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The House met at 10.40 a.m.
(The Speaker presided)

PRAYERS

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Speaker: I haven't seen the Governor so there is no message from him.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker: What I have to announce is what we have discussed at our Parliamentary Meeting on the Bills before us. Members of the other Party may see it a bit odd that we have got so many Bills before us which we intend to look into today as a result of prior meeting by the Parliamentary Committee.

PRESENTATION OF MOTIONS

Speaker: The motions of the day are four on the Order Paper for the day Bills and there is likely to come a fifth one. So as for the First Reading of the Bill, I call upon the Clerk to act accordingly.

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

A Law to make further Supplementary Provision for the Service of Sokoto State of Nigeria for the Year ending, Thirty-first Day of March, one Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty.

Speaker: I now call upon the Majority Leader to present the Bill.

Majority Leader [Alh. Muhammadu Augie]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I would like to present this Bill to the House for the request of ₦6000,000.00. This sum of money is needed for the service of the State Government from now to 31st March, 1980. The Ministry of Trade and Industry need this sum of money to buy shares from the Sokoto Clay Industry Limited which is going to be sited near Talata Mafara. The ₦600,000.00 is going to be used in buying shares from the Company. The Government is going to buy these shares until such a time when the people are mature enough to realise the importance of this venture and when they have enough money to buy the shares. The purpose of buying these shares by the Government is to enable the Company to get started. Some Companies have bought the rest of the shares. The NCCL which is one of the Companies has bought 600,000 shares, ZBCC has bought 300,000 shares and another Company which is named NAMCO has bought 150 shares. The reason why the Government should buy the remaining shares is because some Companies like the Bungudu Construction Company and Alhaji Sidi Sarkin Sharifai who have earlier indicated their willingness to buy the shares have now withdrawn. The total shares for this Company is 1,500,000. The Companies bought a total of 900,000 shares while the Government will buy 600,000 shares. Already the Government has bought 300,000 shares which was required from it and now what is needed is 600,000 shares. Hon. Members, I hope you are clear about this Bill and I beg for your support and approval so as to give the Government this sum of money to let the Company function.

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame [Argungu]: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to support this Bill presented by the Majority Leader because the Commission is urgently required so I am appealing to my Hon. colleagues to please accept the establishment of this Commission.

Speaker: Hon. Members, this is the bill as presented and is read. So the next step is the Second

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Reading before deliberations. I now call upon the Clerk for the second reading?

SECOND READING

Bill No. 5: A Law to provide for the establishment of a State Electoral Commission.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, this Commission has its importance and its responsible for conducting State level elections, National elections, and the forth-coming Local Governments elections. At present, the State has no such a Commission because the former one was established by the Federal Military Government and has completed its assignment and is dissolved. It is now that this Commission will be established to change the former one and this is in accordance with the constitution so I am appealing to you so that this Commission will be established.

Garba Moh. Kanwa [Zurmi]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I second the bill presented by the Majority Leader and I hope the Hon. Members will support because of the forth-coming Local Government elections ahead of us.

Speaker: As before, we discuss the bill in the Committee of the Whole House. Is that your view?

Hon. Members: Yes, Yes.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second time and Committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

Speaker: I call upon the Majority Leader to present progress report of the Committee of the Whole House.

Alh. Muh. Augie [Maj. Leader]: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, the progress achieved so far is that the Committee of the Whole House have

agreed that the State Electoral Commission be established.

Speaker: Hon. Members, you have heard the progress report of the Committee of the Whole House.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 5: A Law to provide for the establishment of a State Electoral Commission.

Speaker: Is there any comment required on this?

Jeli S. Sudan [Marnona]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I want to say is that this Commission should be established and what we require now is the names of the office holders.

Speaker: What we want is comment as to the bill.

Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka [Kotorkoshi]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, what I am seeing is that we have taken the Oath of allegiance to work whole heartedly. Others who are not in our party have agreed so we have agreed too.

Speaker: The allegiance is to work for the interest of the nation but not to accept whatever is brought before us. We have to sort what is good or bad before us.

Alh. Sambo Wonaka [Mada]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Member, I rise to give my comments on the State Electoral Commission to be established. My advise is for the Commission to appoint honest people with good intention to build this nation. If people who are not ready to work for the nation are appointed to run this commission, then, there will be no progress. I hope God will guide us in appointing capable people to run this Commission.

Speaker: Any more amendments or com-

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ments?

Alh. Dandare Saminu [Koko]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to give more explanations on what I requested before. As I heard, somebody said that honest people should be appointed and they should come from both parties.

Speaker: We are on the text of the bill itself. As for your request, it is not what the House can do. Ours is to approve and the nominations are done by the Governor and we have not been given any provision in the constitution to direct him. All we can do is to approve or reject but we cannot nominate. So I am sorry.

Alh. Dandare Saminu [Koko]: I am satisfied being that the governor is to nominate we expect an equal share, thank you.

Speaker: I am very sorry to hear such a comment. For what I understand is the Hon. Member for (Koko) who has just sat has no confidence in us. Sorry for such a comment.

Alh. Dandare Saminu [Koko]: Mr. Speaker, I am sure I trust all of us here because any comment will start from here so I cannot exclude myself. A person cannot say that he cannot trust himself. I therefore trust each Member in this Hon. House.

Speaker: Thank you.

Speaker: Any seconder?

Alh. Galadima Dancadi [Dancadi]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second the motion. The establishment of Industries is one of the things which sets a country into progress. I hope this Hon. House will approve this. Thank you.

Speaker: Any objection?

[There was no objection from any member to this proposal].

Speaker: Well, this is the first reading, so the next will be the second reading. Will the Clerk to the House please read the bill?

SECOND READING

Bill No. 4: A Law to make further supplementary provision for the service of Sokoto State of Nigeria for the year ending of the Thirty-first day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and eighty.

Order for Second Reading read.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I want to present this new bill which is requesting for further supplementary provision of ₦600,000. This money is needed to buy shares from the Brick Factory. The Ministry of Trade and Industry is to buy this shares from the Brick Industry to be established near Talata Mafara. The number of shares to be bought are 600,000. These shares will be bought by the government in order to help those people who may later want to buy the shares from the Company but do not have the means to do so now. If the government does not buy these shares now, this Company may cease to function. Other Companies earlier promised to buy the shares, but they cannot buy the shares now.

I hope this Hon. House will approve this bill.

Speaker: Hon. members, in view of what we have before us and what we have discussed earlier, I move that we commit this to the Committee of the Whole House to deliberate on before bringing it back to the House for debate, if any. Do you agree to that?

[Question put and agreed].

Bill read the second time and Committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

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Speaker: Will the Leader of the Majority please report the progress of the Committee of the Whole House?

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to present the report of the Committee of the Whole House. The Whole Members understood what is meant by this bill; and they have all agreed to it. Several Members asked questions and they were answered. I therefore forward this matter to this Hon. House.

Speaker: We have heard the second reading and the report of the Committee of the whole House, so the next will be the third reading. I now call on the Clerk to do so.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 4: A Law to make further supplementary provision for the Service of Sokoto State of Nigeria for the year ending, Thirty-first day of March, One Thousand, Nine Hundred and eighty.

Speaker: Do you all agree to the bill as read in the third reading?

It was unanimously agreed.

The question before the House is that Bill no. 4 of 1979 to provide for the sum of ₦600,000..... Those in favour would please put up their hands.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

Speaker: So it is unanimously agreed that further sum of 600,000 Naira be added to the current estimate.

Speaker: That is all for Bill No. 4.

Speaker: May I call on the Clerk to please read the Bill No. 5

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

Bill No. 5: A Law to provide for the Establishment of a State Electoral Commission.

Speaker: Before the Majority Leader present the bill, I want to call the attention of the Hon. Members, that three Bills coming before us now are all as a result of the provision in the Constitution. Secondly, each one of them is in two parts. The first part is already in the Bill then the second is the names of those to be appointed to the Commission. We will discuss one bill and then we will discuss the names to be appointed. All this have to be approved. Will the Leader of the Majority please present the bill?

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I now present this bill for the Establishment of a State Electoral Commission, which is to be established in this State. This Commission is to be running the elections to be held in the State, these elections include the Local Government Council Members, the Legislators, State and the National etc. The former Commission was not elected by us, it was elected by Military Administration, and this appointment has been terminated. It is stated in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria that this Hon. House is to establish this Commission. I am appealing to this Hon. House to please agree to establish this Commission. After that, we will talk about those to be elected into the Commission.

Speaker: This is the bill. Who will second the deliberations on the Bill?

Alh. Muhammadu Sani Kamba [Dendi]: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, being that we have agreed to the motion, I appeal to the Hon. House to let the Hon. Speaker bring forward the names to be presented before the House.

Speaker: Hon. Members, the question is, you approve the Bill requesting the Electoral Commission. Those in favour, raise up your hands. So is

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carried. Well, before the motion, there is a comment that the list of Commissioners be presented. Any support for the motion?

Alh. Ali Durhawa [Durbawa]: I second the Hon. Member for (Dendi) the mover of the motion to present the names of those nominated for the Electoral Commission so that we know them one by one.

Speaker: We have the names as they come, and then we have them one by one, and the Clerk read the names of nominees.

1. Alh. Garba Gusau *Chairman*
2. Alh. Muhammadu Kangiye *Perm. Member*
3. Alh. Musa Kaiba *Perm. Member*
4. Malam Usaman M. S/Malamai B/K *P/Mem*
5. Alh. Mamman Fakai S/Gobir *Part Time*
6. Alh. Garba Gummi *Part Time*
7. Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan *Part Time.*

Speaker: So now we have them one by one and see whether we pass them or not, but one thing is for the requirement for such eligibility that has been taken care of by the nominator. So it is raised to us whether they are suitable for the post or not.

Alh. Garba Gusau: A Member of Local Government Service Board. He is a Permanent Commissioner there. Here, he is to be the Chairman.

Hon. Members: All agreed.

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame [Argungu]: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, appointing this person is very suitable, because he is a person who is hard working and honest. Before we appoint him as Chairman of this Commission, he is a member of the Local Government Service Board and you know this is a post held by a capable and hard working person. I am sure by appointing him to

this post we have nothing to regret. So I hope my fellow Hon. Members will support me.

Alh. Buhari Garban Yandi [Gusau]: Mr. Speaker, the Hon. Member, I second Alh. Sama'ila Nabame (Argungu) who said the person to be appointed was holding big post before, because of this I beg to second him as I have seen his suitability.

Speaker: Any objection to his appointment? So the stand is do you agree? If so, hands up. So the next is No. (2) (Alh. Muhammadu Kangiye) as permanent Member.

Majority Leader: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members; if we look towards suitability, we are supposed to give him a post which is more than this one. He is one of the trusted persons. He was formerly Headmaster and knows much election. In my own view, I feel that you will all agree with him. I am sure we will not regret appointing him.

Garba Muhammadu Kanwa [Zurmi]: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, in fact, I am sure this nomination is alright, because this man is an old teacher, we all know him. I therefore support and I hope you will agree with me as the Majority Leader has said.

Speaker: Any objection to his appointment.

Alh. Atiku Zurmi [Mayasa]: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to reject.

Speaker: What we want is about Alh. Muhammadu Kange.

Alh. Atiku Zurmi [Mayasa]: Mr. Speaker, I do not support it as the Majority has forced us to support. Is he forcing us into supporting him?

Speaker: Are you objecting to his appointment? Then you object it that is all. Those in favour

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should raise up their hands. Well, hands up. So it appears his also has been approved. Next is No. (3) (Alh. Musa Kaiba).

Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka [Kotorkoshi]: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, in connection to this person's name, (Alh. Musa Kaiba), in fact, I know him as Majority Leader has praised the former, I too agree with him and I hope my fellow Hon. Members will support me to appoint this person as we agree with him.

Alh. Muhammadu Mori [Fakka]: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, Well I am the person who is supposed to bring his name first not the former person. Due to his hard working, he was posted from the Local Government Service Board to the Government Service. We will regret if we do not appoint him. Therefore, I hope this Hon. House will agree with me.

Musa Bawa [Wasagu]: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I rise to give more explanations on (Alh. Musa Kaiba) because I know him, I know his habit. He is one of the best persons of Zuru Local Government. He is also one of the Zuru best and trusted person. In nomination, we should trust him and agree with him. Since from the beginning, he is the one we wanted to be the Chairman of Zuru Local Government.

Speaker: Hon. Members, you have heard about (Alh. Musa Kaiba). Those in favour of confirming his appointment should raise up their hands. So he too is confirmed. Next is No. 4 (Alh. Usman Malami, S/Malamai B/K).

Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu [Gwandu]: Mr. Speaker, fellow Hon. Members, I stand to present the name of (Alh. Shehu Malami S/Malamai B/Kebbi) before you so as to approve his appointment in the State Electoral Commission. I know this gentleman to the best of my ability. I would like to let you know his career.....

Several Hon Members: No! No! No!

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Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu [Gwandu]: In short, he is....

Several Hon. Members: No! No! No!

Alh. Ibrahim T/Gwandu [Gwandu]: Well, I support his appointment.

Alh. Abubakar Altine Shugaba [B/Kebbi]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of this friend of mine as a member of the State Electoral Commission.

Alh. Umaru Nakigo [Dakin Gari/Giro]: Mr. Speaker, beside my support, I would like to give more explanation on this man. During the last Civilian Government he played a good part in the conduct of the affairs of the Government but as soon as the Military seized power, he was sent out. Now that the Civilian Government is back, he is now being called again to serve which shows his trustworthiness. The Military rule.....

Speaker: That is not relevant.

Alh. Tambari Dingyadi [Bodinga]: Mr. Speaker, I think we should deliberate fully on this person and know which post he held before being appointed as a member of this Commission. We should know whether he is suitable to leave that post and come to this one. We don't want a Nurse to be transferred to Education.

Speaker: I believe the Executive will have to find this.

Those in favour of confirming his appointment raise up your hands. So the majority have it.

The next three are part-time members. First No. (1), (Alh. Mamman Fakai Sarkin Gobir).

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame [Argungu]: Mr. Speaker, fellow Hon. Members, (Alh. Muhammadu Fakai) who is called (Sarkin Gobir Argungu) was

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formerly a District Head in Argungu Division and later a member of the Argungu Emirate Council. Up to the time of the General Elections he was working under Education Department and at present he is not working. Well, Hon. Members, I give you this explanation in order to let those who don't know him to know something about him. This person is trust-worthy and is among those type of people who are wanted in this type of Commission. My fellow Members, I therefore appeal to you to support for the confirmation of the appointment of this person as a member of the Commission.

Alh. Mamman Dan Tsamaye [Kaddi]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Muhammadu S/Gobir) as a part-time member of the Commission.

Alh. Muh. Sani Kamba [Dendi]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Muh. S/Gobir). In fact, I know him for a long time and as the Hon. Member from Argungu has said, he was once a District Head after which he was a Member of Northern House of Assembly and also a member of the National Assembly. Because of this, I would like this Hon. House to approve his appointment.

Alh. Shehu Mutawalle [Ambursa]: Mr. Speaker, in connection with this gentleman, (Sarkin Gobir), as you have heard from the Hon. Members who gave you explanation about him, I know him quite well and I know his habits. He is suitable to be a member of this Commission and I therefore appeal to the Hon. House to confirm his appointment.

Speaker: Those in favour of confirming the appointment of Alh. Muhammadu Sarkin Gobir hands up. So he too is confirmed.

Next in No. [2], Alh. Garba Gummi Ajiya.

Alh. Kala Tela [Gummi]: Mr. Speaker, I second the appointment of (Alh. Garba Gummi Ajiya) to

be a part-time member of the Commission. This gentleman was once a Treasurer and he did nothing wrong and during Military Rule, he was a Commissioner. I therefore beg to support.

Muhammadu Bukkuyum [Bukkuyum]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my full support for the appointment of (Alh. Garba Gummi). He held many posts before this one. Earlie Hon. Member for (Gummi) said, he was a Commissioner for Local Government in the Military rule and then a Commissioner for Housing and throughout his tenure of office, he was never found wanting. In view of this, I would like the House to approve his confirmation as a member of the Commission.

Alh. Sambo Wonaka [Mada]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Garba Gummi) as a Member of the Commission. I am sure (Alh. Abubakar) is suitable to be appointed to any post since he held the posts earlier mentioned.

Speaker: Those in favour of confirming the appointment hands up.

So he too is confirmed.

The last but not least is No. (3), (Alh. Bello Sarkin Sudan).

Ahmadu Majidadi [Goronyo]: Mr. Speaker, I beg to support for the appointment of (Alh. Bello S/Sudan) because he is a gentleman, sensible, careful, tolerant and sociable.

Alh. Dandare Saminu [Koko]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, well, I don't know (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) but hearing his name being praised in all parts of the State.....

Speaker: I hope Hon. Member for (Koko) is not confused with (S/Sudan). We have (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) and not (Malami S/Sudan).

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Alh. Daudare Saminu [Koko]: Mr. Speaker, I am in support of the person being nominated.

Alh. Garba Nagodi [Gandi]: Mr. Speaker, I beg to support for the appointment of (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan) because I know him in and out and I have worked with him for three years in Wurno Local Government. He is sincere, honest and dedicative.

Mamman Giyawa [Giyawa]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alh. Abubakar Bello S/Sudan).

Speaker: Those in favour of confirming the appointment hadns up. So he too is confirmed.

So we have finished with Bill No. 5 including the names of Commissioners. The next is No. 6 but it appears the Majority Leader has got something to say.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, I would like us to have a recess for a short time.

Speaker: This is a motion for recess, any seconder?

An Hon. Member: I beg to support for the motion.

Speaker: Here is a counter motion from an unelected member. The Clerk has reported to me that refreshments are not ready, should we go on the recess or wait until later? Those in favour of the recess hands up. Those in favour of continuing until some few minutes hands up.

Then we continue.

Speaker: We will have the first reading by the Clerk of the House.

PRESENTATION

Bill No.6 — A Law to provide for the

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Establishment of A State Judicial Service Commission

Speaker: Let us hear from the Majority Leader.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I present this bill on State Judicial Service Commission, I hope I will get your support on this.

Alh. Yahaya Bungudu [Bungudu]: Mr. Speaker, I beg to second this motion for the establishment of this Judicial Service Commission. Due to the nature of judgement in this State I think it will be better if trust worthy people are appointed.....

An Hon. Member: I am appealing to Mr. Speaker to please call the Hon. Member speaking to order.

Alh. Musa Isa Kakaka [Kotarkoshi]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support to the Majority Leader. I think trust worthy people should be appointed. Well.....

Speaker: *Hon. Members, I should like to draw your attention to the function of this Commission. The Commission may have powers as described: To advice the Governor in nominating persons for the appointment, subject to the approval of the House of Assembly in respect to the appointment of the Chief Judge of the High Court and the State Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal.*

To advice the Governor on the appointments of the Judges of the High Court of the State and Kadis of the Sharia Court of Appeal. To recommend to the Governor the removal from office of the judicial officer specified in sub paragraph [B] and exercise disciplinary control over such officers.

To appoint, dimiss and exercise disciplinary control over the Chief Registrar and deputy Chief

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Registrar of the High Court, the Chief Registrar of the Sharia Court of Appeal, Magistrate, Judges, and members of the Area Courts.

Hon. Members this is what is expected of the provision, so you can see what type of people are concerned. The members of the Commission are the Chief Judge of the High Court, the Antoney General and the State Grand Kadi of the Sharia Court of Appeal and then two others. These three people mentioned are trust worthy people, nobody that is not trust worthy will be appointed to these posts.

Alh. Musa Kakaka [Kotarkoshi]: Mr. Speaker, I am satisfied with the explanation given by the Hon. Speaker. I hope these people.....

Speaker: We are talking of the Commission not the Commissioners.

Alh. Musa Kakaka [Kotarkoshi]: Mr. Speaker, I give my full support for the establishment of this Commission. Than you.

Amadu Aliyu Binji [Binji]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my support for the establishment earlier. I appeal to this Hon. House to give its full support for the establishment of this Commission.

Usman Sa'ad Zuru [Sakaba]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the establishment of this Commission. Hon. Members should remember that the question of justice is very important.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, I will like the House to resolve into the Committee of the Whole House to discuss this matter. I will also like to appeal to the press men on the galary to please clear the galary. Thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second time and immediately considered in the Committee of the Whole House.

Speaker: Hon. Members, we have come back to the House, I want the Majority Leader to report the progress of the Committee of the Whole House.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I will like to present the report of the Committee of the Whole House. The Committee discussed about the establishment of the Judicial Service Commission. After the explanation given by the Chairman of the Committee to members, all the members agreed that this Commission be established. It is already provided in the Constitution that each State should establish a Judicial Service Commission. What members want to know is, who are those to be appointed into this Committee? As the Chairman has earlier stated that there are some people who are members automatically because of their post, only two people are to be added to them. I now forward this to the Speaker so to continue our deliberations.

Speaker: Let us have the third reading.

THIRD READING

Bill No. 6 — A Law to provide for the Establishment of a State Judicial Service Commission.

Speaker: You have once more heard the Bill, and we have already discussed it, is there any need for amendment?

Alh. Ibrahim [Yauri]: Mr. Speaker, there is no objection.

Speaker: In that case the question do you approve of the bill to be passed? Those in favour should please put up their hands.

Question put and agreed to.

Speaker: There are suppose to be five members in this Commission, three Ex-Officio Members and two nominated members to be confirmed here. The two members are (Alh. Yahaya

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Shantali) and (Alhaji Mohammed Iyan Sokoto). The three ex-officio members are the Chief Judge of the State, the Attorney General and Grand Kadi of the State, so we need to confirm (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) and Alhaji Mohammed Iyan Sokoto).

Alh. Moh. Bukkuyun [Bukkuyun]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the nomination of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) to be a Member of the State Judicial Service Commission. Infact he is suitable to be in this Commission. I am appealing to this Hon House to please confirm the appointment of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali).

Alh. Ibrahim Dan Gata [Tudun Wada]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members I support the nomination of (Alh. Yahaya Shantali).

Alh. Yaro Mohammed Shell [Sokoto/Gagi]: Mr. Speaker, I rise to give my support for the appointment of (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali). This is his work and he has also the experience. He was also one of the legal advisers of N.P.N. I feel he is quite suitable for the appointment. Thank you.

Alh. Yahaya Bungudu [Bungudu]: Mr. Speaker, I do not support that (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) be nominated as a member of the State Judicial Service Commission. As an Hon. Member for (Sokoto/Gagi) earlier stated that (Alhaji Yahaya Shantali) the Legal Adviser of N.P.N., I don't think he should be appointed, because we do not have only one party in this State.

Alh. Sa'adu Zuru [Zuru]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. members, I do not support the Hon. Member who has just sat down now. Anybody's name that has been brought here since we opened this House was either supported or opposed on good merit but never on political grounds so anybody appointed is suitable and the first name given should be appointed with full support.

Speaker: Hon. Members, those in favour of

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appointing (Yahaya Shantali) hands up? Unanimously agreed.

Next is [Alh. Muh. Iyan Sokoto]. Unanimously agreed.

So we have finished with bill No. 6. I do not know whether we shall have recess? Members, no.

Hon. Members, we have still one or two bills and one is very very important which I think we shall reject.

Hon. Members: No, no.

Speaker: The next is bill No. 7 and I call upon the Clerk for the first reading.

PRESENTATION OF BILL

Bill No. 7: A Law to provide for the establishment of a State Civil Service Commission.

Speaker: Will the Majority Leader present?

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I hereby present a new bill in connection with the establishment of Civil Service Commission and I hope you will support the establishment of this Law.

Alh. Muh. Sanusi [Shagari]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second. I personally support the establishment of the Commission and I hope the Whole House will support.

Alh. Umaru Yakubu [Maru]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the bill seeking for establishment of the State Civil Service Commission. I think this is something we all know that is existing, for the government service cannot do without it and we consider it a privilege that the present government has given us an opportunity to establish this Commission. We all know its

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importance and that of its workers so I hope this Hon. House will support the establishment of this Commission without any further delay.

Speaker: There is a point in this secondment, that we dispense with them and then approve the bill. Is this seconded? Those in favour of the bill being approved without following the necessary steps hands up?

Order for Second Reading read.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second time and immediately considered in the Committee of the Whole House.

Hon. Members: Yes, yes.

Speaker: So is that your opinion that the bill is now passed, hands up it so?

Members: Yes, yes.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Third time and passed.

Speaker: So the State Civil Service Commission is now a law. What remains is the approval of its commissioners. Those nominated are:

1. Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari *Chairman*
2. Alh. Bawa Yauri *Permanent Member*
3. Alh. Muh. J. Dankatsina Makama *P/Mem.*
4. Alh. Yusufu Mafara *Permanent Member*
5. Alh. Abbas Yahaya *Permanent Member.*

Let us take them one by one and the first is No. (1) (Alh. Abubakar Kigo).

Alh. Shehu Ambursa Mutawalle [Ambursa]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to support the name of (Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari) as Chairman of the State Civil Service Commission. I know him to be sincere. He has served the nation

in various categories very honestly so he is capable of doing this job. He is hard working and trust worthy and I think he can work in any capacity in this country. I hope the Hon. Members will support his nomination without any waste of time, thank you.

Tambari Dangyadi [Bodinga]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to give my full support to appoint (Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari). He is straight forward and a hard worker, who has never been found guilty so this trust worthy person should be nominated as a Chairman without further lengthy discussion, so that we continue with others.

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame [Argungu]: Mr. Speaker, we are happy that they are nominated. So fellow Hon. Members, if you support me I will appreciate the confirmation of appointment on all those nominated.

Speaker: There are two points here, first raised by the Hon. Member for (Argungu), that we approve (Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari) without further deliberation? Those in favour of that hands up?

Hon. Members: Yes, yes.

Speaker: Then the second is we approve the appointment of the rest without further deliberations. Those in favour of that hands up?

Hon. Members: Yes, yes.

Speaker: So they are all confirmed now.

Question put and agreed.

Resolved: The House confirms the appointment of the following persons as Commissioners in the State Civil Service Commission.

1. Alh. Abubakar Kigo D/Gari *Chairman*
2. Alh. Bawa Yauri *Permanent Member*

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3. Alh. Muh. J. D. Makama *Perm. Member*
4. Alh. Yusufu Mafara *Permanent Member*
5. Alh. Abbas Yahaya *Permanent Member*

Speaker: Virtually what is on the order paper is finished.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I want to present bill No. 9 and because of its importance, I will like the Hon. Speaker to agree on this. I request the Hon. Speaker to refer it to the Clerk for reading.

Speaker: Hon. Members, do you permit me to discuss bill No. 9 without discussing No. 8? Hands up if you agree?... **Hon. Members:** Yes, yes.

Speaker: So I should approve of its enclosure and I call upon the Clerk to give it a first reading.

PRESENTATION OF A BILL

Bill No. 9: A Law to provide for the establishment of Contingency Fund for the State.

Speaker: Hon. Members, as in the constitution section 115 (1) A House of Assembly may by law make provision for the establishment of a contingencies fund for the State and for authorising the Governor, if satisfied that there has arisen an urgent and unforeseen need for expenditure for which no other provision exists, to make advance from the fund to meet that need.

115 (2) Where any advance is made in accordance with the provisions of this section, a Supplementary Estimate shall be presented and a Supplementary Appropriation Bill shall be introduced as soon as possible for the purpose of replacing the amount so advanced. So, Hon. Members, this bill should have been initiated by us for it is entirely within ourselves and I have also suggested it. When I submitted our requests to the

Governor for his approval before we submit a bill for that; so this is an alternative. We hope we will get what we requested and then later have the bill to cover it. So this is the bill before us. Will the Majority Leader present it?

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, I am presenting this bill for establishment of contingencies fund for Sokoto State so that it will enable the government to meet the expenses of other things which we do not anticipate; therefore, I request you to approve this bill.

Speaker: Is it seconded?

Alh. Muh. Nomau Gummi [B/Tudu]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second this bill.

Alh. Umaru Yakubu [Maru]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I rise to second this bill presented to us and to further show the importance of this bill to us here besides other services before the government. Some of us are still without accommodation and if we get this provision there is a possibility for accommodation to all of us. There are so many needs by the State and if this fund is provided it will be easy to meet these needs.

Speaker: Let us give it a second reading.

SECOND READING

Bill No. 9: A Law to provide for the establishment of Contingencies Fund for the State. Second Reading.

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am presenting this bill in its second stage so that it will be approved to get Contingencies Fund for the State to take us to the end of this financial year, 31st March, 1980. You are all aware that the government is not aware of this inconsistencies as such I will like you to approve the establishment of this Contingencies Fund.

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Speaker: The bill is presented to us and as we have it, just now I will rather suggest we commit it to the Committee of the Whole House to discuss it. If that is your view we move it to Committee of the Whole House. If you support, hands up?

Hon. Members: Yes, yes.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the Second time and Committed to the Committee of the Whole House.

Speaker: Will the Majority Leader report progress of the Committee of the Whole House?

Majority Leader: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I am presenting to you the report of the Committee of the Whole House, that after a lengthy discussion, Members have now realised the importance of this fund and have unanimously agreed. We also realised that no provision was made for it before.

Alh. Audu Maifilo [Gwadabawa]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to move the motion for adjournment until tomorrow to enable us to pray. (Interruption, no, no).

Alh. Audu Maifilo [Gwadabawa]: Mr. Speaker, I beg to second the Majority Leader.

Alh. Ibrahim Turakin Gwandu [Gwandu]: Mr. Speaker, Hon. Members, in the explanations given to us to establish Contingencies Fund, we are all aware that nothing can be done without money, as such, this fund must be established. I only pray that this fund should be utilised in a proper way. With this short speech, I support the establishment of this fund.

Speaker: As for you point Section 114 [2] of the constitution has taken care of that. Whatever money is spent, a bill will then come to the House

and the House is at liberty to accept or reject it. In rejecting it, it means instituting a Commission of Inquiry.

Alh. Sama'ila Nabame [Argungu]: Hon. Speaker Sir, Hon. Members, on explanations just brought before us on this Bill, I feel that it is enough to satisfy the rest of these Bills. As for this, I appeal to you to agree with this Bill now, without taking the matter long. And, in case there is anybody who does not agree with the Hon. Speaker to put to the House.

Alh. Nomau [B/Tudu]: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I support the Hon. Member for (Argungu) who has just sat down, that we put a vote on this so that we establish the support and we should remember that it is now 2.15 p.m.

Speaker: Well, those in favour of passing the Bill should raise up their hands. So the question is that Bill No. 9 is passed into House.

If it is so, hands up. Right, thank you.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read the third time and passed.

Alh. Mamudu Yabo [Shagari]: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to move for adjournment of this Hon. House until tomorrow.

Muhammadu Tukot Dikko [Gande]: Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members, I beg to second the adjournment of this House until tomorrow.

Question put and agreed to.

Resolved: that this House do now adjourn.

The House adjourned accordingly at 2.17 p.m. until tomorrow at 10.00 a.m.

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