



SENATE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA VOTES AND PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, 8th March, 2011

1. The Senate met at 10.54 a.m. The Deputy Senate President read prayers.
2. **Votes and Proceedings :**
The Deputy Senate President announced that he had examined the Votes and Proceedings of Wednesday, 2nd March, 2011 and approved same.

By unanimous consent, the Votes and Proceedings were approved.

3. **Announcements:**

(a) *Conference Committee:*

The Deputy Senate President named the following as Senate Conferees on the Chartered Institute of Capital Market Registrars (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011:

(i)	Senator Ganiyu O. Solomon	—	Chairman
(ii)	Senator Muhammed A. Bello	—	Member
(iii)	Senator Suleiman Adokwe	—	Member
(iv)	Senator Nimi Barigha-Amange	—	Member
(v)	Senator Anyim.Ude	—	Member
(vi)	Senator Dahiru B. Gassol	—	Member

(b) *Acknowledgment:*

The Deputy Senate President acknowledged the presence of the following who were in the gallery to observe Senate Proceedings:

(z) Staff and Students of **Sanctus Lumen Christi School**, Durumi, Phase II, Abuja; and

(it) Staff and Students of **Things to Come International Academy**, Federal Housing Estate, Lugbe, Abuja.

4. **Presentation of Bills:**

Chartered Institute of Shipping of Nigeria (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (HB. 207)—Read the First Time.

5. Committee on Water Resources:

Report on the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission (Establishment, etc.) BUI 2011(SB.175):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Water Resources, on the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE NIGERIA INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMISSION CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE REGULATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WATER IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER MATTERS CONNECTED THEREWITH.

PART I — ESTABLISHMENT, ETC OF THE NIGERIA INTEGRATED
WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
AND THE GOVERNING BOARD

Clause 1: Establishment of the Integrated Water Resources Management Commission, etc.

- (1) There is hereby established a body to be known as the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission (in this Act referred to as "the Commission").
- (2) The Commission shall be a body corporate with perpetual succession and a common seal, and can sue and be sued in its corporate name.
- (3) The objectives of the Commission shall be—
 - (a) creation of a regulatory environment for the allocation, supply and distribution of water resources for all uses, and to promote equitable, sustainable and efficient best practices and conduct;
 - (b) facilitation of coordinated development of public and private water resources and facilities by all persons wishing to supply such services and facilities;
 - (c) ensuring that licenses or authorized developers and water services providers and users as well as the infrastructure meet the technical, social and commercial obligations specified under this Act in a manner which promoted well being of all citizens and fairness;
 - (d) protection of licensees and the public from unfair conduct of other providers of water resources services, with regard to the quality of service and the payment of tariffs;

- (e) ensuring that licensees achieve the highest possible level of accountability and responsiveness to customer and community needs;
 - if) ensuring that public water services are supplied as efficiently and economically as possible and at such performance standards which reasonably meet the social, industrial, and commercial needs of the community; and
 - (g) promotion of the development of other sectors of the Nigerian economy through the efficient and sustainable supply of water services within the framework of this Act.
- (4) The Commission shall be structured into various activity departments as deem appropriate for the effective discharge of its functions.
 - (5) The head office of the Commission shall be in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja or at such other places within Nigeria as may be designated by the President from time to time.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
— Agreed to.

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Establishment and membership of the Governing Board.

- (1) There is hereby established for the Commission a Governing Board (in this Act referred to as "the Board").
- (2) The Board shall consist of the following members to be appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Minister,
 - (a) a part time Chairman;
 - (b) one member each representing the following Federal Ministries who shall not be below the rank of a Deputy Director—
 - (i) Agriculture;
 - (ii) Water Resources;
 - (iii) Environment;
 - (iv) Housing and Urban Development;
 - (v) Energy (Power Sector);
 - (vi) Health; and
 - (vii) Transportation.
 - (c) six persons, one each representing a geopolitical zone.
 - (d) Nigerian Hydrological Services Agency
 - (e) the Executive Secretary

- (3) The Supplementary provisions set out in the First Schedule to this Act shall have effect with respect to the proceedings of the Board and the other matters contained therein.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 2 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Powers of the Board.

The Board shall have power to —

- (a) manage and superintend the affairs of the Commission;
- (b) subject to the provisions of this Act, make, alter and revoke rules and regulations for carrying on the functions of the Commission.
- (c) fix the terms and conditions of service including remuneration of employees of the Commission;
- (d) do such other things which in the opinion of the Commission are necessary to ensure the efficiently performance of the functions of the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 3 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 4: Tenure of office.

Subject to the provisions of section 2(2) of this Act, a member of the Board shall hold office —

- (a) for a term of 4 years and may be reappointed for a second term of 4 years and no more; and
- (b) on such other terms and conditions as may be specified in the letter of appointment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 4 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 4 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 5: Cessation of membership of the Board.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 4 of this Act, a person shall cease to hold office as a member of the Board if—
 - (a) he becomes bankrupt, suspends payments or compounds with his creditors; or
 - (b) he is guilty of a serious misconduct in relation to his duties; or
 - (c) he is convicted of a felony or any offence involving dishonesty or fraud; or

- (d) he becomes of unsound mind, or incapable of carrying out his duties; or
 - (e) in the case of a qualified professional, he is disqualified or suspended, other than at his own request, from practicing his profession in any part of the world by an order of a competent authority; or
 - if) he resigns his appointment by a letter addressed to the President
- (2) If a member ceases to hold office for any reason whatsoever, before the expiration of the term for which he was appointed, another person representing the same interest as that member shall be appointed to the Board for his unexpired term.
- (3) A member may be removed by the President if he is satisfied that it is not in the interest of the Commission or the interest of the public that the member continues in office.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 5 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 5 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 6: Dissolution.

- (1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Act, the Minister shall exercise all the powers of the Board for a period not exceeding 90 days where—
- (a) the Board has not been constituted;
 - (b) the Board has been dissolved and any action taken or decision reached in compliance with the provisions of this subsection shall be valid for all intent and purpose.
- (2) Any action taken or decision reached in compliance with the provisions of this subsection shall be valid for all intent and purpose.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 6 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 6 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 7: Allowances of members.

A member of the Board shall be paid such allowances as the Federal Government may, from time to time, direct.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 7 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 7 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART II — FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMISSION

Clause 8: Functions of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall—
- (a) implement regulatory policies on activities relating to the management of water resources in Nigeria;
 - (b) be responsible for economic and technical regulation of all aspect of water resources exploitation and provision (construction, operation, maintenance and tariffs) of public and private water resources infrastructure;
 - (c) ensure the safety and quality of Water Resources development and public water services by regulating standards for execution and performance.
 - (d) liaise with relevant agencies to conduct studies and surveys for the purpose of establishing water resources balance and catchments management plan and water efficiency strategies.
 - (e) interact and consult with approved local and international organizations engaged in Integrated Water Resources Management and liaise with other relevant Agencies to determine Nigeria's input into the setting of international technical standards for Water Resources development within the provisions of this Act;
- if) effectively monitor and evaluate water sector programmes and advice the Minister on the entire Nigerian Water Resources sector including lendings, foreign technical assistance and portfolios;
- (g) promote competition in the public water services provision;
 - (h) protect suppliers of public water resources services or facilities under this Act from unfair practices of other Water Resources developers or services providers which are damaging to competition;
 - (I) facilitate the entry into the market by persons wishing to supply water services and facilities;
 - (j) protect licensees from misuse of market power by other developers and service providers;
 - (k) arbitrate disputes between all stakeholders especially the licensees and other participants in the Water Resources sector;
 - (l) receive and investigate complaints from licensees, developers, consumers and other persons in the Water Resources sector;

- (m) liaise with relevant national and international agencies and advise the Minister on ways of promoting cooperation for effective and equitable management of trans-boundary waters (Niger Basin Development Authority, Lake Chad Basin Commission, Niger-Nigeria Joint Commission, Cameroon-Nigeria Joint Commission and such other agencies within the Water Resources sector);
- (n) in collaboration with other relevant agencies monitor and advise the Minister on International Treaties, Obligations, Conventions, on Water resources development and management and take necessary measures to facilitate their domestication into national Statues by the relevant authorities;
- (o) in collaboration with other relevant agencies advise the Minister on bilateral and multilateral memorandum of understanding (MOD) and agreements with other countries and external agencies on water resources exploitation and management;
- (p) be responsible for the protection of public interest by ensuring that the provisions of this Act are carried out with due regard to public interest;
- (q) protect consumers from unfair practices of licensees and other persons in the supply of Water Resources services and facilities;
- (r) develop performance indices in relation to the quality of Water Resources services and facilities supplied to consumers having regard to international best practices performance indicators and Nigerian conditions;
- (s) monitor and report to the Minister on charges paid by consumers, the performance of licensees and other persons in meeting the standards developed under paragraph (n) of this section; «
- (t) issue water resources licences in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (U) monitor the conduct of holders of the licences and to enforce the conditions included in the licences;
- (v) receive financial and technical aid from international organizations and non-governmental agencies for the purpose of proper regulation of water resources in Nigeria;
- (w) facilitate technical assistance in all aspects of Integrated Water Resources Management; and
- (x) perform such other functions which in the opinion of the Commission are required for the purpose of achieving its objectives under this Act including any of the functions of the Minister as contained in the Water Act, which the Minister may delegate to if from time to time.

- (2) For the purpose of subsection (1) of this section, water resources management includes securing water for the people, food production, job creating activities, protection of vital ecosystem, containment of its variability in time and space and management of risks.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 8 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 8 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 9: Powers of the Commission.

The Commission shall have power to—

- (a) give written directives to a licensee, authorized developer or other service provider in connection with the functions of the Commission but having regard to the right of the licensee, authorised developer or service provider. .
- (b) consult, where appropriate with the President commercial and industrial organizations, consumers and standards organization as well as other relevant bodies;
- (c) delegate any of its powers to a committee properly constituted in accordance with the provisions of this Act;
- (d) require any person to appear before the Commission or any committee of the Commission to—
(I) discuss any matter which the Commission deems necessary for the purpose of effective discharge of the Commission's duties under this Act, and
(ii) give evidence or produce any document which is likely to assist the Commission or any of its committees in the discharge of the duties of the Commission under this Act;
- (e) enter into contracts or partnership with any company, firm or person which in the opinion of the Commission is intended to facilitate the duties specified in this Act;
- if) establish and maintain such number of Catchments' Management Offices for the discharge of such functions the Commission may determine; and
- (g) do anything which, in the opinion of the Commission, is calculated to facilitate the carrying out of the functions of the Commission under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 9 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 9 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 10: Qualification to operate as an authorized developer or operator of water resources infrastructure.

- (1) As from the commencement of this Act and subject to subsection (4) of this section, no person shall operate a public water resources service in Nigeria unless the person—
 - (a) is a citizen of Nigeria; or
 - (b) is registered as a body corporate under the Companies and Allied Matters Act; and
 - (c) is licensed as a water resources services developer, operator or provider under this Act.
- (2) An authorized developer or operator or provider of water resources infrastructure, other than a licensee, may provide and maintain only such facilities and services as are required to exploit water for his own use on his premises, and not beyond.
- (3) The Authorized developer of water resources infrastructure, other than a licensee, maybe licensed exceptionally to provide and maintain such specialized terminal equipment as may be considered unique to its operations.
- (4) Notwithstanding subsection (1) of this section, any person operating a Water Resources service may apply to the Commission within one year of the commencement of this Act to be licensed under the provisions of this Act.
- (5) Any person not licensed under this section of this Act shall cease to operate Water Resources services in any part of Nigeria.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 10 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 10 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 11: Application for a licence.

- (1) Any application for a licence under this Act shall be in writing addressed to the Commission.
- (2) The Commission may, before the consideration of an application under this Act, require the applicant to product such evidence or information as to show the capacity to develop and operate a Water Resources service as it may deem fit to enable the Commission reach a decision on the matter.
- (3) An application for a licence shall be accompanied by such fee as the Commission may, from time to time, prescribe.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 11 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 11 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 12: Issuance of licence.

- (1) The Commission may, subject to subsection (2) of this section grant a licence to an applicant under this Act if it is satisfied from all the evidence and information supplied to it that the applicant is suitable to develop and operate a water resources service.
- (2) The Commission may defer approval of an application for a licence for not more than 180 days and may either grant the licence or refuse the application stating its reasons.
- (3) The licence granted under subsection (1) of this Section shall be subject to such terms, conditions and limitations as the Commission may deem fit in each circumstance.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 12 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 12 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 13: Renewal of licence.

- (1) A licensee wishing to renew a licence granted under section 10 of the Act shall, not later than three months before the expiry of the licence, apply for a new licence to take effect from the date the current licence expires.
- (2) The procedure for renewal of a licence granted under this Act shall be the same as for the consideration an application for the grant of a licence.
- (3) A company which fails to renew its licence or whose application for renewal is rejected by the Commission shall cease to operate the water resources service.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 13 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 13 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 14: Revocation of licence.

- (1) The Commission may revoke any licence granted under section 12 of this Act if it is satisfied that a condition of the licence has been breached or the licensee has ceased to be eligible.
- (2) Any licence revoked under subsection (1) of this section shall not affect the obligations of the holder of the licence if the obligations arose before the revocation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 14 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 14 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 15: Other powers of the Commission in respect of issuance of licence.

The Commission shall have power in relation to issuance of licence to—

- (a) vary or revoke in writing a condition attached to a licence under this Act;
- (b) consult with an affected licensee before bringing into force a change in the conditions attached to a licence if the change shall have the effect of imposing an additional obligation either in favour of or otherwise on an existing licensee;
- (c) determine a code of practice relating to dealings by a developer or service provider with International Water Resources operators;
- (d) approve guidelines for each licensee for the purpose of keeping of accounts and a cost allocation formula;
- (e) regulate and monitor the operation of the licensee;
- if) grant a licence to a person to carry on water resources undertakings in one or more of the activities listed in the Second Schedule of this Act;
- (g) determine by notice and subject to the approval of the Minister, services and undertakings eligible for licensing from time to time;
- (h) determine, in writing, principles which shall apply in agreeing to terms and conditions about charged payable between licensees or between licensees and other developers for— (z) inter-connection of facilities to networks of the other party, or
 - (it) supply and delivery of water across such networks, or
 - (iii) the supply of facilities for the purposes of such inter-connection or supply and delivery, or
 - (iv) matters related to inter-connection of water infrastructure generally; and
- (1) grant or revoke a permit for the development on a public water resources network by any private individual.

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Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 15 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 15 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 16: Exploration of water and interconnectivity of structure by an authorized developer.

- (1) The holder of a licence or an authorized developer under this Act shall have the right to exploit water from a catchment or inter-connect his structure to a structure of another licensee or authorized developer.
- (2) It shall be lawful for licensees and authorized developers to negotiate with a view to agreeing on terms and conditions for the pUrp06C6 of carrying into effect the provisions of subsection (1) of this section or any other matter under this Act provided such do not compromise the common well being of other stakeholders.

- (3) The Commission shall, at the request of either or both the holder of a licence or an authorised developer or another stakeholder set up an arbitration panel where the parties concerned cannot reach an agreement under subsection (2) of this section.
- (4) The Commission shall in conducting an arbitration under this Act, pursue the objectives of providing a mechanism of arbitration which is fair, just, economical and effective and shall not be bound by technicalities, legal form or rules of evidence but shall act according to the ethics of justice and the merits of each case.
- (5) The Commission shall determine and evolve the steps and rules guiding arbitration in conformity with the provisions of subsections (2) and (4) of this section.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 16 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 16 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 17: Power of the officer of the Commission to enter any premises or building without a warrant.

For the purposes of enforcing this Act, the Commission may authorize any officer of the Commission to enter any premises or building without a warrant and require to be produced—

- (a) examine and take copies of any licence, permit, certificate or other document required under this Act or by regulations made there under; or
- (b) examine any appliance, device, equipment or other facilities other in relation to water resources operations.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 17 (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) —
Agreed to.

Clause 18: Power of licensee to enter and operate on any temporary land. •

- (1) Where the condition of any Water Resources installation is such as to endanger life of property, the licensee may enter on the land on which it is situated for the purpose of averting the danger to life or property.
- (2) In the exercise of the powers conferred under this section, the licensee shall take such reasonable care as may be practicable and shall in all—
 - (a) restore all affected structures and services to their normal state of repair;
 - (b) remove all dirt and debris from the site; and
 - (c) pay compensation for any damage done to crop or economic trees.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 18 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw=Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 18 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 19: Payment of compensation by a licensee.

A licensee shall in accordance with the provisions of section 18(6) of this Act pay compensation in form of damage of a temporary or permanent character.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 19 (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) — Agreed to.

Clause 20: Preparation and maintenance of a licensee's confidential register.

- (1) The Licensee or developer shall prepare and maintain, in accordance with the rules and regulations made by the Commission, a register containing the following information—
 - (a) the approved types of customer equipment;
 - (b) details on holders of licences and permits;
 - (c) the classes of licence issued;
 - (d) the transfers of permits;
 - (e) the cancellations and revocation of licences and permits;
 - (f) accredited offices; and
 - (g) such other information as may be specified, from time to time, by the Commission.
- (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is guilty of an offence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 20 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 20 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 21: Un-authorized developer.

- (1) A person who is or has been an employee of a licensee or authorized developer shall not operate—
 - (a) the water resources structure or facilities to deliver or attempt to deliver water which to his knowledge would be injurious or is to his knowledge likely to interfere with the efficient delivery of any service or endanger the safety of any person; or
 - (b) otherwise than under the authority of the Minister, or in the course of his duty as an employee of the licensee or authorized developer, either—
 - (i) use his privileged position with intent to obtain information which neither the licensee nor any person on whose behalf he is acting is authorized by the Minister to receive; or

(B) except in the course of legal proceedings or for the purpose of any report thereof, disclose any information, being information which would not have come to his knowledge but for the provision of Water Resources Services or facilities by him or by another person.

- (2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1) of this section is guilty of an offence.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 21 be retained (*Senator Bassey Iiwa-Henshaw =Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 21 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART III — ESTABLISHMENT OF CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT OFFICES

Clause 22: Establishment of Catchment Management Offices.

- (1) There is established for each hydrological zone a Catchment Management Office (in this Act referred to as "the Catchment Office")
- (2) The Catchment Office shall—
- (a) be headed by a person with relevant professional qualification in the field of water resources management and shall not be of a rank lower than Deputy Director;
 - (b) comprise of sufficient supporting staff of various relevant competencies;
 - (c) cover the Catchment in the performance of the functions described in this Act;
 - (d) produce quarterly reports which shall be sent to the office of the Executive Secretary;
 - (e) be accountable to the Commission for all funds accruing to it for purposes of discharging its functions under this Act; and
 - (f) perform other duties as may be assigned by the Executive Secretary in the interest of the Commission.
- (3) A committee shall be established for a Catchment area comprising the Catchment officer as Chairman and a representative of each of the following—
- (a) the relevant Federal Government Water Development and Public Water Service Agencies;
 - (b) Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency;
 - (c) the State Water Board;
 - (d) the State Emergency Management Agency;
 - (e) Water Users Association;
 - (f) Agricultural Cooperative society; and

- (g) member of a tertiary institution within the area specializing in Water Resources Management.
- (4) The Catchment Committee shall advise the Catchment Office on the implementation of the functions of the Committee.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 22 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 22 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART IV — APPOINTMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, ETC

Clause 23: Appointment of Executive Secretary.

- (1) There shall be for the Commission, an Executive Secretary, who shall be appointed by the President.
- (2) The Executive Secretary shall be—
 - (a) The Chief Executive and accounting officer of the Commission;
 - (b) responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Commission; and
 - (c) a Water Engineer, a Hydrologist or an Environmental Scientist with water resources management experience or a person otherwise professionally qualified in a field cognate to water resources management.
- (3) The Executive Secretary shall hold office —
 - (a) for a term of four years and may be reappointed for a second term of four years and no more; and
 - (b) on such other terms and conditions as are specified in his letter of appointment.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 23 be retained (*Senatdr Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 23 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 24: Appointment of Secretary/Legal Adviser.

- (1) The Board shall appoint for the Commission, a Secretary/Legal Adviser who shall be a legal practitioner and must have been so qualified for a period of not less than 10 years.
- (2) The Secretary/Legal Adviser shall—
 - (a) be Secretary to the Board;
 - (b) be responsible for keeping the books and proper records of proceedings and correspondences of the Board and the upkeep of the records of the Commission;
 - (c) administer and discharge all insurance requirements of the Commissioner;

- (d) retain external legal services on behalf of the Commission as he may deem necessary or expedient; and
- (e) perform such other functions as the Board or the Executive Secretary as the case may be, may from time to time, assign to him.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 24 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 24 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 25: Remunerations, etc.

- (1) The Commission shall development such terms and conditions of service concerning remunerations, fringe benefits, pension scheme and other benefits which would enable it attract and retain high quality manpower and submit for approval of the President as appropriate.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of the Pensions Act, service in the Commission shall be approved service for the purpose of that Act and accordingly, officers and other persons employed in the Commission shall in respect of their service in the Commission be entitled to pensions and other retirement benefits as are enjoyed by persons holding equivalent grades in the civil service of the Federation, so however that nothing in this Act shall prevent the appointment of a person to any office on terms which preclude the grant of pension in respect of that office.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 25 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 25 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

PART V — FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Clause 26: Fund of the Commission.

- (1) The Commission shall establish and maintain a fund from which shall be defrayed all expenditure incurred by the Commission.
- (2) There shall be paid and credited to the fund established in subsection (1) of this section-
 - (a) allocation to the Commission from the Federation Account;
 - (b) 5% of Nigeria Ecological fund;
 - (c) such money as may, from time to time, be granted or received from—
 - (i) the organised private sector.
 - (ii) international donor Agencies and non-governmental organizations;
 - (d) all monies raised for the purposes of the Commission by way of gifts, loans grant-in-aid, testamentary disposition or otherwise;

- (e) such money as may be received from the Integrated Water Resources Management Trust Fund; and
- if) all other assets that may, from time to time accrue to the Commission.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 26 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—«Cross River South»*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 26 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 27: Application of proceeds of the Fund of the Commission.

Subject to subsection (2) of this section, the Commission shall apply the proceeds of the fund established pursuant to section 26 of this Act to—

- (1)
 - (a) the cost of the administration of the Commission;
 - (b) the payment of salaries, fees, remunerations allowances and pensions payable to members and the employees of the Commission;
 - (c) the payment for all contracts, including mobilization, fluctuations, variations, legal fees and cost on contract administration;
 - (d) the payment for all purchases; and
 - (e) undertake such other activity as are connected with all or any of the functions of the Commission under this Act.
- (2) The Commission shall pay the proceeds of all fees, charges and income received in respect of licences and services rendered into the Federation Account.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 27 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 27 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 28: Power to accept gift.

- (1) The Commission may accept gifts 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.
- (2) The Commission shall not accept any gift if the conditions attached by the person or organisation making the gift are inconsistent with the functions of, the Commission under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 28 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 28 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 29: Power to borrow.

The Commission may with the prior consent of the Minister borrow on such terms and conditions as the Commission may determine, such sums of money as the Commission may require in the exercise of its functions under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 29 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 29 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 30: Submission of annual financial report to the Minister.

- (1) The Board shall, not later than 30th September each year submit to the Minister an estimate of the expenditure and income of the Commission during the next succeeding year.
- (2) The Commission shall keep p[roper accounts in respect of each financial year and shall cause the accounts to be audited not later than 6 months after the end of each financial year by auditors appointed from the list and in accordance with the guidelines supplied by the Auditor-General of the Federation.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 30 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 30 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 31: Annual general report.

The Board shall prepare and submit to the Minister, not later than 30th June each year, a report in such form as the Minister may direct on the activities of the Commission during the immediate preceding year, and shall include in the report a copy of the audited accounted of the Commission for the financial year and the auditor's report thereon.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 31 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—¹Agreed to.

Question that Clause 31 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 32: Requisition etc.

- (1) In the exercise of its functions under this Act, the Commission may request from any public organization, available suitable equipment, facility or personnel which may assist the Commission in the effective management of water in Nigeria.
- (2) The Commission shall compensate for loss or damage arising from the use of any equipment, facility or personnel received under this section of this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 32 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
—Agreed to.

Question that Clause 32 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 33: Offices and Premises.

- (1) For the purpose of providing offices and premises necessary for the performance of its functions under this Act, the Commission, may, subject to the Land Use Act —
 - (a) purchase or take on lease any interest in land, or other property; and
 - (b) construct offices and premises and equip and maintain same.
- (2) The Commission may, subject to the Land Use Act, sell or lease any office or premises held by it, which offices or premises is no longer required for the performance of its functions under this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 33 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 33 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 34: Directives by the Minister.

Subject to the provisions of this Act, the Minister may, give to the Commission, directives of a general nature or relating generally to matters of policy with regard to the performance by the Commission of its functions and it shall be the duty of the Commission to comply with the directives.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 34 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw=Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 34 do stand pan of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 35: Litigation.

The Federal High Court shall have jurisdiction for the trial of offences arising under this Act or the rules and regulations made thereunder over all suits brought to enforce any liability or duty created by the provisions of this Act.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 35 (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South*) —
Agreed to.

Clause 36: Investigation.

- (1) If the Commission either upon complaint by a person or otherwise, finds that the provisions of this Act or of any rules or regulations made thereunder have been or are about to be violated, it may require such person to file with it a statement in writing under oath as to all the facts and circumstances concerning the subject matter which he believes to be in the public interest, the Commission may order an investigation into the facts so asserted.
- (2) If the Commission finds that any person is engaged in or about to engage in any act or practice which constitutes or is likely to constitute a violation of the provisions of this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder, it may bring an action in the Federal High Court to stop such acts or practices and upon a proper showing of acts by the Commission a permanent or temporary injunction or restraining order may be granted without the payment of a bond.

- (3) The Commission may transmit such evidence as may be available concerning such acts or practices to the Attorney -General of the Federation or the Attorney General of the State concerned who may institute the necessary criminal proceedings under this Act.
- (4) Upon application of the Commission under this section, the Federal High Court may issue a writ of mandamus commanding any person to comply with the provisions of this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder.

Committee's Recommendation:

Leave out the provision in Clause 36 (Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw — Cross River South) — Agreed to.

Clause 37: Regulations.

The Commission may with the approval of the National Executive Council through the Minister make regulations generally for the purpose of giving effect to the provisions of this Act and may in particular, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions make regulations in relation to the following matters, that is—

- (a) technical standards and rules;
- (b) payment of licence fees, annual levy on gross turn-over by specified licensees and other charges;
- (c) procedures for obtaining licences or permits and the conduct of holders of licences and permits;
- (d) tariff charged by operators;
- (e) customer equipment;
- (f) accreditation of water quantity and quality testing agencies; (g) piping, canal structures and water conveyance facilities; and (h) such other matters as may be referred to it by the Minister.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 37 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*) —*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 37 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 38: Delegation of powers.

The Commission may, subject to such conditions as it may deem fit delegate any of its powers under this Act to any of its Officers.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 38 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*) —*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 38 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 39: Offences and Penalties.

- (1) Any person who contravenes any provisions of this Act or any rules and regulations thereunder is guilty of an offence and liable on conviction, where no specific penalty is prescribed therefore, to—
 - (a) a fine of N50,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or to both, such fine and imprisonment as a first offender, or
 - (b) N150,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three years or to both, such fine and imprisonment for subsequent convictions.
- (2) The Commission may make regulations generally to provide for the imposition of a fine and in any proper case, for the payment of compensation or for confiscation of the equipment or facilities as it may deem fit.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 39 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 39 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 40: Offences by corporate bodies.

Where an offence against this Act or any rules or regulations made thereunder has been committed by a body corporate or a partnership that body corporate or partnership shall on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding N500,000. In addition any director or partner found to have been negligent or to have wilfully connived in the commission of the offence such director or partner shall upon conviction be liable to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 1 year.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 40 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)
— *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 40 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 41: Interpretation.

In this Act unless the context otherwise requires—

"Commission" means the Nigerian Integrated Water Resources Management Commission as establishment by Section 1 of this Act;

Question: That the word "Commission" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"authorized developer" means a water resource developer who is either authorized under Nigerian enactment to operate as such, or is a licensed developer under this Act;

Question: That the words "authorized developer" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"authorized operator" means a person who is either authorized under Nigerian enactments to provide or operate a Water Resources service or is licensed under this Act to provide or operate a Water Resources service;

Question: That the words "Authorized operator" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Chairman" means the part time Chairman of the Board;

Question: That the word "Chairman " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Catchment Zone" means the operating zones established under this Act;

Question: That the words "Catchment Zone " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Executive Secretary" means the Executive Secretary and Chief Executive of the Commission;

Question: That the words "Executive Secretary " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"function" includes powers and duties.

Question: That the word "Function " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Government" means the Federal Government of Nigeria;

Question: That the word "Government" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Licence" means a Water Resources Development or Operating licence in force under this Act;

Question: That the word "Licence" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

" licensee" means a person who is the holder of a Water Resources licence under this Act;

Question: That the word "Licensee" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"member" means a member of the Board and included the Chairman;

Question: That the word "Member" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Ministry" means the Federal Ministry of Water Resources or any Ministry charged with the responsibility for water resources.

Question: That the word "Ministry " be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"Minister" means the Minister for the time being charged with the responsibility for Water Resources management in Nigeria;

Question: That the word "Minister" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"water resources facility" means any part of the infrastructure of a water storage, delivery and use and includes dams, dykes, water conveyance pipeline, borehole, tubewell, all types of water equipment for human consumption, irrigation, or any other structure or thing used or intended for use in connection with a Water Resources exploitation and uses;

Question: That the words "Water resources facility" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

"water resources undertaking" means an undertaking in the field of water resources that is carried on in the whole or in part within Nigeria.

Question: That the words "Water resources undertaking" be as defined in the Interpretation to this Act, put and agreed to.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 41 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)—*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 41 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 42: Short title.

This Bill may be cited as the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission (Establishment, etc.) Act 2011.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 42 be retained (*Senator Bassey Ewa-Henshaw—Cross River South*)—*Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 42 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

SCHEDULE

Section 2(3)

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS IN RELATION TO THE BOARD, ETC.

Proceedings of the Board

1. Subject to this Act the Board may make standing orders to regulate proceedings or those of any of its comrninees.
2. The quorum of the Board shall be the Chairman or the person presiding at the meeting and 5 other members of the Board, and the quorum of any Committee of the Board shall be as determined by the Board.
3. The Board shall meet at least four times a year or whenever it is summoned by the Chairman or if the Chairman is required to do so by written notice to him by not less than 4 other members, he shall summon a meeting of the Board to be held within 14 days of the written notice.
4. At any meeting of the Board, the Chairman shall preside but if he is absent, the members present at the meeting shall appoint one of their members to preside.
5. Where the Board desires to obtain the advice of a person on a particular matter, the Board may co-opt him to the Board for such period as it deems fit, but a person who is in attendance by virtue of this sub-paragraph shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the Board and shall not count in determining quorum.

Committees

6. (1) The Board may appoint one or more committees to carry out, on behalf of the Board, such functions as the Board may determine.
 - (2) A committee constituted under this paragraph shall, consist of such number of persons as may be determined by the Board and a person shall hold office on the Committee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.
 - (3) A decision of a committee of the Board shall be of no effect until it is confirmed by the Board.
7. At any time when the office of the Chairman is vacant or the Chairman is in the opinion of the Board temporarily or permanently unable to perform the functions of his office, a member of the Board duly appointed by the Minister shall perform those functions and references in this Schedule to the Chairman shall be construed accordingly.
 8. The fixing of the seal of the Commission shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairman or of some other member authorized generally or specially by the Board to act for that purpose for the Commission.

Question that paragraphs 1, 2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 under the Head "Proceedings of the Board" stand part of the Schedule to the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Water Resources, on the Nigeria Integrated Water Resources Management Commission (Establishment, Etc.) Bill 2011 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1-42 ~ As Recommended.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

Motion made: That the Bill be now read the Third Time (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

6. Committee on Health:

Report on the Tobacco Control Act 1990 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2011 (SB. 221):

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Committee on Health, on the Tobacco Control Act 1990 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2011 (*Senator Adeleke O. Mamora — Lagos East*).

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*Senate Leader*).

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL THE TOBACCO (CONTROL) ACT 1990 CAP.T16 LAWS OF THE FEDERATION AND TO ENACT THE NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL BILL 2011 TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGULATION OR CONTROL OF PRODUCTION, MANUFACTURE, SALE, ADVERTISING, PROMOTION AND SPONSORSHIP OF TOBACCO OR TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN NIGERIA AND FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

Debate:

Further consideration of the Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Committee on Health, on the Tobacco Control Act 1990 (Repeal and Re-enactment) Bill 2011 and deferred further consideration to another Legislative Day.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

**7. Committee on National Security and Intelligence:
Report on the Private Detectives and Investigators BiU 2011 (SB. 63):**

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

**8. Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream and Down Stream) and Gas:
Report on the Petroleum Industry BiU 2011 (SB. 236):**

Motion made: That the Senate do consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream and Downstream) and Gas on the Petroleum Industry Bill 2011 (*Senator Lee L. Maeba — Rivers South East*)

Question put and agreed to.

Report presented.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Report (*SenateLeader*).

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE LEGAL AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK, INSTITUTIONS AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES FOR THE NIGERIAN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY; ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE OPERATION OF THE UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM SECTORS.

Debate:

Further consideration of the Report deferred to Tuesday, 15th March, 2011.

Chairman to report progress.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Report of the Joint Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream and Downstream) and Gas on the Petroleum Industry Bill 2011 and deferred further consideration to Tuesday, 15th March, 2011.

Question: That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — *Resolved in Affirmative.*

9. Committee on Nigerian Air Force:

Report on the Nigerian Air Force Institute of Technology (Establishment, etc) BiU 2011 (SB. 344):

Consideration of Report deferred to another Legislative Day.

10. Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria Act (CAP F16 LFN 2004) Bill 2011 (SB.170):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

11. Pension Reform Act No.2 of 2004 (Amendment) Bill 2011 (IIB. 393):

Motion made: That the Bill for an Act to Amend the Pension Reform Act No.2 of 2004 to Exclude the Members of the Armed Forces and Intelligence/Secret Services of the Federation from the Application of the Scheme; and for Related Matters 2011 be read the Second Time (*Senate Leader*).

Debate:

Question put and agreed to.

Pursuant to Rule 81 the Bill accordingly read the Second Time and committed to the Committee of the Whole.

Motion made: That the Senate do resolve into the Committee of the Whole to consider the Bill (*Senate Leader*).

Question put and agreed to.

(SENATE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE)

CONSIDERATION OF A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE PENSION REFORM ACT NO 2 OF 2004 TO EXCLUDE THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES AND INTELLIGENCE/SECRET SERVICES OF THE FEDERATION FROM THE APPLICATION OF THE SCHEME; AND FOR RELATED MATTERS, 2011

Clause 1: Amendment of the Pension Reform Act, No 2 of 2004.

The Pension Reform Act, No 2 of 2004 (in this Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out below—

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 1 be retained (*Senator Teslim K Folarin — Oyo Central*) — *Agreed to.*

Question that Clause 1 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 2: Amendment of Section 8: Exemption from the scheme.

The categories of persons mentioned in section 291 and members of the Armed Forces of the Federation in section 217 of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria 1999 and members of the Intelligence/Secret Services shall be exempted from the Scheme.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 2 be retained (Senator Teslim K. Folarin — Oyo Central) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 2 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Clause 3: Short Title.

This Bill may be cited as the Pension Reform Act (Amendment) Bill 2011.

Committee's Recommendation:

That the provision in Clause 3 be retained (Senator Teslim K. Folarin — Oyo Central) — Agreed to.

Question that Clause 3 do stand part of the Bill, put and agreed to.

Chairman to report Bill.

(SENATE IN PLENARY)

The Deputy Senate President reported that the Senate in the Committee of the Whole considered the Bill for an Act to Amend the Pension Reform Act No. 2 of 2004 to Exclude the Members of the Armed Forces and Intelligence/Secret Services of the Federation from the Application of the Scheme; and for Related Matters 2011 and approved as follows:

Clauses 1 - 3 — As Recommended.

Question: *That the Senate do approve the Report of the Committee of the Whole — Resolved in Affirmative.*

Motion made: *Pursuant to Rule 79 that the Bill be now read the Third Time (Senate Leader).*

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly read the Third Time and Passed.

12. National Biosafety Authority (Establishment, etc.) Bill 2011 (SB.412):

Consideration of Bill deferred to another Legislative Day.

13. Adjournment:

Motion made: *That the Senate do now adjourn till Wednesday, 9th March, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. (Senate Leader).*

Adjourned accordingly at 1.10 p.m.

Ike Ekweremadu, CFR
Deputy President, Senate of the
Federal Republic of Nigeria.