infirmity; or
 - (c) without leave of the council, absents himself from 3 consecutive meetings of the council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 8: Establishment of the Council of Fellows.**

- (1) There is established for the Institute a Council of Fellows.
- (2) The Council of Fellows:
 - (a) shall be a professional advisory body for the maintenance of the Professional traditions and norms of the Institute;
 - (b) shall have statutory and moderator responsibility on the programme and policies of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria;
 - (c) shall advice on the composition of the appropriate positions of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria; professional activities of the Institute.
- (3) The Council shall keep and maintain a register for the Institute for appointment of fit and proper person by the Registrar in these categories:
 - (i) Chartered members as Distinguished Fellow
 - (ii) Honorary Fellow;

- (a) A person Shall be eligible to be admitted as a Distinguished Fellow, if the person holds Bachelor degree or HND in Fisheries and Aquaculture from recognised institution and have passed requisite examination of the Institute BUT not less than ten years as a Chartered Fisheries Professional (CFP).
- (b) An Associate or Corporate member who has contributed immensely through research, publications and experience towards the growth of Fisheries or other areas of Agriculture generally in Nigeria is eligible to be admitted as " Honorary Fellow" (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 9: Charter Registration.

- (1) The Institute shall undertake the charter registration of Professional members of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria.
- (2) The Charter registration of Professional members shall be managed by the Programme Management Unit (PMU) of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria
- (3) The Programme Management Unit of the Institute shall consist of eight members as follows:
 - (a) the Registrar;
 - (b) the Deputy Registrar;
 - (c) the Bursar;
 - (d) the Librarian;
 - (e) the Coordinator, Examinations and Records; and
 - (f) the Heads of 3 Units of the Institute, that is, Capture Fisheries, Aquaculture and Management Technology, and Fisheries Resources Management and Extension.
- (4)
 - (a) The member of the Programme Management Unit (PMU) shall be appointed on the recommendation of the Council and in consultation with the Council of Fellows; and
 - (b) Shall serve for a period of Five years only and no more.
- (5) A Professional member of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall be qualified for registration if he makes an application for charter registration provided that the evidence of qualification shows that:
 - (a) he has passed requisite examinations and formally applied to be so registered;
 - (b) he is of a good character;

- (c) he has basic educational qualifications required by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria
 - (d) he has not been convicted in Nigeria or elsewhere ; and
 - (e) he has fulfilled all his financial obligations
- (6) The Institute shall, from time to time, publish particulars of qualification acceptable to the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria for Charter registration (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 10: Registration of Fisheries Consultants.

- (1) Subject to any rules made by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria, a member shall be entitled to be registered as a Fisheries Consultant if:
 - (a) he is prima facie qualified for enrolment as a Professional member having passed the prescribed examinations of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria; and
 - (b) shall provide professional stamps for its Charter Fisheries Professionals as Fisheries Consultants
- (2) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, issue Fisheries competence certificates as well as Products Endorsement in respect of:
 - (a) Coldrooms/Cold-storage centres;
 - (b) Fish Markets/Fish Marketers;
 - (c) Fish Enclosures/Farms Infrastructure;
 - (d) Fish processing/Fish handling Centres;
 - (e) Fishing Vessels/Boats/Crafts;
 - (f) Fish Hatcheries/Brood Fish Centres;
 - (g) Fish Feed Vending/Feed Milling Centres;
 - (h) Fisheries Commodities Sales/Service Centres;
 - (i) Other Fisheries production/Operations Companies, Agencies, Facilities and Utilities;
 - (j) Fisheries Cooperatives Production Centres;
 - (k) Fisheries Artisans; and
 - (l) Fisheries Service Providers.
- (3) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall undertake professional Training/Empowerment activities which includes:

- (a) Practical training/capacity building centres;
 - (b) Tutorial/professional training Units;
 - (c) Development of training materials;
 - (d) Research support monitoring schedules;
 - (e) Fisheries Cooperatives Societies Empowerment;
 - (f) Collaborative certification training/assignments;
 - (g) Fisheries consultancy reports inventory;
 - (h) Participatory consultancy application support services based on formal application(s); and
 - (i) Project management services, monitoring supervision, evaluation intervention/undertakings based on formal(s).
- (4) The Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall on the recommendation of the programme managers unit appoint state coordinators;
- (a) the State coordinators shall be appointed from the list of financial professional members; and
 - (b) the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall train and accredit the state coordinators;
 - (c) the State coordinators shall be appointed for three years only (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 11: Fund of the Institute.

- (1) There shall be established for the Institute a fund which shall be managed and controlled by the Council
- (2) There shall be paid into the fund:
 - (a) all fees and other monies payable to the Institute in pursuance of this Bill;
 - (b) Contributions, Levies, Subscriptions, fees and other dues paid by the members;
 - (c) revenue accruing to the Institute from its investments, activities and services; and
 - (d) grants, endowments and donations from Governments, agencies, organisations, benefactors and other donors (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 12: Bank Account.

The funds of the Institute shall be paid into an account in a reputable bank approved by the Council and no instrument for the withdrawal of any money from the bank shall be valid unless it is authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman and the Registrar or by the signatures of such Officers of the Institute as may from time to time be approved by the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 13: Investment.

The Institute may, from time to time subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, invest any part of its funds in any securities and may at any time dispose of such money as the council may require for carrying out any of the functions of the power of the the Institute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 14: Borrowing power.

The Institute may from time to time, subject to such terms and conditions as the Council may approve, borrow such money as the Council may require for carrying out any of the functions of the power of the Institute (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 15: Accounts of the Institute.

- (1) The Institute shall keep and maintain proper accounts of its income and expenditure and shall by the 30th day of September of each year submit such account to be audited by any auditor approved by the Accountant-General of the Federation.
- (2) The audited accounts by the Institute and the auditor's report thereon shall not later than the 31st day of December of each year be submitted by the Institute to the Minister of Agriculture who shall forthwith lay them before each Chamber of the National Assembly (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — THE REGISTRAR AND THE REGISTER

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 16: Appointment of Registrar.

- (1) The Council shall appoint a fit and proper person to be the Registrar of the Institute for the purpose of this Bill.

- (2) The Registrar shall, in addition to his other functions under this Bill, be the Secretary to the Council and shall, on the instruction of the Chairman of the Institute or any Committee of the Council, convene and keep minutes of the Proceedings at all meetings of the Council and Committees thereof as the case may be.
- (3) The Council may appoint such other persons to be employees of the Institute as the Council may determine to assist the Registrar in the execution of his functions under this Bill.
- (4) The Registrar shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the council, a Register of the names, addresses, approved qualifications and such other qualifications and particulars as may be specified in the rule of all persons who are entitled in accordance with the provisions of this Bill
- (5) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Council shall make rules with respect to the form and keeping of the Registers and the making of entries therein and in particular;
 - (a) specifying the fees including annual subscriptions, to be paid to the Institute in respect of the entry of names on the Register and authorizing the Register to refuse to enter a name in the Register until any fees specified for the entry has been paid; and
 - (b) specifying anything failing to be specified under the foregoing provisions of this Section, but rules made for the purpose of paragraph (a) of this Sub-Section shall not come into force until they are confirmed at a meeting of the Institute.
- (6) The Registrar shall:
 - (a) correct, in accordance with the Council's directions, any entry in the Register which the Council directs him to correct as being in the Council's opinion an entry which was incorrectly made;
 - (b) make, from time to time, any necessary alteration in the register particulars of registered persons;
 - (c) remove from the register the name of any enrolled or registered person who died; and
 - (d) record the names of the 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 may direct or require (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — ACCREDITATION OF FISHERIES SCIENCE INSTITUTIONS

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 17: Accreditation.**

- (1) Every Faculty, College, Polytechnic or University offering Fisheries/Aquaculture in Nigeria shall on demand by the Council and in consultation with the relevant bodies, submit to the Council details of its curricula and courses of study in Fisheries and Aquaculture Science and related sciences for consideration and approval of the Council
- (2) The Council shall thereupon, delegate a Committee of the Council to evaluate the contents of such curricula and courses and ensure that such curricula and courses sufficiently endow any person such courses with requisite knowledge, skill and working experience for the practice of the profession of fisheries
- (3) The Council shall, where such curricula and courses are approved, by instrument, accredit such faculty, Polytechnics, colleges or Universities as the case may be, as a fit and proper Institution for the training of prospective members
- (4) Subject to this Bill, a person who has obtained his Higher National Diploma or first degree or other academic qualification in Fisheries and Aquaculture from an accredited institution shall not be eligible to be a registered member and can not head any Unit (academic, Corporate or ministry) unless he becomes a Chartered Fisheries professional as approved by the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — PROFESSIONAL DISCIPLINE

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 18: Establishment of Disciplinary Tribunal and Investigating Panel.**

- (1) There shall be a tribunal to be known as the Chartered Fisheries Disciplinary Tribunal (in this Bill referred to as "the Disciplinary Tribunal") which shall be charged with the duty of considering and determining any case referred to it by the National Executive Council.
- (2) The Disciplinary Tribunal shall consist of the Chairman, who shall be a retired Magistrate or a High Court Judge and six other Professional members appointed by the National Executive Council.
- (3) The Tribunal shall conduct Preliminary Investigation(s) into any case where it is alleged that, a member has misbehaved in his capacity as a consultant or Chartered Fisheries Professional (CFP) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

*Committee Recommendation:***Clause 19: Allegations of Professional Misconduct.**

- (1) The Governing Council may make rules or bye-laws not contained in this Bill as to what constitute Professional Misconduct.

- (2) The allegations of Professional misconduct shall be made through the relevant State Chapter(s) to the Council (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 20: Penalties by the Tribunal.

- (1) The Tribunal may, if it deems fit, give a direction reprimanding an erring member or ordering the Registrar of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria to strike his name off the relevant part of the National Charter Register
- (2) When the Tribunal gives a direction under sub-section (1) of this Section, the Tribunal shall cause notice of the directive to be served on the member to whom it relates.
- (3) A decision of the Tribunal under sub-section (2) of this section shall be taken:
- (a) where an appeal under this section is brought against the direction within the time limit for such an appeal and on the expiration of that time;
- (b) where such appeal is brought and is withdrawn or struck out for want of prosecution or striking out of the appeal;
- (c) where the appeal is heard, it shall take effect only in accordance with the provisions of this Bill
- (4) A person whose name is struck out from the National Charter Register pursuant to the Tribunal's direction shall not be entitled to be registered again except upon another direction given by the Tribunal on an application by the member concerned, provided that the direction to strike off may prohibit any application by that member until the expiration of such application as may be specified in the direction (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — MISCELLANEOUS AND SUPPLEMENTARY

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 21: Provisions of Library and Research Facilities.

- (1) The Institute shall provide and maintain a Library comprising books, documents, electronic storage systems, publications, aquaculture research work data sets, internet access for the advancement of knowledge in fisheries
- (2) Encourage research into any aspect of fisheries as it may from time to time consider necessary
- (3) Undertake regular studies of the existing fisheries and aquaculture practices, scientific information technology and extension services relevant to viable large scale fish culture obtainable from internet and electronic mail services and related options for keeping abreast of current technology-driven research and publication

- (4) Engage in the production and sale of informational research materials, books and journals, etc arising from its research and consultancy linkages (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 22: Offences and penalties.

- (1) Any person who is not a member of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria and practices as a Chartered Registered member of the institute in expectation of a reward, or takes or uses a name, title in addition to his name implying that he practices as a chartered Registered member of the Institute commits an offence.
- (2) If the Registrar or any person employed on behalf of the institute wilfully makes any falsification(s) in any matter relating to the National Charter Registrar, commits an offence
- (3) Any person found guilty of an offence under the aforementioned subsection (1)-(2) of this Section shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of an amount not exceeding fifty thousand Naira (₦50,000.00) or to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or both such fine and improvement
- (4) Where the offence is committed by a corporate body and is proved to have been committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any neglect on the part of any director, manager or other similar office (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 23: Powers of the Minister to give Directives to the Council.

The Minister may give to the Council directives of a general character or relating generally to particular matters(but not to any individual person) with regard to the exercise by the Council of its functions and it shall be the duty of Council to comply with the directives (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 24: Regulations.

- (1) The Council may in consultation with the Minister make regulations generally for the purpose of giving full effect to the provisions of this Bill.
- (2) Any regulations, made under this Bill, shall be published in the Gazette as soon as may be necessary after they are made, and a copy of any such regulations shall be sent to the Minister not later than seven days, before they are published (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Committee Recommendation:**Clause 25: Interpretation.**

In this Bill:

“council” means the governing council of the chartered fisheries society of Nigeria (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “council” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“disciplinary tribunal” means the chartered fisheries society of Nigeria Disciplinary Tribunal established under section 20 of this Bill (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the words “disciplinary tribunal” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“fees” includes annual subscription (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “fees” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“institute” means the fisheries institute of Nigeria established under section 10 of this Bill (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “institute” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“member” means member of the institute and includes a associate, a graduate, a chartered fisheries professionals, corporates and affilaites (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

Question that the meaning of the word “member” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

“Minister” means the Minister charged with the responsibility for matters relating to commerce (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

“Registrar” means the Registrar of the fisheries institute of Nigeria (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

“Register” means the Register maintained pursuant to the provision of this Bill (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

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

“Relevant bodies” means the National Universities Commission and the National Board for Technical Education (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words “relevant bodies” be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

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

Committee Recommendation:

Clause 26: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN) (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

Section 18 (3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE FISHERIES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL (FDT)

The Fisheries Disciplinary Tribunal

1. (1) The quorum of the Fisheries Disciplinary Tribunal (hereinafter) referred to as the Tribunal) shall be three of whom at least, one should be a Magistrate who will be the Chairman and two charter-registered professional-members
- (2) The Tribunal shall in particular provide —
 - (a) for securing that notice of the proceedings shall be given at such time and in such 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 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) the Tribunal shall take cognizance of all the costs requirements
 - (f) for requiring, in case where it is alleged that the person who is 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; and

- (g) for publishing in the media notice or any direction of the Tribunal, any member of the Tribunal may administer oaths on any party as the proceedings may sue, of the register of the Supreme Court on the writ of *subpoena ad testificandum* and *duces tecum* but no person appearing before the Tribunal shall be compelled:
 - (i) to make any statement before the Tribunal tending to incriminate himself; or
 - (ii) to produce any document under such a writ which he could not be compelled to produce at the trial of an action
- (3) The Tribunal shall make rules as to the functions of assessors appointed under this paragraph, and in particular such rules 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 in 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
- (4) An assessor may be appointed under 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.

Miscellaneous

- 2. (1) A person ceasing to be a member of the Tribunal shall be eligible for reappointment as a member of that body.
- (2) A charter-registered specialist - member may, if otherwise eligible, be a member of the Tribunal
- (3) The Tribunal may act notwithstanding any vacancy in its membership and the proceedings of the body shall not be invalidated by any irregularity in the appointment of a member of that body, or (subject to a paragraph 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.
- (4) Any document authorized or required by virtue of this Bill to be served on the Tribunal shall be served on the Registrar appointed in pursuance of Section of this Bill.
- (5) Any expenses of the Tribunal or the Panel shall be defrayed by FIN (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

Section 5 (3)

• SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE GOVERNING COUNCIL
OF FISHERIES INSTITUTE OF NIGERIA (FIN)

*Eligibility for Membership of the governing Council
of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (FIN)*

1. (1) Subject to the provisions of this paragraph, a member of the Governing Council shall hold office for a period not exceeding 4 years single term.
- (2) Any member of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria who ceases to be a member thereof, if he is also a member of the Governing Council, ceases to hold office in the Governing Council.
- (3) Any elected member may by notice in writing and addressed to the National president resign his office, and any appointed member may, likewise resign his appointment.
- (4) A person who retires from or otherwise ceases to be an elected member of the governing Council shall be eligible again to become a member of the Governing Council, as an appointed member if appropriately re-appointed.

Proceedings of the Governing Council of FIN

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of this Bill, the Governing Council may in the name of FISON declare policy instruments regulating the proceedings of FISON or of itself, and in the exercise of its powers under this Bill, may set up Committees in the general interest of FISON, and make policy instruments thereof.
- (2) The quorum of the Governing Council shall be five (5) provided this includes any of the Chairman CoF and/or the Registrar. The policy instruments shall provide for decision(s) to be taken by a majority of the members, and in the event of equality of votes, the Chairman, will as the case may be, have a second or casting vote. Policy instruments made by a Committee shall provide that it is to report back to the Governing Council on any matter not within its competence to decide.

Meetings of the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria

3. (1) Fisheries Institute of Nigeria shall convene its Annual General Meeting on a day as it may from time to time appoint in any particular year. However, if the meeting is not held within one year after the previous Annual General Meeting, not more than fifteen months shall elapse between the respective dates of the two meetings.
- (2) A special meeting of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria may be convened by the Registrar at any time and if not less than five members of the Programme Management Unit of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria require it.
- (3) The validity of any proceedings of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria or its committee shall not be affected by any vacancy in membership, or by any defect in the appointment of a member of the Programme Management Unit 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.

- (4) Any member of the Programme Management Committee of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria and any person holding office on a committee of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria who has a personal interest in any contract or arrangement entered into or proposed to be considered by Fisheries Institute of Nigeria or a committee thereof, shall forthwith disclose his interest to the National President or to Fisheries Institute of Nigeria, as the case may be, and shall not vote on any issue(s) relating to the contract or arrangement.
- (5) A person shall not by reason only of his membership of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria be required to disclose any interest relating solely to the audit of the accounts of Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

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

Explanatory Memorandum:

This Bill seeks to establish the fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with responsibility of registering and disciplining members of the profession (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Long Title:

A Bill for an Act to Establish Fisheries Institute of Nigeria Charged with Responsibility for Registration and Discipline of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 595) (*Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai 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 Agricultural Production and Services on a Bill for an Act to Establish the Fisheries Institute of Nigeria charged with Responsibility for Registration and Disciplining of Members of the Profession; and for Related Matters (HB. 595) and approved Clauses 1 - 26, the 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 Public Petitions:

Petition by Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmed Isah:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmed Isah on behalf of Samuel David and Eight others against the Chairman, Suleja Local Government Council of Niger State on the forceful demolition of houses belonging to Original Inhabitants of the Old Army Barracks, Suleja, Niger State and approve the recommendation therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West 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)

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Ordinary President (Dr) Ahmed Isah on behalf of Samuel David and Eight others against the Chairman, Suleja Local Government Council of Niger State on the forceful demolition of houses belonging to Original Inhabitants of the Old Army Barracks, Suleja, Niger State.

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

(iv) Committee on Public Petitions:

Petition by Osita Nwankwo:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Osita Nwankwo against the Chief of Army Staff on his wrongful retirement from service and approve the recommendations therein" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair)

Recommendation (i):

"Urge the Nigerian Army to reinstate Osita Nwankwo" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (ii):

"To be properly placed alongside his counterparts in the Nigerian Army" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Recommendation (iii):

"That all his entitlements including salaries or emolument be paid to him" (Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwa East/Ukwa West Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Osita Nwankwo against the Chief of Army Staff on his wrongful retirement from service and approved Recommendations (i) - (iii) of the Report.

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

(v) **Committee on Public Petitions:**

Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co.:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co. on behalf of Delfino Anthonia Mekanda and three other family Members against the Federal Government and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos on the Refusal of the Federal Government to pay compensation on their Land acquired for the Establishment of the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State, also joined in the petition are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Surveyor-General of the Federation and the Federal Ministry of Education and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Uzoma Nkem-Abonta — Ukwu East/Ukwu West 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)

Consideration deferred.

Chairman to report proceedings.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Deputy Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole deferred consideration of the Report of the Committee on Public Petitions on the Petition by Olumuyiwa Ogunlami and Co. on behalf of Delfino Anthonia Mekanda and three other family Members against the Federal Government and the Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos on the Refusal of the Federal Government to pay compensation on their land acquired for the Establishment of the University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos State, also joined in the petition are the Attorney-General of the Federation, the Surveyor-General of the Federation and the Federal Ministry of Education.

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

20. **Adjournment**

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 1 March, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila — House Leader).

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.36 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker