



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, 23 May, 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, 22 May, 2018.

The Votes and Proceedings was adopted by unanimous consent.

3. **Announcement**

Visitors in the Gallery:

Mr Speaker recognised the presence of the following:

- (i) Staff and Students of *Royal Diadems' International Schools*, Kubwa, Abuja;
- (ii) Students of the Department of Political Science and International Relations, *Nile University of Nigeria*, Jabi, Abuja; and
- (iii) Staff and Students of *Safe Hands Schools*, Maitama, Abuja.

4. **Petitions**

Petitions from the following persons were presented and laid by Hon. Agbonayinma Johnson Ehiozuwa (*Egor/Ikpoha/Okha Federal Constituency*):

- (i) Besong Anyogu and Associates (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Don Norman Obinna, on his alleged unlawful arrest and detention by the officers of the Nigeria Police Force;
- (ii) Ajene Peter, on his dismissal from the Nigerian Customs Service.
- (iii) Simple Global Solicitors, on behalf of Emmanuel Stephen, on the alleged attempt to murder him by officers of the Nigerian Navy;
- (iv) Fidelis Anosike, on behalf of Folio Communication Limited, on the alleged conspiracy to destroy Daily Times of Nigeria by the Nigeria Police and Corporate Affairs Commission;

- (v) Prince Okenwa Okpara, on the alleged threat to his life and unlawful detention by the Special Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Nigeria Police Force, Umuahia;
- (vi) David Ezekiel Mohammed on his dismissal from service by Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria;
- (vii) Equality Chambers (Legal Practitioners), on behalf of Anthony Udeani, on the alleged invasion and destruction of his properties by Mr Uchidiuno Emeka Collins;
- (viii) Ubah Chinedu, on behalf of the family of late Mrs Chiamaka Glory, on the alleged medical negligence by Dr Oluseun Makewu and Medical Art Centre, Lagos; and
- (ix) Adolphus Tosanwunmi and 3 others, on behalf of Coalition Committee of Pipelines and Products Marketing Company (PPMC)/M.T.J.S. Amazing Oil Impacted Ijaw, Itsekiri and Urhobo Ethnic Nationality of Delta State, on the abandonment of their responsibilities to Low Pour Fuel Oil (LPFO) Impacted Communities by PPMC.

Petitions referred to the Committee on Public Petitions.

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

(i) *Call to Address the Plight of Victims of a Devastating Windstorm in Some Communities in Ilaje/Ese-Ojo Federal Constituency:*

Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo (*Ilaje/Ese-Odo 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.

Call to Address the Plight of Victims of a Devastating Windstorm in Some Communities in Ilaje/Ese-Ojo Federal Constituency:

The House:

Notes that on Friday, 4. May, 2018, a devastating windstorm accompanied by torrential rain occurred at Igbokoda, Zion-Pepe, Itebu-Kunmi, Upoke and many other communities in Ilaje/Ese-Odo Federal Constituency and some parts of the neighbouring Okitipupa Local Government Area;

Saddened that the windstorm resulted in the tragic deaths of two persons in the Federal Constituency;

Aware that the windstorm also caused untold damage and serious disruption of houses, schools, electricity poles and rendered some residents of the areas homeless;

Also aware that the environment has become hazardous, forcing school children to stay at home;

Recalls that the riverine areas which are close to the Atlantic Ocean, has exposed the people to severe weather conditions and thereby worsening the devastation suffered by the communities.

Resolves to:

- (i) observe a minute silence in honour of souls lost to the windstorm;
- (ii) urge the National Emergency Management Agency to embark on a visit to assess the devastation and determine the appropriate relief assistance to the communities;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency to provide relief materials to the victims of the incident; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure implementation (*Hon. Kolade Victor Akinjo — Ilaje/Ese-Odo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 183/05/2018).

Motion referred to the Committee on National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

A minute in silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

- (ii) ***Incessant Attacks and Killings in Langtang North Local Government Area of Plateau State:***
Hon. Beni Lar (Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency) introduced the matter and prayed the House to:

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

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

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

Incessant Attacks and Killings in Langtang North Local Government Area of Plateau State:

The House:

Notes that no development or economic activity thrives in a crisis ridden environment;

Also notes that Warok, Dibbar, Igbar, Gabong and the neighbouring villages in Gazum district of Langtang North are enmeshed in crises;

Aware that on Tuesday, 8 May, 2018, armed bandits and mercenaries invaded the communities causing mayhem, killing and razing down residential and commercial buildings;

Concerned that the havoc has presently worsen, as twenty-five people have been killed, seventeen (17) others are missing and over three hundred (300) homes destroyed;

Worried that the residents of these areas have been thrown into confusion as many are fleeing the areas for safety;

Disturbed that many families have been displaced especially women and children;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Government to deploy Special Task Force to the affected communities;
- (ii) urge National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to, as a matter of urgency, assist the displaced persons with relief materials; and
- (iii) also urge NEMA, and National Commission for Refugees to rebuild the houses razed in the communities. (*Hon. Beni Lar — Langtang North/Langtang South Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

(HR. 184/05/2018).

Motion referred to the Committee on National Emergency and Disaster Preparedness, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 9 (5).

6. Presentation of Bills

The following Bills were read the *First Time*:

- (1) National Health Insurance Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1465).
- (2) National Small Scale Business Development Loan Scheme Bill, 2018 (HB. 1466).
- (3) Immigration and Prisons Services Board Act (Amendment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1467).
- (4) Chartered Institute of Loss Adjusters of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1468).
- (5) Federal College of Education, Technical, Ikare-Akoko (Establishment) Bill, 2018 (HB. 1469).

7. Presentation of Report

Report of Conference Committee:

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do receive the Report of the Conference Committee on the Appropriations Bill, 2018" (*Hon. Chris Azubogu — Nnewi North/Nnewi South/Ekwusigo Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

Report laid.

8. A Bill for an Act to Amend the provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 to further Improve the Electoral Process and for Related Matters (HB.1425) — Second Reading

Motion made and Question proposed, "That a Bill for an Act to Amend the provisions of the Electoral Act, No. 6, 2010 to further Improve the Electoral Process and for Related Matters (HB.1425) be now read a Second Time" (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency and 2 other*).

Debate.

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

■ *Bill read the Second Time.*

Bill referred to the Committee of the Whole.

9. **A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1339) — Second Reading**

Motion made and Question proposed, “That a Bill for an Act to Establish Federal College of Education, Obot Akara, Akwa Ibom State, to Provide Full-Time Courses, Teaching Instruction and Training in Technology, Applied Science, Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities and Management; and for Related Matters (HB. 1339) be now read a Second Time” (*Hon. Emmanuel Akpan — Ikot Ekpene/Essien/Essien Udim/Obot Akara 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 Tertiary Education and Services.

10. **Call to Address the Plight of the People of Iloro, Ojo of Ojo Federal Constituency**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:..

Notes that on Tuesday, 8 May, 2018, heavy rainfall destroyed several buildings at Iloro in Ojo Community of Ojo Federal Constituency, which resulted in the death of a Pupil named Mubarak Owolabi, injured several other pupils and rendered hundreds of residents homeless;

Also notes that in 2015 a similar disaster happened in the same Community where a boat capsized and killed twelve students, destroyed many buildings for which no assistance has been rendered to the victims till date;

Concerned that despite the havoc wreaked on the Community, neither the Lagos State Government nor the Federal Government has come to the aid of the affected Community in any form even though an appeal was made to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to that effect vide a letter dated 17 November, 2016.

Also concerned that the people of Iloro, Ishahai, Imude, Ojota, Etegbin, Igbolobi, Okolodun, Erekun, Okunkobo, Agaja, Petepete, Traffic 1 and 2, Olomometta Igbo-Oja, Egira Communities and the entire Okoagbado Communities that were sub-merged as a result of the devastating rainfall who are predominantly rural farmers, have lost their homes and sources of livelihood;

Resolves to:

- (i) observe one minute silence for the souls of the departed;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to come to the aid of the parents of the pupil who was killed, and those injured in the disaster;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately send relief materials to the people of Iloro, Imude, Ojota, Etegbin, Ishahai, Igbolobi, Okolodun, Erekun, Okunkobo, Agaja, Petepete, Taffi 1 and 2, Olomometta town who have become homeless; and

- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (*Hon. Tajudeen Adekunle Obasa — Ojo Federal Constituency*).

Amendments Proposed:

- (i) In Prayer (iv), immediately after the word “on”, *leave out* the words “Emergency and Disaster Preparedness” and *insert* the words “Legislative Compliance” (*Hon. Rita Orji — Ajeromi/Ifelodun Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

- (ii) In Prayer (ii), immediately after the word “who”, *leave out* the words “was killed” and *insert* the word “died” (*Hon. Aishatu Jibril Dukku — Dukku/Nafada Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed to.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that on Tuesday, 8 May, 2018, heavy rainfall destroyed several buildings at Iloro in Ojo Community of Ojo Federal Constituency, which resulted in the death of a Pupil named Mubarak Owolabi, injured several other pupils and rendered hundreds of residents homeless;

Also noted that in 2015 a similar disaster happened in the same Community where a boat capsized and killed twelve students, destroyed many buildings for which no assistance has been rendered to the victims till date;

Concerned that despite the havoc wreaked on the Community, neither the Lagos State Government nor the Federal Government has come to the aid of the affected Community in any form even though an appeal was made to the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to that effect vide a letter dated 17 November, 2016.

Also concerned that the people of Iloro, Ishahai, Imude, Ojota, Etegbin, Igbolobi, Okolodun, Erekun, Okunkobo, Agaja, Petepete, Traffic 1 and 2, Olomometta Igbo-Oja, Egira Communities and the entire Okoagbado Communities that were submerged as a result of the devastating rainfall who are predominantly rural farmers, have lost their homes and sources of livelihood;

Resolved to:

- (i) observe one minute silence for the souls of the departed;
- (ii) urge the Federal Government to come to the aid of the parents of the pupil who was killed, and those injured in the disaster;
- (iii) also urge the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) to immediately send relief materials to the people of Iloro, Imude, Ojota, Etegbin, Ishahai, Igbolobi, Okolodun, Erekun, Okunkobo, Agaja, Petepete, Taffi 1 and 2, Olomometta town who have become homeless; and
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Emergency and Disaster Preparedness to ensure compliance (**HR. 186/05/2018**).

A minute silence was observed in honour of the deceased.

11. **Need to Investigate the Alleged Violation of Provisions of the Public Procurement Act and Financial Mismanagement by the National Pension Commission (PENCOM)**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that following the enactment of the Pension Reform Act 2014, the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) is required to enforce and administer the provisions of the Act, co-ordinate and enforce all other laws on pension and retirement benefits in Nigeria;

Also recalls that based on the provisions of the Pension Reform Act (PRA) 2014, the Commission is empowered to charge and collect fees, levies and penalties in the course of administering its regulatory and compliance role and in some cases to impose sanctions and fine on erring employers, Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) and Pension Fund Custodians (PFCs);

Notes that like other Government agencies, PENCOM is required to utilize its funds prudently and efficiently and to make all payments into the Treasury Single Account (TSA) or designated accounts maintained in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), except otherwise expressly approved;

Further recalls that PENCOM is authorized by the provisions of the PRA 2014 to invest its funds in order to generate income;

Worried that the PENCOM investment power in the recent past has been subjected to gross abuse without compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by its Management;

Disturbed that PENCOM, under the guise of investing its funds, deposited about one billion naira into Aso Savings and Loans Plc, Abuja, at a ridiculously low interest rate and further directed Aso Saving to lend the money to MGSL Mortgage Bank Limited, Abuja where a senior member of the Management has interest;

Worried that recently the Commission in awarding contracts and sundry services did not recourse to due process as evident in the following transactions:

- (i) unilaterally engaging a consultant Mr Olufemi Adeagbo, the Managing Director, Comnavig who is being paid the sum of ₦2,300,000.00 monthly for the past two years;
- (ii) employment of IT consultant, one Mrs Olayemi Keri, who is being paid the sum of ₦3,000,000.00 monthly plus other allowances, a car and a driver attached which privileges are not being enjoyed by the General Managers in the Commission;
- (iii) hosted World Pension Summit in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively where it was alleged that over two Billion naira was spent;

Also worried that if these alleged reckless spending, misappropriation of funds and lack of adherence to due process are not addressed, the Commission may proceed with similar abuses in future that will certainly put the interest of Pensioners and the Industry as whole in jeopardy;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committees on Public Procurement, and Pensions to investigate the allegations and report back within six (6) further legislative action (*Hon. Zakariya'u Galadima — Bade/Jakusko Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 1, immediately after the word “on”, *leave out* the words “Public Procurement, and Pensions ” and *insert* the words “Public Accounts” (*Hon. Ossai Nicholas Ossai — Ndokwa East/Ndokwa West/Ukwuano Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Main Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled that following the enactment of the Pension Reform Act, 2014, the National Pension Commission (PENCOM) is required to enforce and administer the provisions of the Act, co-ordinate and enforce all other laws on pension and retirement benefits in Nigeria;

Also recalled that based on the provisions of the Pension Reform Act (PRA) 2014, the Commission is empowered to charge and collect fees, levies and penalties in the course of administering its regulatory and compliance role and in some cases to impose sanctions and fine on erring employers, Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs) and Pension Fund Custodians (PFCs);

Noted that like other Government agencies, PENCOM is required to utilize its funds prudently and efficiently and to make all payments into the Treasury Single Account (TSA) or designated accounts maintained in the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), except otherwise expressly approved;

Further recalled that PENCOM is authorized by the provisions of the PRA 2014 to invest its funds in order to generate income;

Worried that the PENCOM investment power in the recent past has been subjected to gross abuse without compliance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007 by its Management;

Disturbed that PENCOM, under the guise of investing its funds, deposited about one billion naira into Aso Savings and Loans Plc, Abuja, at a ridiculously low interest rate and further directed Aso Saving to lend the money to MGSL Mortgage Bank Limited, Abuja where a senior member of the Management has interest;

Worried that recently the Commission in awarding contracts and sundry services did not recourse to due process as evident in the following transactions:

- (i) unilaterally engaging a consultant Mr Olufemi Adeagbo, the Managing Director, Comnavig who is being paid the sum of ₦2,300,000.00 monthly for the past two years;
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- (iii) hosted World Pension Summit in the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively where it was alleged that over two Billion naira was spent;

Also worried that if these alleged reckless spendings, misappropriation of funds and lack of adherence to due process are not addressed, the Commission may proceed with similar abuses in future that will certainly put the interest of Pensioners and the Industry as whole in jeopardy;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committees on Public Procurement, and Pensions to investigate the allegations and report back within six (6) further legislative action (**HR. 187/05/2018**).

12. **Need to Investigate the Processes of Land Allocation in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) from 2007 - 2015**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that lands measuring about 10,000sqm within the Federal Capital Territory are vested and administered by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA);

Aware that all developed lands in the FCT passed through legal processes which involved various departments of the FCTA before interest thereon devolved to citizens for their private uses;

Disturbed that a number of allocations of plots of land in the FCT did not follow due process and, consequently altered the Master Plan of the FCT, thereby jeopardizing the concept of having a world class City;

Worried that in the allocation process, the original owners of Lands in the FCT, particularly, those that gave up their Ancestral lands were denied any benefits and their Communities remain underdeveloped, thus creating slums within the city, an example of which is the Jabi Village situated in the heart of a highbrow low density layout within the city;

Resolves to:

Mandate the Committee on FCT to:

- (i) review all Land allocations in the FCT from 2007-2015 to ascertain whether due process was followed in the allocations;
- (ii) ensure the payment of the prescribed fees, where it is established that due process was not followed in such allocation, and payments thereof be used to develop slums within the FCT; and
- (iii) recommend the prosecution of FCT Officers found culpable in the breach of such procedure and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (*Hon. Bashir Baballe — Minjibir/Ungogo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer (i), line 1, immediately after the word "from", leave out the date "2007-2015" and insert the following "1990 to date" (*Hon. Abiante Awaji-Inombek Dagomie — Andoni/Opobo/Nkoro Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Negatived.

Question on the Main Motion — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that lands measuring about 10,000sqm within the Federal Capital Territory are vested and administered by the Federal Capital Territory Administration (FCTA);

Aware that all developed lands in the FCT passed through legal processes which involved various departments of the FCTA before interest thereon devolved to citizens for their private uses;

Disturbed that a number of allocations of plots of land in the FCT did not follow due process and, consequently altered the Master Plan of the FCT, thereby jeopardizing the concept of having a world class City;

Worried that in the allocation process, the original owners of Lands in the FCT, particularly, those that gave up their Ancestral lands were denied any benefits and their Communities remain underdeveloped, thus creating slums within the city, an example of which is the Jabi Village situated in the heart of a highbrow low density layout within the city;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on FCT to:

- (i) review all Land allocations in the FCT from 2007-2015 to ascertain whether due process was followed in the allocations;
- (ii) ensure the payment of the prescribed fees, where it is established that due process was not followed in such allocation, and payments thereof be used to develop slums within the FCT; and
- (iii) recommend the prosecution of FCT Officers found culpable in the breach of such procedure and report back within eight (8) weeks for further legislative action (**HR. 188/05/2018**).

13. Need to Intervene in the Unfair Labour Practices in the Nigerian Football Sector

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes the unfolding cases of Nigerian based footballers experiencing unfair labour practices by many football clubs, especially at the Amateur League level;

Also notes that the unfair labour practices include refusal to pay salaries, match bonuses as agreed, lack of good medical services, denial of players' copies of their contracts, etc.;

Aware of the negative effects of such unfair practices on the development of football for Social, peace, human rights and gross domestic product;

Worried that although the Super Eagles and Falcons perform impressively at International matches, our local league, which is our national pride and an alternative source of revenue for the country is at risk of losing its credibility in the light of these challenges;

Resolves to:

Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to:

- (i) ascertain the cause of heavy indebtedness of Clubs and other unfair labour practices meted out on players with a view to effectively resolving them; and
- (ii) investigate the cases of failure to enforce Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) players' arbitration decisions, which has made it impossible for many players to get paid as ordered by the Nigerian Football Federation (*Hon. Ayo Omidiran — Ayedaade/Irewole/Isokan Federal Constituency*).

Amendment Proposed:

In the Prayer, line 1, *leave out* the words "Constitute an *Ad-hoc* Committee to" and *insert* the following "Mandate the Committee on Sports" (*Hon. Danburam Abubakar Nuhu — Kano Municipal Federal Constituency*)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted the unfolding cases of Nigerian based footballers experiencing unfair labour practices by many football clubs, especially at the Amateur League level;

Also noted that the unfair labour practices include refusal to pay salaries, match bonuses as agreed, lack of good medical services, denial of players' copies of their contracts, etc.;

Aware of the negative effects of such unfair practices on the development of football for Social, peace, human rights and gross domestic product;

Worried that although the Super Eagles and Falcons perform impressively at International matches, our local league, which is our national pride and an alternative source of revenue for the country is at risk of losing its credibility in the light of these challenges;

Resolved to:

Mandate the Committee on Sports:

- (i) ascertain the cause of heavy indebtedness of Clubs and other unfair labour practices meted out on players with a view to effectively resolving them; and
- (ii) investigate the cases of failure to enforce Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) players' arbitration decisions, which has made it impossible for many players to get paid as ordered by the Nigerian Football Federation (**HR. 189/05/2018**).

14. Call for Concerted Diplomatic Action to Stop the Recurring Killings of Nigerians in South Africa

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls the numerous incidences of the gruesome killings of Nigerians in the Republic of South Africa, most of which prompted different reactions from the House, Nigerians, and the world at large;

Regrets that despite the reactions of the House to those previous killings, there has been no resolute move by the Federal Government to engage the Government of South Africa in a bid to stop the killings of Nigerians, which have continued with mindless impunity;

Concerned that Nigerians remain an endangered people in South Africa with no succor in sight from either the Nigerian or South African Government;

Informed that on 5 May, 2018, one Mr Francis Ochuba who hailed from Umudimim Ngodo Isuochi, Umunneochi L.G.A, Abia State was gunned down in Central Johannesburg while visiting his tenant along with his female South African Estate Agent to demand for rent;

Also informed that on the 13 May, 2018, Mr Chidi Ibebuike who hailed from Uturu, Isuikwuato L.G.A, Abia State was shot dead and his car snatched at Mpumalanga, South Africa, while one Sunday Ezeji popularly known as "Alhaji" was also shot to death on 17 November, 2017 in front of his shop at Pretoria, South Africa;

Worried by the seeming unabated impunity with which Nigerians are attacked and killed in cold blood sometimes within the view of South African law enforcement agents;

Believes that a lot more needs to be done by the Federal Government through deliberations with the South African Government to ensure the protection of Nigerians in South Africa and also that justice is done over previous incidences of Nigerians who were killed in cold blood;

Resolves to:

- (i) condemn the killings of Late Francis Ochuba, Chidi Ibebuike and Sunday Ezekiel on the 17 November 2017 and, 5 and 13 May, 2018 respectively and other 116 Nigerians gruesomely murdered in South Africa in the last two years;
- (ii) invite the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to brief the House on measures taken by the Presidency to guarantee the security of lives and property of Nigerians in South Africa;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to undertake diplomatic engagements with the Republic of South Africa on the need to protect the rights and lives of Nigerians in South Africa; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs to ensure implementation (*Hon. Nkeiruka C. Onyejeocha — Isuikwuano/Umunneochi Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Agreed to.

The House:

Recalled the numerous incidences of the gruesome killings of Nigerians in the Republic of South Africa, most of which prompted different reactions from the House, Nigerians, and the world at large;

Regretted that despite the reactions of the House to those previous killings, there has been no resolute move by the Federal Government to engage the Government of South Africa in a bid to stop the killings of Nigerians, which have continued with mindless impunity;

Concerned that Nigerians remain an endangered people in South Africa with no succor in sight from either the Nigerian or South African Government;

Informed that on 5 May, 2018, one Mr Francis Ochuba who hailed from Umudimim Ngodo Isuochi, Umunneochi L.G.A, Abia State was gunned down in Central Johannesburg while visiting his tenant along with his female South African Estate Agent to demand for rent;

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Worried by the seeming unabated impunity with which Nigerians are attacked and killed in cold blood sometimes within the view of South African law enforcement agents;

Believed that a lot more needs to be done by the Federal Government through deliberations with the South African Government to ensure the protection of Nigerians in South Africa and also that justice is done over previous incidences of Nigerians who were killed in cold blood;

Resolved to:

- (i) condemn the killings of Late Francis Ochuba, Chidi Ibebuike and Sunday Ezekiel on the 17 November 2017 and, 5 and 13 May, 2018 respectively and other 116 Nigerians gruesomely murdered in South Africa in the last two years;
- (ii) invite the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the Senior Special Assistant to the President on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora to brief the House on measures taken by the Presidency to guarantee the security of lives and property of Nigerians in South Africa;
- (iii) urge the Federal Government to undertake diplomatic engagements with the Republic of South Africa on the need to protect the rights and lives of Nigerians in South Africa; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Diaspora and Foreign Affairs to ensure implementation (HR. 190/05/2018).

15. **Need to Curb Mob Killings and Jungle Justice across the Federation**

Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Notes that democracy which Nigeria operates is anchored on respect for the rule of law, constitutionalism, order, justice and fairness;

Also notes that Nigerian Laws have adequate provisions that empower law enforcement agencies to enforce and implement all the laws which make the Nigerian Nation remain orderly, and that the fundamental human rights of its citizens as enshrined in the Constitution and other international laws are respected;

Observes that mob killings and jungle justice are the consequences of failure of criminal justice, the failure of society to apply uniform and equal standards, irrational human instincts and impulses, and the failure of criminal justice institutions and agencies to prevent its occurrence and punish those who engage in heinous practices;

Regrets that people across the Federation of Nigeria, who have suffered one crime or the other have now accepted lynch mob justice as the best model to exact their vengeance, hence the law enforcement agencies are not effective;

Concerned that in recent times so many innocent lives have been lost in Nigeria as a result of an upsurge in the spate of extra judicial killings, with the report of the Amnesty International putting the figure of victims of mob justice from the period of 1 January, 2018 to 31 March, 2018 at 29 persons;

Also concerned that the incessant application of mob attacks targeting crime suspects may have gained motivation from the criminal practice of extra judicial killings by virtually all the law enforcement agencies and that the police is principally most guilty of employing such crude tactics as extra judicial execution of suspects of crime in their custody which has become a widely tolerated practice;

Worried that apart from the illegality of extra judicial killing of suspects, there is every likelihood of human error, which may lead to wrongful killing of innocent persons;

Acknowledges that for the health and safety of the society, those who felt above the law are made to face the full height of the law so as to eliminate the chance of Nigeria witnessing impunity and anarchy in the society;

Resolves to:

- (i) urge the Federal Ministry of Justice to prosecute perpetrators of mob killings;
- (ii) also urge the Inspector General of Police to hold accountable Commissioners of Police where mob killings had taken place and other security breaches that occur in their areas of jurisdiction, moreso when some of the mob actions that have resulted in deaths are known to have occurred within the vicinities of Police Stations;
- (iii) further urge various Courts in Nigeria to timeously and effectively handle all criminal cases and to fairly punish for crimes according to law; and
- (iv) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Federal Judiciary, and Justice to ensure full compliance (*Hon. Ezekiel Awalu Adaji — Ohimini/Ofokpo Federal Constituency*).

Debate.

Amendment Proposed:

Leave out Prayers (i) and (ii), and insert the following “Urge the Nigeria Police and other Security Agencies, to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of mob killings” (Hon. Simon Arabo — Kauru Federal Constituency)

Question that the amendment be made — Agreed.

Question on the Motion as amended — Agreed to.

The House:

Noted that democracy which Nigeria operates is anchored on respect for the rule of law, constitutionalism, order, justice and fairness;

Also noted that Nigerian Laws have adequate provisions that empower law enforcement agencies to enforce and implement all the laws which make the Nigerian Nation remain orderly, and that the fundamental human rights of its citizens as enshrined in the Constitution and other international laws are respected;

Observed that mob killings and jungle justice are the consequences of failure of criminal justice, the failure of society to apply uniform and equal standards, irrational human instincts and impulses, and the failure of criminal justice institutions and agencies to prevent its occurrence and punish those who engage in heinous practices;

Regretted that people across the Federation of Nigeria, who have suffered one crime or the other have now accepted lynch mob justice as the best model to exact their vengeance, hence the law enforcement agencies are not effective;

Concerned that in recent times so many innocent lives have been lost in Nigeria as a result of an upsurge in the spate of extra judicial killings, with the report of the Amnesty International putting the figure of victims of mob justice from the period of 1 January, 2018 to 31 March, 2018 at 29 persons;

Also concerned that the incessant application of mob attacks targeting crime suspects may have gained motivation from the criminal practice of extra judicial killings by virtually all the law enforcement agencies and that the police is principally most guilty of employing such crude tactics as extra judicial execution of suspects of crime in their custody which has become a widely tolerated practice;

Worried that apart from the illegality of extra judicial killing of suspects, there is every likelihood of human error, which may lead to wrongful killing of innocent persons;

Acknowledged that for the health and safety of the society, those who felt above the law are made to face the full height of the law so as to eliminate the chance of Nigeria witnessing impunity and anarchy in the society;

Resolved to:

- (i) urge the Nigeria Police and other Security Agencies, to investigate and prosecute perpetrators of mob killings;
- (ii) also urge various Courts in Nigeria to timeously and effectively handle all criminal cases and to fairly punish for crimes according to law; and
- (iii) mandate the Committees on Police Affairs, Federal Judiciary, and Justice to ensure full compliance (HIR. 191/05/2018).

16. **Request for extension of Referral to enable the “Ad-hoc Committee to investigate the legality and modus operandi of the Special Presidential Investigation Panel (SPIP)” conclude its assignment (HIR. 121/03/2018)**
Motion made and Question proposed:

The House:

Recalls that on Thursday, 27 March, 2018, the House constituted an *Ad-hoc* Committee to investigate the legality and modus operandi of the Special Presidential Investigation Panel (SPIP);

Aware of the expansive nature of the assignment which include investigation on the deployment of personnel from various Agencies of Government and the Nigeria Police Force to the SPIP;

Further aware of complaints from concerned citizens and petitions against the questionable conduct and character of the Chairman of the Panel;

Desirous of the need to do a thorough job on the assignment with a view to getting all the material facts surrounding the matter so as to gather enough data and information for proper analysis and actions taken by the Panel;

Cognizant of the sensitive and technical nature of the task, which requires inputs from members of the Panel, and the general public and considering the expected time to complete the assignment;

Mindful of the extant provision of Order Seventeen, Rule 3 (1) (g) of the Standing Orders of the House;

Resolves to:

Grant the *Ad-hoc* Committee additional six (6) weeks to enable it complete its work and submit report for further legislative action (*Hon. Aliyu Ahman Pategi — Edu/Moro/Pategi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

17. Consideration of Reports

(i) *Report of Conference Committee:*

Motion made and Question proposed. "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on the Appropriations Bill, 2018 and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY)

(*Mr Speaker in the Chair*)

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE APPROPRIATIONS BILL, 2018

Clause 1: Issue and Appropriation of ₦9,120,334,988,225 from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for 2018.

- (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall, when authorised to do so by Warrants signed by the Minister charged with responsibility for finance, pay out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation during the financial year beginning from the date this Bill is signed into law, the sums specified by the warrants, not exceeding in the aggregate ₦9,120,334,988,225 (Nine Trillion, One Hundred and Twenty Billion, Three Hundred and Thirty Four Million, Nine Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Two Hundred and Twenty Five Naira) only.
- (ii) The amount mentioned in subsection (1) of this section shall be appropriated to heads of expenditure as indicated in the Schedule to this Bill.
- (iii) No part of the amount aforesaid shall be released from the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Federation after the end of the year mentioned in subsection (1) of this section (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: Excess Revenue.

- (i) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall immediately upon coming into force of this Bill maintain a separate record for the documentation of Revenue accruing to the Consolidated Revenue Fund in Excess of Oil Price Bench Mark adopted in this Budget.
- (ii) Such revenues as specified in Sub-section (1) of this section refers to Revenues accruing from sales of government crude oil in excess of the approved benchmark price per barrel, the Petroleum Profit Tax and Royalty on Oil and Gas (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Authorization.

- (i) No funds shall be paid out of the monies arising from the record specified in Section (4) except by an Act or approval of the National Assembly.

- (ii) The Accountant-General of the Federation shall forward to the National Assembly full details of funds released to the government Agencies immediately such funds are released (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: Release of funds for Implementation.

The Minister of Finance shall ensure that funds appropriated under this Act are released to the appropriate agencies and or organs of government as and when due, provided that no funds for any month or quarter of the fiscal year shall be deferred without prior waiver from the National Assembly (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 7: Due Process Certification.

The department of government charged with the responsibility of certifying that due processes have been complied with in the process of implementation of projects shall ensure that all processes of approval are completed within the specified period as provided for in the Public Procurement Act (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 10: "Condition for Foreign Loan".

The terms, conditions, lending institution and other details of a foreign loan component approved for the funding of this budget shall be specifically laid before the national assembly for its resolution prior to the procurement of such foreign loan (*Hon. Babangida Ibrahim — Kafur/Malumfashi Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of Supply considered the Report of the Conference Committee on the Appropriations Bill, 2018 and approved Clauses 1, 4 - 7 and 10 of the Bill.

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

Suspension of Order Seven, Rule 2 (2)

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do suspend Order Seven, Rule 2 (2) to enable Mr Speaker preside in the Committee of the Whole" (Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency).

Agreed to.

(ii) **Report of Conference Committee:**

Motion made and Question proposed, "That the House do consider the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Establish a National Commission and Vest it with Responsibilities for their education, Healthcare, Social, Economic and Civil Rights and for Related Matters and approve the recommendations therein" (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

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

(HOUSE IN COMMITTEE)

(Mr Speaker in the Chair)

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO
ENSURE THE FULL INTEGRATION OF NIGERIANS WITH DISABILITY INTO THE
SOCIETY AND ELIMINATE ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
THEM AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Clause 1: (1) A person with disability shall not be discriminated against on the ground of his disability by any person or institution in any manner or circumstance whatsoever.

Penalty.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to, if the person is —

(a) a body corporate, a fine of ₦1,000,000; and

(b) an individual, a fine of ₦100,000 or 6 months imprisonment or both.

(3) Notwithstanding the prosecution, conviction or otherwise of any person for any offence under this Bill the person against whom any such crime or wrong is committed may maintain a civil action against any such person committing the offence or causing the injury, without prejudice to any conviction or acquittal (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART II — AWARENESS

Clause 2: The Federal Ministry of Information shall make provisions for promotion of awareness regarding —

(a) the rights, respect and dignity of persons with disabilities;

(b)* the capabilities, achievements and contributions of persons with disabilities to the society (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART III — ACCESSIBILITY OF PHYSICAL STRUCTURE

Clause 3: A person with disabilities shall have the right to access the physical environment and buildings on an equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 4: A public building shall be constructed with the necessary accessibility aids such as lifts (where necessary), ramps and any other facility that shall make them accessible and usable to persons with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 5: Road side-walk, pedestrian crossing and all other special facilities as set out in the First Schedule made for public use shall be made accessible to and useable by persons with disabilities including those on wheelchairs and the visually impaired (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 6: From the date of the commencement of this Bill, there shall be a transitory period of 5 years within which all public buildings and structures, whether immovable, movable or automobile, which were inaccessible to persons with disability shall be modified to be accessible to and usable by persons with disability including those on wheelchairs (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 7:**
- (1) Before erecting any public structure, its plan shall be scrutinized by the relevant authority to ensure that the plan conforms with the building code.
 - (2) No government or government agency, or body or individual responsible for the approval of building plans shall approve the plan of a public building if the plan does not make provision for accessibility facilities in line with building code.

Penalty.

- (3) Any officer or officers who approve(s) or direct(s) the approval of a building plan that contravenes the building code shall be liable to a fine of a minimum of ₦1,000,000 or two years imprisonment or to both such fine and imprisonment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 8:**
- (1) Subject to section 7, in the event of existence of a state of inaccessibility or barrier to access of a person with disability to the environment that he or she has a right or duty to access, he may, without prejudice to his or her right to seek redress in court, notify the relevant authority in charge of the environment of the existence of the state of inaccessibility or barrier to accessibility of the environment, and it shall be the duty of the relevant authority in charge to take immediate and necessary steps to remove the barrier and make the environment accessible to the person with disability.

- (2) If the relevant authority in charge receives the notice in subsection (1) of this section but fails to comply, he shall be liable to if --
- (a) a corporate body, ₦10,000 damages payable to the affected person for each day of default; or
 - (b) an individual, ₦5,000 damages payable to the affected person each day of default or 6 months imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 9:**
- (1) Before erecting any public building, its plan shall be scrutinized by the relevant authority in conjunction with the Commission to ensure that the plan conforms with relevant building codes.
 - (2) No government or government agency, or body or individual responsible for the approval of building plan shall approve Plan of a public building if the plan does not make provision for accessibility facilities in line with relevant building codes.

Penalty.

- (3) Any officer or officers who approves or directs the approval of a building plan that contravenes the building code provided for in section 93 (c) shall be personally liable to a fine of a minimum of ₦1,000,000 or two years imprisonment, or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 10:**
- (1) Government Transport services providers shall make provisions for lifts, ramps and other accessibility aids to enhance the accessibility of their vehicles, parks and bus-stop to persons with disabilities including those on wheel chairs.
 - (2) Every public vehicle should have functional audible and visual display of their destination within 5 years from the commencement of this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IV — ROAD TRANSPORTATION

- Clause 11:**
- (1) Transport service providers shall make provisions for lifts, ramps and other accessibility aids to enhance the accessibility of their vehicles, parks and Bus Stops to persons with disabilities including those on wheelchairs.
 - (2) Lifts, ramps and all other accessibility equipment in or for vehicles, and at parks or Bus Stops shall be maintained in operational condition.
 - (3) There shall be regular and frequent maintenance of all accessibility aids and equipment, and defective ones shall be promptly repaired or replaced.
 - (4) Before a person with disability boards or alights from a vehicle, the driver shall ensure that the vehicle completely pulls up.

- (5) When a person with disability intends to board a vehicle, all other intending passengers shall wait for him or her to board before them (*Hon. Orker Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 12:**
- (1) At public parking lots, suitable spaces shall be properly marked and reserved for persons with disabilities.
- (2) For a person with disability to be entitled to the use of the reserved space in subsection (1) of this section, his car shall have been properly identified with the necessary insignia.
- (3) A person, organisation or corporate body in control of a public parking lot who fails to provide for the reserved spaces in subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦1,000 for each day of default.
- (4) A person without disability who parks a vehicle in the reserved space in subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦5,000.
- (5) A person who unlawfully obstructs the reserved space in subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of ₦5,000.
- (6) Subsection (4) of this section does not apply if a person with disability is a passenger in the vehicle (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART V — SEAPORTS AND RAILWAYS

- Clause 13:**
- (1) Seaports and facilities therein as well as vessel shall be made accessible to person with disabilities.
- (2) Railway stations, trains and facilities therein shall be made accessible to persons with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 14:** The provisions of section 14 shall be subjected to the transitory provision contained in section (6) (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VI — AIRPORT FACILITIES

- Clause 15:**
- (1) All airlines operating in Nigeria shall —
- (a) ensure the accessibility of their aircraft to persons with disabilities;

- (b) make available presentable and functional wheelchairs for the conveyance of persons with disabilities who need it to and from the aircraft;
 - (c) ensure that persons with disabilities are assisted to get on and off board in safety and reasonable comfort;
 - (d) ensure that persons with disabilities are accorded priority while boarding and disembarking from the aircraft.
- (2) All airports shall make available for the conveyance of persons with disabilities who need it to and from the aircraft, a presentable and functional assistive and protective device (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 16: Any general information shall be translated into the accessible format appropriate to the person with disability present (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VII — RIGHT TO FIRST CONSIDERATION IN QUEUES AND IN EMERGENCIES

Clause 17: In all situations of risk, including situations of violence, emergencies and the occurrences of natural disasters, the government shall take all necessary steps to ensure the safety and protection of persons with disabilities taking cognizance of their peculiar vulnerability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 18:**
- (1) In queues, person with disabilities shall be given first consideration, and as much as possible should be attended to outside the queue.
 - (2) Any person in breach of this section shall be liable on conviction to 6 months imprisonment or fine of ₦50,000.00 or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART VIII — LIBERTY

- Clause 19:**
- (1) No person shall —
 - (a) employ, use or involve a person with disability in begging;
 - (b) parade persons with disabilities in public with intention of soliciting for alms;
 - (c) use condition of disability as a guise for the purpose of begging in public.

- (2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to 6 months imprisonment or a fine of ₦100,000 or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART IX — COMMUNAL LIFE

- Clause 20:**
- (1) Every person with disability shall have an unfettered right to education without discrimination or segregation in any form.
 - (2) Persons with disability shall be entitled to free education to secondary school level.
 - (3) The Commission shall provide educational assistive devices (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 21:**
- (1) All public schools, whether primary, secondary or tertiary shall be run to be inclusive of and accessible to persons with disabilities, accordingly every school shall have —
 - (a) at least a trained personnel to cater for the educational development of persons with disabilities;
 - (b) special facilities for the effective education of persons with disabilities.
 - (2) Braille, sign language and other skills for communicating with person with disabilities shall form part of the curricula of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 22:** The education of special education personnel shall be highly subsidized (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 23:** Government shall ensure that the education of persons with disabilities, particularly children, who are blind, deaf or with multiple disabilities, is delivered in the most appropriate languages and modes and means of communication for the individual, and in environments which maximizes academic and social development (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 24:**
- (1) Government shall guarantee that persons with disabilities have unfettered access to adequate health care without discrimination on the basis of disability.
 - (2) A person with mental disability shall obtain a permanent Certificate of disability from the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 25:**
- (1) Every person with mental disability shall be entitled to free medical and health service in all public institutions.
 - (2) Where a doctor suspects disability in the course of treatment of a person who hitherto was not a person with disability, the Doctor may with the approval of the Commission issue a Temporary Certificate of Disability which shall last for not longer than 180 days.
 - (3) If the state of disability persists beyond 180 days, the Commission on the recommendation of a doctor shall issue the person a Permanent Certificate of Disability, which shall last as long as the state of the disability persists.
 - (4) Any person issued with a Permanent Certificate of Disability, shall be entitled to all rights and privileges in this Bill.

Unlawful procurement of certificate of disability.

- (5) Any person who unlawfully issues or unlawfully obtains certificate of disability shall be liable to a fine of ₦200,000.00 or 1 year imprisonment or both (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 26:** Any public hospital where a person with communicational disabilities is medically attended to shall ensure provision for special communication (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 27:**
- (1) Persons with disabilities shall have the right to work, on an equal basis with others; this includes the right to opportunity to gain a living by work freely chosen or accepted in a labour market and work environment that is open.
 - (2) A person in breach of this section shall be liable on conviction to nominal damages of a minimum of ₦250,000.00 payable to the affected person with disability.
 - (3) Where a company is in breach of this section —
 - (a) the company shall be liable to nominal damages of a minimum of ₦500,000 payable to the affected person with disability; and
 - (b) any principal officer of the company involved in the violation shall be liable to ₦50,000 damages payable to the affected person with disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 28:** All employers of labour in public organisation shall as much as possible have person with disabilities constituting at least 5% of their employment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART X — ADEQUATE STANDARD OF LIVING AND SOCIAL PROTECTION

Clause 29: Where accommodation is being provided by schools for their students, employers for their employees, service providers for their customers, organisations for their members, government for the people and in any other circumstance whatsoever, persons with disabilities shall be given first consideration (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XI — PARTICIPATION IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC LIFE

Clause 30: (1) Persons with disabilities shall be encouraged to fully participate in politics and public life.

(2) Government shall actively promote an environment in which persons with disabilities can effectively and fully participate in —

(a) the conduct of public affairs without discrimination;

(b) Non-Governmental Organizations and Associations concerned with the public and political life of the country; and

(c) activities and administration of political parties (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XII — ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 31: (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the National Commission for persons with disability (in this Bill referred to as "the Commission") to be placed under the Presidency.

(2) The Head Office of the Commission shall be situated in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 32: (1) There is established a Governing Council for the Commission (in this Bill referred to as the "the Council") which shall conduct the affairs of the Commission.

(2) The Council shall consist of —

(a) a part time Chairman;

(b) one person from each geopolitical zones who shall be persons with disability;

(c) a representative each from —

(i) Federal Ministry of Education;

(ii) Federal Ministry of Health;

- (iii) Federal Ministry of Sports;
- (iv) Federal Ministry of Women Affairs;
- (v) Federal Ministry of Housing;
- (vi) Federal Ministry of Transport;
- (vii) Federal Ministry of Environment;
- (viii) Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity;
- (ix) Federal Ministry of Justice;
- (x) National Human Rights Commission and the National Planning Commission;
- (xi) one person from each Geopolitical Zone; and
- (xii) Federal Ministry of Finance.

- (3) The Chairman of the Council and one representative each from the 6 geopolitical zones of Nigeria, shall be appointed by the President subject to the confirmation of the Senate (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 33: The supplementary provisions set out in the schedule to this bill shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Council and the other matter contained therein (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 34: Subject to section 32 of this Act, the Chairman and members of the Council shall each hold office —

- (a) for a term of 4 years and may be re-appointed for a further term of 4 years and no more; and
- (b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified in his letter of appointment (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 35: (1) A person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Council on the occurrences of any of the following —

- (a) if he becomes bankrupt; or compounds with his creditors; or
- (b) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or
- (c) he is disqualified of his professional qualification;

- (d) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties;
- (e) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President.
- (2) Where a member of the Council ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever before the expiration of the term for which he is appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Council for the unexpired term.
- (3) A member of the council may be removed by the president on the recommendation of council if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the commission or the interest of the public that the member continue in office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 36: Members of the Council shall be paid allowances and expenses as the Government may direct from time to time (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 37: The Council shall have power to —

- (a) manage and superintend over the affairs of the Commission;
- (b) make rules and regulations for the effective running of the Commission;
- (c) employ the staff of the Commission on such remuneration or allowance as payable to persons in similar organisation in the Country;
- (d) enter into such contract as may be necessary or expedient for the discharge of its function and ensure efficient performance of the functions of the Commission; and
- (e) receive, disburse and account for funds of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 38: (1) The functions of the Commission shall be—

- (a) to formulate and implement policies and guidelines as appropriate for the education and social development of persons with disability;
- (b) to prepare schemes designed to promote social welfare of person with disability and the estimate of cost of implementing such schemes;
- (c) to promote and uplift the general social well-being of persons with disability by encouraging the public to change their attitude toward person with disability;
- (d) to make available not less than 5% of the work force to qualified persons with disability;

- (e) to enlighten the public and encourage persons with disability;
- (f) to collect data and records on special education of persons with disabilities, which shall be a regular exercise so that the persons with disability are identified, and enumerated for planning and treatment;
- (g) to ensure that all facilities in each community all over the federation shall be built or modified (where and when feasible) to accommodate the special need of persons with disabilities;
- (h) to ensure the monitoring, evaluation and realisation of government policy objectives on persons with disabilities;
- (i) to facilitate the procurement of scholarship awards for persons with disabilities up to university level;
- (j) establishing and promoting inclusive schools, vocational and rehabilitation centres for the development of persons with disabilities;
- (k) liaising with the public and private sectors as well as other bodies to ensure that the peculiar interests of person with disabilities are taken into consideration in every government policy, programme and activity;
- (l) issue insignia of identification of persons with disabilities;
- (m) enforcement of compliance of public buildings codes and imposing necessary sanctions and make appropriate orders;
- (n) receiving of complaints of persons with disabilities on the violation of their rights;
- (o) support an individual's right to seek redress in court, investigation, prosecution or sanctioning (in appropriate cases) the violation of the provision of this Bill;
- (p) ensuring research development and education on disability issues and disable persons;
- (q) to collaborate with the media to make information available in accessible format for person with disabilities;
- (r) procuring of assistive devices for all disability types (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 39:

- (1) The Commission has power to do any lawful thing, which will facilitate carrying out of its functions and in particular may —
 - (a) sue and be sued in its corporate names;
 - (b) acquire, hold and manage movable and immovable property;

- (c) enter into contract for the education and welfare of persons with disability;
 - (d) purchase or acquire any assets, business or property considered necessary for the proper conduct of its functions;
 - (e) sell, let, lease or dispose of any of its property;
 - (f) undertake or sponsor research where necessary for the performance of its functions; and
 - (g) train managerial, technical or other category of staff for the purpose of running the affairs of the Commission.
- (2) The power conferred on the Commission may be exercised by it or through any of its employees or agent authorised in that behalf by the Commission.
- (3) The Commission shall not be subjected to direction, control or suspension by any other authority or person in the performance of its function under this Bill other than the President (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

PART XIII — APPOINTMENT AND DUTIES OF THE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER STAFF

- Clause 40:**
- (1) There shall be an Executive Secretary.
 - (2) The Executive Secretary shall:
 - (a) have such qualification and experience as appropriate for a person required to perform the functions of that office;
 - (c) be responsible to the council for the execution of the policies and the administration of the daily affairs of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 41:** The Council shall appoint for the Commission such member of employees as may in the opinion of the Council be expedient and necessary for the proper and efficient performance of the function of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 42:**
- (1) The Council shall have power to appoint for the Commission either directly or by secondment from any public service in the federation, such number of employees as may, in the opinion of the Council be required to assist the Commission in the discharge of any of its function under this Bill.

- (2) The person seconded under this section may elect to be transferred to the service of the commission, and any previous service he may have rendered in the public service shall count as service to the Commission for the purpose of any pension subsequently payable by the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 43: There shall be established in the head office of the Commission, such departments as may be deemed necessary for the effective and efficient functioning of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 44: The staff of the Commission shall be entitled to pension, gratuity, and any other retirement benefit in accordance with the National Pension Reform Act No.4, 2014 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 45:**
- (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund herein referred to as a Fund into which money accruable to the Commission shall be paid and from which all the activities of the Commission shall be funded.
 - (2) The funds of the Commission shall be disbursed according to the approved formula.
 - (3) The Council shall cause the account of the Commission to be audited quarterly and shall be externally audited once every year (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 46:**
- (1) The Commission may accept gift of land, money or other property on such terms and conditions, if any, as may be specified by the person or organisation making the gift, provided such terms and conditions are not inconsistent with any prevailing law.
 - (2) The Commission shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached are inconsistent with the functions of the Commission under this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 47: The Commission may, from time to time borrow such sums as it may require to execute or complete some special projects of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Clause 48:

- (1) The Commission shall cause to be kept accounts and records of transaction and affairs of the Commission and ensure that all payments out of its moneys are currently made and properly authorised.

- (2) The Commission shall ensure that adequate control is maintained over the assets of, or in the custody of, the Commission and over its incurring of liabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

- Clause 49:** (1) The Auditor - General of the Federation shall —
- (a) inspect and audit the account and records of financial transactions of the Commission.
 - (b) inspect records relating to assets of the Commission; and
 - (c) draw the attention of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation to any irregularities disclosed by the inspection and audit.
- (2) The Auditor-General may dispense with all or any part of detailed inspection and audit of any account or record referred to in subsection (1).
- (3) The Auditor or an officer authorised by him is entitled at all reasonable time to a full and free access to all account records, documents and papers of the Commission relating directly or indirectly to the receipt or payment of money by the Commission or to the acquisition received, custody or disposal of assets by the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 49 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 50:** The Commission shall submit an annual report of its activities to the Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation not later than 30th June of each financial year and it shall include a copy of its audited accounts and a copy of same report be submitted to the National Assembly (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 50 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 51:** The Commission may subject to the Land Use Act acquire any land for the purpose of discharging its functions (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 51 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XIV — MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- Clause 52:** A notice, summons or other documents required or authorised to be served upon the Commission under the provisions of this bill or any other law or enactment may be served by delivering it to the Executive Secretary or by sending it by registered post and address it to the Executive Secretary at the principal office of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 52 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

- Clause 53:** Any such money which may be the judgment of any court awarded against the Commission shall be paid from the general reserved fund of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 53 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 54: A member of the Council, the Executive Secretary, any officer or employee of the Commission shall be indemnified against any proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which judgement is given in his favour or in which is acquitted, if any such proceeding is brought against him in his capacity as a member of the Council, the Executive, officer or the employee of the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 54 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 55: The governing council may make regulations for the purpose of carrying out or giving full effect to the provisions of the Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 55 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 56: (1) To be entitled to the damages specifically provided in this Bill, it shall be sufficient for a plaintiff claimant as the case may be, in a court proceeding, to prove the violation of the relevant section of this Bill without specific proof of damages.

(2) Nothing in this Bill shall prevent a court from accessing and awarding general and special damages in addition to the normal damages provided for in this Bill (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 56 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

PART XV — INTERPRETATION

Clause 57: Interpretation.

In this Act —

"Accessibility aid" includes any fixture and device that aids accessibility (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Accommodation" (in the context of housing) include residential or business accommodation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Assistive Device" means any device that assist, increases or improves the functional capabilities of person with disabilities (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Closed Captioning" is a term describing several systems developed to display text on a television or video screen to provide additional or interpretive information to viewers who wish to access it (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commission Agent" means the person who does work for another person as the agent of that other person and who is remunerated, whether in whole or in part by the Commission (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Commission" means National Commission for people with Disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Disable" means having a disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Disability" includes long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder full and effective participation in society on equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Discrimination" means differential treatment and its verbs and infinite form (discriminate, to discriminate) have the corresponding signification (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Document" includes any book register or other record of information, however compiled, record or stored (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Educational Authority" means a body of person(s) administering an education institution (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Educational Institution" means a school college, University or other institution at which education or training is provided (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employee" includes applicant or prospective employee, Commission agent, contract worker, independent contractor, or person applying to the commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employer" includes prospective employer, principal and a person who engages or proposes to engage a commission agent, contract worker or independent contractor (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Employer of Labour" means "Employer" as interpreted by the workmen's Compensation Act (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Function" includes duty (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Government employee" means a person who is appointed, employed or engaged in the public service of, or by a public authority of the Federation, a State, the Federal Capital Territory or a Local government, or holds an administrative office (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Person" includes natural, artificial, juristic or judicial persons, companies, enterprises firms, organisations, association, government departments, ministries, parastatals (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Person with Disabilities" means —

- (a) a person who has received preliminary or permanent certificate of disability to have condition which is expected to continue permanently or for a considerable length of time which can reasonably be expected to limit the person's functional ability substantially, but not limited to seeing, hearing, thinking, ambulating, climbing, descending, lifting, grasping, rising, and includes any related function or any limitation due to weakness or significantly decreased endurance so that he cannot perform his everyday routine, living and working without significantly increased hardship and vulnerability to everyday obstacles and hazards;
- (b) a person with long term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairment which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on equal basis with others (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that the meaning of the words "Person with Disabilities" be as defined in the interpretation to this Bill — Agreed to.

"President" means President and Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces of the federal Republic of Nigeria (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Premises" include a structure, building, aircraft, vehicle, train or vessel; a place (whether enclosed or built on or not); and a part of any premises (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Principal" means —

- (a) in relation to Commission agent - a person for whom the Commission agent does work as a Commission agent;
- (b) in relation to contract worker — a person for whom the contract worker does work under a contract between the employer of the contract worker and the person (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Public Building" means a building owned or used by government or government agency or a building available for the use of members of the public (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Relative" in relation to a person, means a person who is related to the first mentioned person by blood, marriage affinity or adoption (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Subtitles Caption" means caption displayed at the bottom of a movie or television screen that translate or transcribe the dialogue or narrative (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Special Communication" means special means (including sign language augmentative and alternative communication) of communicating with person with speech or hearing disability (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Special Facilities" means any provision whether movable or immovable that will enhance easy access and enjoyment in public buildings by persons with disability; significantly decreased endurance so that he cannot perform his everyday routine, living and working without significantly increased hardship and vulnerability to everyday obstacles and hazards (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"State" means each of the State of the Federation, and includes the Federal Capital Territory (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Student" in relation to an education institution, includes a candidate or applicant for admission into that education institution (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

"Undue hardship" means significant difficulty or expense, when considered in light of such factor as —

- (a) the nature and cost of the accommodation needed to take care of a disabled person's special needs;
- (b) the overall financial resources of the facility or facilities involved in the provision of the reasonable accommodation; the number of persons employed at such facility;
- (c) the effect on expenses and resources or the impact otherwise of such accommodation upon the operation of the facility;

- (d) the overall finances of the person or organisation having to deal with person with disability, with the overall size of his or its business with respect to the number of its employees; the number, type, and location of its facilities; and
- (e) the type of operation or operations of such person or organisation, including the composition, structure and function of his or its workforce; the geographic, separateness, administrative, or fiscal relationship of the facility or facilities in question to such person or organisation (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Question that Clause 57 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

Clause 58: Citation.

This Bill may be cited as Discrimination Against Persons with Disabilities (Prohibition) Bill, 2018 (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Question that Clause 58 stands part of the Bill — Agreed to.

SCHEDULES

FIRST SCHEDULE

SPECIAL FACILITIES

1. Wheel Chairs: Clear floors or ground space on wheel chairs, Wheel chair passage and turning space
2. Crutches, guide canes etc
3. Hearing Aid
4. Curb ramps
5. Ramps
6. Handrails, grab bars
7. Stair-lifts
8. Elevators/Lifts
9. Windows
10. Entrance Doors
11. Drinking fountains and water cookers
12. Toilet facilities
13. Door protective and Re-opening Devices manoeuvring entrances at Doors

14. Parking spaces and passenger loading zones
15. Accessible routes including walk ways, halls, windows, aisles and spaces
16. Alarm —
 - Audible Alarms
 - Visual Alarms
 - Auxiliary Alarms (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

SECOND SCHEDULE

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE COUNCIL

Proceedings of the Council

1. (1) Subject to this bill and section 27 of the interpretation Act, the Council may make standing orders regulating its proceedings or those of any of its Committees.
(2) The quorum of the Council shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and five other members of the Council, one of whom shall be ex-officio member, and the quorum of any committee of the Council shall be as determined by the Council.
2. (1) The Council shall meet whenever it is summoned by the Chairman and if the Chairman is required to do so by notice given to him by not less than 8 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Council to be held within 14 days from the date on which the notice was given.
(2) Where the Council desires to obtain the advice of any person on a particular matter, the Council may co-opt him to the Council for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Council and shall not count towards a quorum.
3. (1) The council may appoint one or more Committees to carry out, on behalf of the Council such functions as the Council may determine.
(2) A Committee appointed under this paragraph shall consider such number of persons as may be determined by the Council and a person shall hold office in the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
(3) A decision of a Committee of the Council shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Council.
4. (1) The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairman or any other member of the Council generally or specifically authorised by the Council to act for that purpose and the Executive Secretary.
(2) Any contract or instrument, which, if made or executed by any person not being a body corporate, would not be required to be under seal may be executed on behalf of the Commission by the Executive Secretary or any person generally authorised by the Council to act for that purpose.

- (3) A document purporting to be a document duly executed under the seal of the Commission shall be received in evidence and shall, unless and until the contrary is proved be presumed to be so executed.
5. The validity of any proceedings of the Council or Committee shall not be adversely affected by a —
- (a) a vacancy in the membership of the Council or Committee; or
- (b) a defect in the appointment of a member of the Council or Committee;
- (c) reason that a person not entitled to do so took part in the proceedings of the Council or Committee (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

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

Chairman to report Bill.

(HOUSE IN PLENARY)

Mr Speaker in the Chair, reported that the House in Committee of the Whole reconsidered the Report of the Conference Committee on a Bill for an Act to ensure full Integration of Nigerians with Disability into the Society and Establish a National Commission and Vest it with Responsibilities for their education, Healthcare, Social, Economic and Civil Rights and for Related Matters and approved Clauses 1 - 58, and the Schedule of the Bill.

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

Motion made and Question proposed, “That items 11 - 13 on the Order Paper be deferred to the next legislative day, pursuant to Order Eight, Rule 6 (3)” (*Hon. Orker-Jev Emmanuel Yisa — Buruku Federal Constituency*).

Agreed to.

18. Adjournment

That the House do adjourn till Thursday, 24 May, 2018 at 11.00 a.m. (Hon. Mohammed Tahir Monguno — Monguno/Marte/Nganzai Federal Constituency).

The House adjourned accordingly at 3.11 p.m.

Yakubu Dogara
Speaker