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o c{''dg''o cf g.''cpf ''r tgukf gpvkcn'cuugpv0'

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I. Background

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[5]"Id0"

[6]"UG 0GJ RF GTQ."VJ G'EQP UVKVWVKQP CN'F GXGNQRO GP V'QHP K GTKC<3: 6; ó3; : ; "cv'3"*3; ; ; 3+0"

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[8]"Gf gv'L0'Vqo "('Co cf w'L0'Cwck'The Legislature and National Development: The Nigerian Experience.'4*; +' I NQDCN'L0'CTVU'J WO CP 0"('UQE0UEK0'85.'89"*P qx04236+0"

[9]"Id.'"

[:]"GJ RF GTQ."supra'pqvg'6."cv'40"

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[32]"Id0'

[33]"Id0=Vqo "('Cwck'supra'pqvg'8."cv'890"

[34]"GJ RF GTQ."supra'pqvg'6."cv'6=P ki gtlc'*Ngi kuncvkxg'Eqwpekn+'Qtf gr "kp'Eqwpekn'3; 44.'ÈÈ'6.'7.'8'('5; .'UWRRNGO GP V' VQ"VJ G'P K GTKCP "I C\ GVVG'*P q03+'*Lcp06."3; 45+0"

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[35] GJ KP F GTQ."*supra*'pqvg"6."cv'7=P ki gtkc"*Ngi kunrvkxg"Eqwpekn+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 44.'È'450"

[36] P ki gtkc"*Ngi kunrvkxg"Eqwpekn+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 44.'ÈÈ'49'("4: 0"

[37] P ki gtkc"*Ngi kunrvkxg"Eqwpekn+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 68.'ÈÈ'55657."55*72+'Gz vtCQTF KPCT["P KI GTKC"I C\ GVVG" *Ugr v0; ."3; 68.0"

[38] P ki gtkc"*Ngi kunrvkxg"Eqwpekn+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 68'È'75=EJ KGF Q\ KG'CNGZ "QI DQP P K."DCP CP C'RGGN<Vj G" DWTF GP "QH'NGI KUNCVWTG'KP'P KI GTKC"62'*422; +0"

[39] P ki gtkc"*Eqpuvkwwkqp+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 73'È'; 3'*Lwpg"52.'3; 73+.'P KI GTKC'I C\ GVVG'UWRRNGO GP V'*Lcp06" Lwpg"3; 73+0"

[3:] GJ KP F GTQ."*supra*'pqvg"6."cv'36=P ki gtkc"*Eqpuvkwwkqp+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 73'ÈÈ'3; .'52."58'("890"

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[42] P ki gtkc"*Eqpuvkwwkqp+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 76.'È'73.'63*65+'UWRRNGO GP V'VQ'VJ G'P KI GTKC'I C\ GVVG" Gz vtCQTF KPCT["*Ugr v05."3; 76=GY GNMY C."*supra*'pqvg"3; ."cv'3726730"

[43] P ki gtkc"*Eqpuvkwwkqp+"*Co gpf o gpv'P q05+'Qtf gt "kp'Eqwpekn"3; 7; .'È'7."68*88+'UWRRNGO GP V'VQ'VJ G'QHHKEKCN' I C\ GVVG'Gz vtCQTF KPCT["*Qev049."3; 7; =GY GNMY C."*supra*'pqvg"3; ."cv'3890"

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[45] QI DQP P K."*supra*'pqvg"38."cv'630"

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II. Current Constitutional Status and Role

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P ki gtkc''j cu''c''r tgukf gpvkcn'u{uvgo "qh'i qxgtpo gpv'eqpukuvkpi "qh''vj tgg''f kuvkpev''dtcpej gu<'vj g'' gxgewkvg.''vj g''ngi kuncwtg.''cpf ''vj g''lwf kekct{0[4;] ''''Vj g''ngi kuncvkg''dtcpej .''vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{.'' y j kej "ku''uckf "vq''j cxg''dggp''o qf gnrf ''chgr''vj g''Wpkvgf ''Uvcvgu'Eqpi tguu.''ku''c''dkeco gtcn'dqf {''y kj "c'' 582/o go dgr''J qwug''qh''Tgr tgugpvcvkgu''cpf ''c''32; o go dgr''Ugpcvg0[52] ''''Cv''vj g''uvcvg''ngxgn''vj ku'' r qy gr''ku''xguvgf ''kp''j qwug''cuugo drkgu''y j qug''ugcvu''tcpi g''htqo ''y gpv{/hqwr''vq''hqrv{''o go dgtu'' f gr gpf kpi ''qp''vj g''r qr wncvkqp''qh''vj g''r ctvkewnct''uvcvg0[53]''""

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Kp''cf f kvkqp''vq''ku''ngi kuncvkg''hwpevkqp.''vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{'j cu''dtqcf ''qxgtukj v'r qy gtu0'''Vj g'' wnkmo cvg''r qy gr''kp''vj ku''tgi ctf .''cu''kp''vj g''WU.''tguvu''kp''vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{øu''r qy gr''qh''vj g''r wtug=' gzegr v''kp''kpuvcpegu''y j gtg''vj g''Eqpuvkwwkqp''ukgmh''ur gekhkgu''qvj gry kug.''ur gpf kpi ''cp{''r wdnke''hwpf u'' tgs wktgu''vj g''cr r tqxcn'qh''vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{0[54]''''Vj g''P ki gtkcp''Eqpuvkwwkqp''r tqxkf gu''vj cv''õ]p_q'' o qpg{''uj cnl'dg''y kj f tcy p''htqo ''cp{''r wdnke''hwpf ''qh''vj g''Hgf gtcvkqp.''qvj gr''vj cp''vj g''Eqpuqnkf cvgf '' Tgxgpwg''Hwpf ''qh''vj g''Hgf gtcvkqp.''wpnguu''vj g''kuuwg''qh''vj qug''o qpg{'j cu''dggp''cwvj qrkugf ''d{''cp''Cev'

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[46]"QLQ. *supra*"pqvg"7."cv'3720"

[47]"P ki gtkc'*Eqpuvkwwkqp+'Qtf gr''kp'Eqwpekn''3; 82."Ugeqpf ''Uej gf wrg.''ÈÈ'55('': 3'*Qev03."3; 82+.'CP P WCN'XQNWO G'QH' VJ G'NCY U'QH'VJ G'HGF GTCVKQP ''QH'P ki gtkc'*3; 82+0'

[48]''GJ KPF GTQ."*supra*"pqvg''6."cv'480"

[49]''*Id.*"cv'59ó630'

[4:]"QI DQP P KC."*supra*"pqvg''38."cv'6: ó720'

[4;]'F0C0I wqbcf kc."*The Legislature and Good Governance under the 1999 Constitution.*''in'P ki GTKC<'KUUWGU'KP ''VJ G' 3; ; ; 'EQP UVKVWVKQP ''65'*KIC0C{ gv'cn0'gf u04222+0'

[52]"Mgp'P pco cpk''*The National Assembly in Perspectives: 1999–2005.*''3*223+'P ki GTKC''LQNGI KU0C'FH03."4'*4228+='' EQP UVKVWVKQP ''QH'P ki GTKC''*3; ; ; +'ÈÈ'6."69."6: '('6; ='*Nigeria.*''EKC''Y QRNF ''HCEVDQQM." j wr u<lly y y 0ekc0I qv0nkdtct{ lr wbnkecvkqpulvj g/y qtnf /hcevbqqmli gqulpk0j vo n'*ncuv'wr f cvgf ''Lcp 034."4239+."*archived at* j wr u<lr grm a0ee l7XRC/XEXX0"

[53]"*Id*0ÈÈ'6."; 2'('; 30"

[54]''LCF GUQNC''Q0C MCP F G.''VJ G'EQP UVKVWVKQP ''QH'VJ G'HGF GTCN''TGRWDNKE''QH'P ki GTKC''3; ; ; 'cv'3 4'*4222+0'

qh''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{0ö[55]" "Vj g"Eqpuvkwwkqp"hwtyj gt"r tqxkfgu"yj cv"õ]p_q"o qpg{u''uj cnn''dg" y kj f tcy p''htqo "yj g''Eqpuqrlkfcvgf ''Tgxgpwg''Hwpf ''qt''cp{''qyj gt''r wdnke''hwpf ''qh''yj g''Hgf gtcvkqp." gzecr v''kp''yj g''o cppgt''r tguetkdgf ''d{''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{0ö[56]" "Kv''gzgtekugu''yj ku''r qy gt''kp" f khhgtgpv''y c{u.''kpenwf kpi ''xgvkpi ''qh''r tqr quctn''qh''yj g''gzgewkkxg''dtcpej ''hqt''hwpf kpi ''xctkqwu" cevkxkkgu''*o ckpn{''yj tqwi j ''yj g''cr r tqr tkcvkqpu''r tqeguu+='yj tqwi j ''cwf ku''qh''r wdnke''ceeqwpvu''d{''yj g" Cwf kvqt/I gpgtcn' *yj q ''tgr qtvu''vq ''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{+='cpd ''yj tqwi j ''kpxguvki cvkqpu''qh''yj g" eqpf wev''qh''r gtuqpu.''dqyj ''pcwwtcn'cpd ''lwtkf lecn''ej ctci gf ''y kj ''ko r rgo gpvcvkqp''qh''ncy u''qt" f kudwtugo gpv''qh''cp{''cr r tqr tkcvgf ''hwpf u0[57]" "

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Kp''cff kvkqp.''cnuq''cu''kp''yj g''WU.''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{.''ur gekhkecn{''yj g''Ugpcvg.''r nc{u''c''tqng''kp" hknmkpi ''ng{''gzgewkkxg''r qukkkqpu0.''Wpf gt''yj g''Eqpuvkwwkqp.''uvchhkpi ''ng{''gzgewkkxg''r qukkkqpu." kpenwf kpi ''yj g''r qukkkqpu''qh''O kpkuvgt.''Co dcuucf qt.''cpf ''Eqo o kuukqpgt.''tgswktgu''yj g''cf xkeg''cpf " eqpugpv''qh''yj g''Ugpcvg0[58]" "Hwtyj gt.''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{''gzgtekugu''qxgtuki j v''qxgt''yj g''r qy gt''qh" yj g''gzgewkkxg''vq''gpvgt''kpvq''c''vtcvc{''qh''cp{''nkpf ='dghqtg''kv''ecp''dg''ko r rgo gpvgf ''kp''P ki gtkc.''c''vtcvc{ " o wuv''hktuv''dg''gpcevgf ''kpvq''ncy ''d{''yj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{0[59]" "Cnuq.''c''ng{''qxgtuki j v''tqng''qh''yj g" P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{''ku''yj g''r qy gt''vq''tgo qxg''ej kgh''gzgewkkxgu.''kpenwf kpi ''yj g''Rtgukf gpv.''yj g''Xkeg/ Rtgukf gpv.''c''I qxgtpqt.''cpf ''c''F gr wv{''I qxgtpqt.''hqt''õi tquu''o kueqpf wev0ö[5:]" "Kp''gzgtekukpi ''yj ku" r qy gt.''yj g''Eqpuvkwwkqp''tgswktgu''uqo g''kpr wv''htqo ''yj g''lwf kekct{0[5;]"

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III. Structure and Composition

A. Seat of Parliament

Ukpeg''ku''etgcvkqp.''P ki gtkc''j cu''j cf ''wy q''ecr kvcnu<'Nci qu''cpf ''Cdwlc0''Vj g''õdqtf gtu''qh''yj g''o qf gtp" uvcvgö''qh''P ki gtkc''y gtg''etgcvgf ''kp''3; 36''y kj ''yj g''co cni co cvkqp''qh''yj g''pqtyj gtp''cpf ''uqwyj gtp" r tqvgevqtcvgu0[62]''"Nci qu''y cu''yj g''ugcv''qh''i qxgtpo gpv''wpvkn'3; 98''y j gp''P ki gtkc''f gekf gf ''vq''etgcvg''c" pgy ''hgf gtcn'ecr kcn'Cdwlc0[63]''"J qy gxgt.''yj g''o qxg''f kf ''pqv''qeewt''wpvkn'3; ; 30[64]" "

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[55] "EQP UVKVWVKQP ''QH''P KI GTKC''*3; ; ; +''È'': 20"

[56]"*Id.* "

[57]"*Id*0ÈÈ'': 2.'': 3.'': 7.'': : .'': ; '(''34; ='I wqdcf lc.''*supra*''pqvg''4; .''cv''696770"

[58] "EQP UVKVWVKQP ''QH''P KI GTKC''ÈÈ'369.''393'(''3; 40'

[59]"*Id*0È''340"

[5:] "*Id*0ÈÈ''365'(''3: : 0'

[5;] "*Id*0"

[62] "VQ[KP ''HCNQNC''(''O CVVJ GY ''O 0J GCVQP .''C''J KUVQT[''QH''P KI GTKC''8 ''*422: +0"

[63] "Hgf gtcn'Ecr kcn'Vgttkqt{''Cev''P q08''qh''3; 98.''È'3.''8''Ncy U'QH'VJ G''HGF GTCVKQP ''QH''P KI GTKC. ''Ecr 0'H8''*tgx0'gf 0' 4228+.''cxckncdrg''qp''yj g''Rqnke{''cpf ''Ngi cn'Cf xqecec{''Egpvtg''*RNCEC+''y gdukvg.''at''[j wr <llncy uqhpki gtkc0rncepi 0qti 1]" [ncy unH80f r f h.''*archived at*''[j wr u<llr gto c0eelP 6RM/P TI X]0"

[64] "HCNQNC''(''J GCVQP .''*supra*''pqvg''62.''cv''3; 30'

Abuja, the current federal capital, sits on 3,000 square miles of land carved out of three states: Niger, Plateau (now known as Nassarawa), and Kwara (today known as Kogi).[43] Abuja, and more specifically the area where the National Assembly building is located, was inspired by the Washington, DC, National Mall design.[44] According to one source,

> [t]he Nigerian Authorities insisted that Aso Hill must be the most prominent element within the Federal Capital Territory. Aso Hill is a huge granite outcrop (1,300 feet high) that dominates the landscape of Abuja and its vicinity visually and physically, giving the city a natural east-west axis. Moreover, creating the image of a democratic landscape that emblemizes the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (patterned after the United Statesô checks-and-balances system of government) was also an integral part of the Abuja urban design scheme. As a result, a democratic shrine called the Three Arms Zone was created at the foot of the Aso Hill, making it the focal point of the city and the locus of power of the federal government of Nigeria. Abujaôs Three Arms Zone is one Kilometer in diameter, and the buildings of the National Assembly, the Presidential Palace, and the Supreme Court are located within it. From Aso Hill in the east end of the city, one moves through the ceremonial Abuja National Mall, which is also patterned after that of Washington D.C. However, the axial view of the mall is flanked by high-rise federal office buildings on both sides . . . .[45]

One of the reasons for moving the capital from Lagos (which is located in the southwestern tip of the country) to Abuja (located literally in the middle of the country) was ñto bring the seat of power closer to the other regions of the countryò and to carve out a territory under the complete control of the federal government.[46]

B. National Assembly and Senate Membership

As noted above, Nigeria has a bicameral legislature, known as the National Assembly, consisting of the House of Representatives and the Senate.[47] The House of Representatives is a 360-member body ñrepresenting constituencies of nearly equal population as far as possible.ò[48] The Senate has 109 members consisting of three members from each of the thirty-six states and one member from Abuja, the federal capital.[49] The leaders of the House of Representatives (the Speaker and Deputy Speaker) and the Senate (the President and Deputy President) are elected from among the members of the bodies.[50]

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[43] *History of Abuja*, Global Shapers Community Abuja, http://abujaglobalshapers.org/history (last visited Jan. 9, 2016), *archived at* https://perma.cc/7CJX-C3GF; Nnamdi Elleh, Architecture and Politics of Nigeria: The Study of a Late Twentieth-Century Enlightenment-Inspired Modernism at Abuja, 1900ï 2016 at xlii (2017).

[44] *The Three Arms Zone*, Global Shapers Community Abuja, http://abujaglobalshapers.org/the-three-arms-zone (last visited Jan. 9, 2017), *archived at* https://perma.cc/Q94N-8KXL.

[45] 1 (letters Aï F) Encyclopedia of 20th-Century Architecture 9ï 10 (R. Stephen Sennott ed., 2004).

[46] Falola & Heaton, *supra* note 40, at 190.

[47] Constitution of Nigeria Ä47.

[48] *Id.* Ä49.

[49] *Id.* Ä48.

[50] *Id.* Ä50.

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O go dgtu'qh'vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{'ctg'gngevgf ''f kt gevn{'d{ ''gnki kdng'xqvgtu'kp''vj gkt'f kuvtkevu0[73]"

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Vj g''P ki gtkcp''u{uvgo ''tgi ctf kpi ''o go dgtuj kr ''kp''vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{ ''ku'f khhgtgpv ''htqo ''vj cv'qh''vj g''WU''kp''vy q'' ng{''y c{u<''hktuv.''wpnkng''kp''vj g''WU''y j gtg''o go dgtu'qh''vj g''Ugpcvg''ctg''gngevgf ''kp''uvcvgy kf g''gngevkqpu.''o go dgtu'qh''vj g''P ki gtkcp''Ugpcvg''ctg''gngevgf ''htqo ''y j cv'ctg''ecmgf ''ugpcvqtkcn''f kuvtkevu'qh''y j kej ''vj gtg''ctg''vj tgg''kp''gcej ''uvcvg.''y kj ''Cdwlc''dgkpi ''eqpukf gtgf ''qpg''ugpcvqtkcn''f kuvtkev0[74]''''Ugeqpf .''y j gtg''vj g''gngevqtcn'f kuvtkevu''ctg''f tcy p''d{''uvcvg''ngi kunwtgu''kp''vj g''WU.''kp''P ki gtkc''vj ku''vcun'ku''wpf gt''vj g''r wtxkgy ''qh''vj g''Kpf gr gpf gpv'P cvkqpcn'Gngevqtcn'Eqo o kuukqp.''c''eqpuvkwwkqpcn'dqf {0[75]"

C. Role of the Speakers of the House of Representatives and the Senate

1. *Speaker of the House of Representatives*

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Cu'pqvgf ''cdqxg.''vj g''Ur gcmgt ''qh''vj g''J qwug''qh''Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu'ku'gngevgf ''htqo ''co qpi ''vj g''o go dgtu''qh''vj g''dqf {0''Vj g''Ur gcmgt.''cpf ''kp''j ku''cdugpeg''j ku'f gr wv{.''r tgukf g''õcv'cp{ ''ukwkpi ö''qh''vj g''dqf {0[76]''Qyj gt ''hwpevkqpu'qh''vj g''Ur gcmgt ''kpenwf g<'r tgukf xkpi ''qtf gt ''cpf ''f geqtwo .''kpvgt r tgvkpi ''vj g''Uvcpf kpi ''Qtf gtu.''dtgcmkpi ''xqvg''Vkgu.''cpf ''cr r qkpvkpi ''vj g''ngcf gtuj kr ''qh''eqo o kwggu0[77]"""""

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Vj g''Ur gcmgt ''qh''vj g''J qwug''qh''Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''õku'uwr r qugf ''vq''dg''cp''ko r ctvkcn'ej ckto cp''qt''wo r ktg''qh''vj g''J qwug0[78]''J g''f qgu''pqv'xqvg''gzegr v''vq''dtgcn'Vkgu0[79]"""

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2. *President of the Senate*

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Cu''ku''vj g''ecug''y kj ''vj g''Ur gcmgt ''qh''vj g''J qwug''qh''Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu.''vj g''Rtgukf gpv'qh''vj g''Ugpcvg''ku''gngevgf ''vq''vj g''r qukkqp''htqo ''co qpi ''vj g''o go dgtu''qh''vj g''dqf {0[7:] ''''Vj g''Rtgukf gpv'qh''vj g''Ugpcvg.''cpf ''kp''j ku''cdugpeg''vj g''F gr wv{ ''Rtgukf gpv.''r tgukf gu''cv'cp{ ''ukwkpi ''qh''vj g''Ugpcvg0[7:] '''Qyj gt ''hwpevkqpu'qh''vj g''Rtgukf gpv'qh''vj g''Ugpcvg''kpenwf g''kpvgt r tgvcvkqp''cpf ''gphqtego gpv'qh''vj g''twrgu''qh''f gdcvg''cu''y gm''cu''uki pkpi ''y tkvu.''y cttcpvu.''cpf ''uwdr qgpcu''kuuwgf ''d{ ''vj g''dqf {0[82]"

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[73] *Id.*'È'990"

[74] "*Id*0ÈÈ'93'("5220"

[75] "*Id.*'È'3750'

[76] "*Id.*'È'750"

[77] "UVCPF KPI 'QTF GTU'QH'VJ G''J QWUG'QH'TGRTGUGP VCVKXG.''Qtf gt 'XKK''*Lwn{ ''44.''422: +0''P qvg''vj cv'vj g''xgtukqp''qh''vj g''Uvcpf kpi ''Qtf gtu''wugf ''hqt''vj ku''tgr qtv.''vj g''qpn{ ''xgtukqp''vj g''cwvj qt ''y cu''cdng''vq''ncecvg.''ku'f cvgf ''cpf ''kv'ku'xgt{ ''nkmgn{ ''vj cv'kv'j cu'dggp''co gpf gf ''ukpeg''422: 0'

[78] "Go cp wgn'Qmqp '('Cs wcqy Q'Guukgp.''Ncy /O cmkpi ''Rtqeguugu'kp ''P ki gtkc''cv'vj g''P cvkqpcn'cpf ''Uvcvg''J qwug''qh''Cuugo dn[''385''*4227+0"

[79] "EQP UVKVWVKQP ''QH''P ki gtkc'È'780"

[7:] "*Id*0È'720"

[7:] "*Id*0È'75='UGP CVG'UVCP F KPI ''QTF GTU'4229''CU'Co gp f gf ''È'47''*4229+0''P qvg''vj cv'y j kng''vj ku'ku'vj g''ncvguv'xgtukqp''qh''vj g''Ugpcvg''Uvcpf kpi ''Qtf gtu''ncecvgf ''hqt''vj ku'tgr qtv.''kv'ku'nkmgn{ ''vj cv'vj gtg''j cxg''dggp''co gpf o gpvu'ukpeg''42290"

[82] "UGP CVG''UVCP F KPI ''QTF GTU'È'470"'

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Cu"ku"yj g"ecug"y kyj "yj g"Ur gcmgt"qh"yj g"J qwug"qh"Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu."yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"Ugpcvg"f qgu" pqv"xqvg"gzegrv"hqt"yj g"r wtr qug"qh"dtgcmkpi "vkgu0[83]"

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K"cr r gctu"yj cv"yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"P ki gtkcp"Ugpcvg"r nc{u"c"tqng"enqugt"vq"yj cv"qh"yj g"Ur gcmgt"qh" yj g"J qwug"kp"yj g"WU"Eqpi tguu0"Hqt"kpuvcpeg."yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"P ki gtkcp"Ugpcvg."nkmg"yj g" Ur gcmgt" qh" yj g" WU" J qwug" qh" Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu." r tgukf gu" qxgt" lqkpv" ukvvkpi u" qh" yj g" J qwug" qh" Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu"cpf "yj g"Ugpcvg0[84]"K"cf f kvkqp."yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"P ki gtkcp"Ugpcvg"ku"ugeqpf "kp" yj g"nkpg"qh"r tgukf gpvkcn"uweeguukqp"hqnnqy kpi "yj g"F gr wv{"Rtgukf gpv0[85]"J qy gxgt."yj g"cuegpukqp"qh" yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"Ugpcvg"vq"yj g"r tgukf gpe{"ku"vgo r qtct{"kp"pcvwtg—kv"ku"ecr r gf "cv"yj tgg"o qpyj u" f wtkpi "y j kej "vko g"cp"gngevkqp"o wuv"dg"j gnf "vq"hknn"yj g"xcecpe{0[86]"

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D. Other Parliamentary Officers

K"cf f kvkqp"vq"yj g"Ur gcmgt"qh"yj g"J qwug"qh"Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu."yj g"Rtgukf gpv"qh"yj g"Ugpcvg."cpf "yj gkt" f gr wvkgu."yj g"ngcf gtuj kr "kp"yj g"P cvkqpcn"Cuugo dn{."nmqy p"vq"cu"yj g"õr tkpekr cn"qhhkegtuö"qh"yj g" J qwug"qh"Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu"cpf "yj g"Ugpcvg"kpenwf g""

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- yj g"Ej kgh"Y j kr "cpf "j ku"f gr wv{ ."cpf "

- yj g"O kpqtkv{ "Y j kr "cpf "j ku"f gr wv{0[87]""

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Vj g"hwpevkqpu"qh"c"O clqtkv{ "Ngcf gt."y j q"ku"pqo kpcvgf "vq"yj g"r qukvkqp"d{ "yj g"r ctv{ "y kyj "yj g" j ki j guv"pwo dgt"qh"ugcvu"kp"yj g"tgur gevkxg"j qwug."kpenwf g"ngcf kpi "yj g"dwukpguu"qh"yj g"j qwug." o cpci kpi "ngi kuncvkxg"uej gf wngu."cpf "nkckukpi "y kyj "eqo o kvvgg"ej ckto gp"cpf "qyj gt"hwpevkqpctkgu0[88]"" Vj g"hwpevkqpu"qh"yj g"Ej kgh"Y j kr ."cnuq"c"r gtuqp"tgur tgugpvkpi "yj g"r ctv{ "y kyj "yj g"j ki j guv"pwo dgt"qh" ugcvu"kp"yj g"tgur gevkxg"j qwug."kpenwf g"o ckpvckpkpi "qtf gt"cpf "f geqtwo ."qti cplkpi "r ctv{ "o go dgtu" f wtkpi "f gdcvgu"cpf "o cpci kpi "r ctv{ "dwukpguu"qp"yj g"hnqqt"qh"yj g"tgur gevkxg"j qwug0[89]""""

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[83] *Id0* ‗EQP UVKVWVKQP "QH"P K GTKC"È'780"

[84] "EQP UVKVWVKQP "QH"P K GTKC"È'75"

[85] *Id.* È'3680""

[86] *Id.*"

[87] *Principal Officers of the House of Representatives.* "P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[."j wr <1ly y y 0pcuupki 0qti 1j qwugaqha" tgr tgugpvcvkxguar tkpekr cmqhhkegtu"*ncuv'xkukvgf "Lcp07."4239+."*archived at*"j wr u<1lr gto c0ee1VW7E/6RX[‗*Principal Officers of the Senate.* "P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[."j wr <1ly y y 0pcuupki 0qti 1ugpcvgar tkpekr cmqhhkegtu"*ncuv'xkukvgf "Lcp07." 4239+."*archived at*"j wr u<1lr gto c0ee1O F ; Z/[I : S 0'

[88] "UGP CVG"UVCP F K I "QTF GTU."*supra* pqvg"7; ."È'4: ‗UVCP F K I "QTF GTU"QH'VJ G'J QWUG"QH"TGRTGUGP VCVKXGU."*supra* pqvg"77."Qtf gt"XKK0"

[89] "UGP CVG"UVCP F K I "QTF GTU."*supra* pqvg"7; ."È'53‗UVCP F K I "QTF GTU"QH'VJ G'J QWUG"QH"TGRTGUGP VCVKXGU."*supra* pqvg"77."Qtf gt"XKK0'

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E. Committee System

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[8] "UGPCVG'UVCP F KP I 'QTF GTU."supra pqvg'7; .'È'58=UVCP F KP I 'QTF GTU'QH'VJ G'J QWUG'QH'TGRTGUGP VCVKXGU."supra pqvg'77.'Qtf gt'XKK0

[92] "EQP UVKVWVKQP 'QH'P KI GTKC È'840"

[93] "Id. "

[94] "Id0"

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[96] "Id0'EQP UVKVWVKQP 'QH'P KI GTKC È'840'

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IV. Elections

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[98] *Id*0È'7; 0

[99] *Id*0È': 70

[9:] P CVKQP CN'UGETGVCTKCV'QH'VJ G'P K GTKCP 'N GI KUNCVWTGU. *supra* pqvg'95."cv'; ; ó; 70

[9;] *Id*0cv'; 0

[:2] *Id.* cv'; 30

[:3] *Id*0cv'; 40

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[:7] GUGCI DQP . *supra* pqvg': 4."cv'3: 20

[:8] EQP UVKVWVKQP "QH'P K GTKC'ÈÈ'86.'980

[:9] *Id.* ÈÈ'6: "*("930

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[47] *Id0ÈÈ'6; '('930*

[48] *Id0È'990*

[49] *Id0È'870*

[50] *Frequently Asked Questions.*'KF F GRGP F GP V'P CVKQP CN'GNGEVQTCN'EQO O KUKQP "*KP GE+'j wr <ly y y 0ngegpki gtkc0'qti 1Arci gakf ?4: '*ncuv'xkukvgf 'Hgd04. '4239+.'*archived at*'j wr<lrgto c@ee1R54P /W. [F =#GWTQRGCP "WP KQP "GNGEVKQP "QDUGTXCVKQP "O KUKQP ."Hkp CN'TGRQTV<'I gp gtcn'GNGEVKQP U'4: 'O CTej '4237.'33 'Crtkn'4237'cv'3 '*Lwn{ '4237+.*'j wr<llggcu0gwtqr c@gwlctej kxgulf qeulpki gtkc1f qeulgw/gqo /pki gtkc/4237/hkpcn/tgr qtvuagp0r f h'*archived at*'j wr u<lrgto c@ee1C898/6DI B0*

[51] *Political Parties.*'KF F GRGP F GP V'P CVKQP CN'GNGEVQTCN'EQO O KUKQP .'j wr <ly y y 0ngegpki gtkc0qti 1Arci gakf ?3: '
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[53] *Id0cv9'(': 0*

[54] *GWTQRGCP "WP KQP 'GNGEVKQP 'QDUGTXCVKQP 'O KUKQP .'supra'pqvg'; 3.'cv'90*

[55] *Id0*

V. Legislative Process

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A. General

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[327] Id0"

B. The Legislative Stages

Vj gtg'ctg'vj tgg'ecvgi qtkgu'qh'dkmu<'gzgewkxg.'r tkxcvg.''cpf ''o go dgtøu''dkm0[328]''Cp''gzgewkxg'dkm'ku'' qpg'kpkkcvgf ''d{'cp'r ctv'qh'vj g''gzgewkxg''dtcpej 0[329]''Vj ku''kkpf ''qh'dkm'o wuv'dg''hqty ctf gf ''vq''vj g'' Ur gcmgt'qh'vj g''J qwug'qh'Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''cpf ''vj g''Rtgukfgpv'qh'vj g''Ugpcvg''y kj ''c''eqxgt''ngvvgt''htqo '' vj g''eqwpvt{øu''r tgukf gpv0[32:] ''C''o go dgtøu''dkm'ku''c''dkm'kpkkcvgf ''d{''c''o go dgt''qt''c''i tqwr ''qh' o go dgtu''qh'vj g''P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{.''y j krg''cp{''dkm'pqv''cp''gzgewkxg''dkm'qt''c''o go dgtøu''dkm'ku'' npqy p''cu''c''r tkxcvg''dkm0[32;] ''Y j krg''cp{qpg''o c{''kpkkcvg''c''dkm'qpn{''c''o go dgt''qh'vj g''P cvkqpcn' Cuugo dn{'o c{''kpvtqf weg''kv''qp''vj g''hqqt''qh'vj g''J qwug''qh'Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''qt''Ugpcvg0[332] '' Kp' cf f kkqp.''dghqtg''cp{''dkm'ecp''dg''kpvtqf wegf .''kv''ku''hkpcpekcn'ko r rkecvkqpu''o wuv''dg''ecrewrcvgf '' cpf ''cwcej gf ''vq''kv0[333]''

Vj gtg''ctg''uqo g''f khhgtgpegu''kp''vj g''o cppgt''kp''y j kej ''gzgewkxg''dkmu''cpf ''qvj gt''dkmu''ctg''r tqeguugf 0'' Hqt''kpuvcpeg.''gzgewkxg''dkmu''o c{''dg''eqpukf gtgf ''uko wrcpgqwun{''d{''vj g''J qwug''qh'Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu'' cpf ''vj g''Ugpcvg.''y j gtgcu''o go dgtøu''dkmu''cpf ''r tkxcvg''dkmu''ctg''eqpukf gtgf ''d{''qpg''j qwug''qh'vj g' P cvkqpcn'Cuugo dn{'cv''c''vko g0[334] ''Y j krg''cp''gzgewkxg''dkm'o wuv''dg''r wdrkuj gf ''qpn{''qpeg''kp''vj g' i c| gvvg''qh'vj g''lqwtpcn'qh'vj g''J qwug''qh'Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''cpf ''Ugpcvg''dghqtg''kv''ecp''dg''r tgugpvgf ''hqt'' eqpukf gtcvkqp.''o go dgtøu''cpf ''r tkxcvg''dkmu''o wuv''dg''r wdrkuj gf ''vj tgg''kko gu0[335]''

Cnj qwi j ''gxgt{''dkm'o wuv'tgegkxg''vj tgg''tgcf kpi u''dghqtg''kv''ecp''dg''cf qr vgf ''cpf ''pq''o qtg''vj cp''qpg'' tgcf kpi ''ecp''qeewt''qp''vj g''uco g''f c{.''vj g''twrgu''qh'vj g''J qwug''qh'Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''cpf ''Ugpcvg''o c{''dg'' uwur gpf gf ''vq''gpuwtg''cp''ceegngtcvgf .''uco g/f c{''r cuuci g''hqt''egtvckp''wti gpv'dkmu0[336]''

1. First Reading

Cv'vj g''hktuv'tgcf kpi .''vj g''r gtuqp''ur qpuqtkpi ''vj g''dkm'r tgugpvu''kv'cpf ''vj g''engtm'tgcf u''ku''uj qtv'' kkrg''crqwf 0[337]'''

[328] *The Legislative Process.''*P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.''j wr <11y y y 0cuupki 0qti 1r ci g1ngi kurcvkxg/r tqeguu'%'rcuv'xkukgf ''Lcp08.''4239+.''*archived at*'j wr u<11r gto c0ee1FGH9/P S 6Y 0''

[329]''UGP CVG''UVCP F KP I ''QTF GTU.''*supra*''pqvg''7; .''È'980''

[32:] '*The Legislative Process.''*P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.''*supra*''pqvg'3280'

[32;] ''UGP CVG''UVCP F KP I ''QTF GTU.''*supra* pqvg''7; .''È'980''

[332]'*The Legislative Process.''*P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.''*supra*''pqvg'3280''

[333]''*Id.* ''

[334]''*Id.* ''

[335]''*Id.* ''

[336]''*Id.* ''

[337]''UGP CVG''UVCP F KP I ''QTF GTU.''*supra* pqvg''7; .''È'9: =''UVCP F KP I ''QTF GTU'QH'VJ G''J QWUG''QH'TGRTGUGP VCVKXGU.''*supra* pqvg''77.''Qtf gt''Z KK=''QI DQP P KC.''*supra*''pqvg''38.''cv'47: 0''

2. *Second Reading*

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Vj g''ugeqpf ''tgcf kpi ''ku''vj g''uvci g''cv''y j kej ''f gdcvg''qh''c''dkm''qeewtu0[338] ''Vj g''ur qpuqt''qh''vj g''dkm''*vj g''O clqtkv{ ''Ngcf gt'' kp'' vj g'' ecug'' qh'' gzgewkxg'' dkmu+''gzr nckpu'' ku''dcuke'' cur gevu'' cpf '' dgpghku0[339] ''O go dgtu''y kuj kpi ''vq''r ctvkekr cvg''kp''vj g''f gdcvg''ctg''ceeqtf gf ''hkxg''vq''ugxgp''o kpwvgu''vq''ur gcm''cv''y j kej ''vko g''vj g{''cti wg''hqt''vj g''dkmou''tglgevkqp''qt''co gpf o gpv;''kh''cv''vj g''gpf ''qh''vj g''f gdcvg.''vj g''dkm''tgegkxgu''vj g''uwr r qtv''qh''vj g''o clqtkv{''qh''vj g''j qwug''kp''y j kej ''kv''ku''dgkpi ''eqpukf gtgf .''kv''r cuugu''vq''vj g''pgzv''uvci g0[33:]''

3. *Committee Stage*

Vj g''dkm''ku''pgzv''cuuki pgf ''vq''c''ugngev''qt''uvcpf kpi ''eqo o kwgg''hqt''c''o qtg''vj qtqwi j ''gzco kpcvkqp0[33:] ''Vj g''tgngxcpv''eqo o kwgg''gzco kpgu''gcej ''r tqxkukqp''cpf ''j qnf u''r wdnke''j gctkpi u'–''j qy gxgt.''y j krg''cp{qpg''o c{''o cmg''uwi i guvkqpu.''qpn{''o go dgtu''qh''vj g''eqo o kwgg''o c{''r tqr qug''cp''co gpf o gpv0[342]''Vj g''eqo o kwgg''vj gp''tgr qtvu''ku''hkpf kpi u''qp''vj g''dkm''y kj ''cm''vj g''co gpf o gpvu.''kh''cp{.''dcem''vq''vj g''J qwug''qh''Tgr tgugpvcvkxgu''qt''vj g''Ugpcvg''hqt''f gnkdgtcvkqp0[343]''
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Dkmu''f ggo gf ''ko r qtvcpv''ctg''tghgttgf ''vq''cpf ''gzco kpgf ''d{''vj g''gpvktg''j qwug''eqpuvkwwgf ''cu''c''eqo o kwgg''qh''vj g''y j qng''kp''r nceg''qh''vj g''ugngev''qt''uvcpf kpi ''eqo o kwgg0[344]''
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4. *Third Reading*

V{r kecm{.''vj gtg''ku''pqv''o wej ''f gdcvg''cpf ''pq''co gpf o gpvu''ctg''o cf g''cv''vj g''vj ktf /tgcf kpi ''uvci g0[345]''J qy gxgt.''c''o go dgt''y kj q''y kuj gu''vq''uggm''vq''co gpf ''vj g''dkm''qt''kpvtqf weg''c''r tqxkukqp''o c{''o cmg''c''o qvkqp''vj cv''vj g''dkm''dg''tgeqo o kwgf ''dghqtg''vj g''o qvkqp''hqt''vj g''vj ktf ''tgcf kpi ''ku''cevgf ''wr qp–''kh''vj g''o qvkqp''ku''ci tggf ''vq.''vj g''r tqr qugf ''co gpf o gpv''ku''eqpukf gtgf ''d{''vj g''eqo o kwgg''qh''vj g''y j qng0[346]''Vj ku''ku''hqmqy gf ''d{''vj g''vj ktf ''tgcf kpi .''y j gtg''vj g''dkm''ku''xqvgf ''qp''cpf ''r cuugf ''kh''kv''i ctpgtu''o clqtkv{''uwr r qtv0[347]''

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[338] *The Legislative Process.*'P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.'*supra*''pqvg''3280"

[339] *Id0.''Ugg''O CNGO K''Vj G''P ki GTKCP ''EQP UVKWVKQP CN'NCY <'Y kj ''Hwpf co gpvcn'Tki j vu*%Gp hqtego gpv'' RTQEGF WTG+'ó'Twngu''422; ''cv''42: '*5f 'gf 0422: +0"

[33:] *The Legislative Process.*'P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.'*supra*''pqvg''3280"

[33:] ''O CNGO K''*supra*''pqvg''339.''cv''42: 0"

[342] *The Legislative Process.*'P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.'*supra*''pqvg''3280'

[343] ''O CNGO K''*supra*''pqvg''339.''cv''42; 0"

[344] *Id0*cv''42; 0'

[345] *The Legislative Process.*'P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.'*supra*''pqvg''328–'O CNGO K''*supra*''pqvg''339.''cv''42; 0"

[346] *The Legislative Process.*'P CVKQP CN'CUUGO DN[.'*supra*''pqvg''328–'O CNGO K''*supra*''pqvg''339.''cv''42; 0"

[347] ''*Id.*'"

5. Joint Conference Committee

If the House of Representatives and the Senate adopt different versions of a bill, a Joint Conference Committee is constituted to reconcile the differences. Members of the Committee deliberate only on the parts of the bill where there is disagreement; no new item may be introduced at this stage.[126] If either chamber of the National Assembly refuses to accept the decision of the Committee, the bill dies unless it is a money bill, as described above, in which case it is referred to a joint sitting of the National Assembly for a vote and enacted if it garners majority support.[127]

6. Assent

The Nigerian President plays a crucial role in the lawmaking process through the constitutionally guaranteed veto power, which may be exercised over any legislation adopted by the National Assembly. The Constitution states,

> [w]here a bill has been passed by the House in which it originated, it shall be sent to the other House, and it shall be presented to the President for assent when it has been passed by that other House and agreement has been reached between the two Houses on any amendment made on it.[128]

If the President refuses to sign the bill into law within thirty-days of its referral to his desk, the bill dies unless the National Assembly overrides the presidential veto by passing the bill again with the support of at least a two-thirds majority in each chamber.[129]

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[126] *The Legislative Process*, NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, *supra* note 106.

[127] *Id*.; CONSTITUTION OF NIGERIA § 59.

[128] CONSTITUTION OF NIGERIA § 58.

[129] *Id.*