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The following Bills, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, are published for general information.

**NON-PENSIONABLE RAILWAY SERVANTS' PROVIDENT FUND RESERVE (APPLICATION) (AMENDMENT)**

**MEMORANDUM**

The Bill seeks to amend the Non-Pensionable Railway Servants' Provident Fund Reserve (Application) Ordinance so as to create the Governor-General in Council sole authority for the appointment of managing trustees of the Reserve Fund and to curtail the power of trustees as regards appointment of officers in connection with the management of the Fund to avoid extravagance.

F. S. OKOTIE-EBOH,  
*Minister of Finance*

**NON-PENSIONABLE RAILWAY SERVANTS' PROVIDENT FUND RESERVE (APPLICATION) (AMENDMENT) BILL**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

**Clauses**

1. Short title and application.
2. Amendment of section 3.
3. Amendment of section 8.
A BILL
FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE NON-PENSIONABLE RAILWAY SERVANTS' PROVIDENT FUND RESERVE (APPLICATION) ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 140).

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Non-Pensionable Railway Servants' Provident Fund Reserve (Application) (Amendment) Act, 1960, and shall be of Federal application.

2. Section 3 of the Non-Pensionable Railway Servants' Provident Fund Reserve (Application) Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the principal Ordinance) is amended by the deletion from subsection 2 (b) of all words after "managing trustees.".

3. Section 8 of the principal Ordinance is amended by the deletion of the words "as they think necessary" and the substitution therefor of the following—

"as may be prescribed".
COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY (AMENDMENT)

MEMORANDUM

The powers of commissioners under the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance have proved inadequate to compel production of evidence; and in addition the definition of contempt is not wide enough to control press reports of proceedings of a commission.

This Bill accordingly seeks to increase the penalties for failure to give evidence and to impose more effective control on the publication of proceedings of a commission.

Attorney-General and Minister of Justice

COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY (AMENDMENT)

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clause

1. Short title, etc.
2. Section 13 of Ordinance amended.
A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY ORDINANCE

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the Commissions of Inquiry 5 (Amendment) Act, 1961, and shall be read as one with the Commissions of Inquiry Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as the Ordinance).

(2) This Act shall be of Federal application.

2. Section 13 of the Ordinance (which prescribes penalties for failure to give evidence) is amended—

10 (a) by substituting for paragraph (a) the following new paragraph—

“(a) to a fine of fifty pounds or to imprisonment for three months to be imposed by the Commissioners and recoverable or enforceable in the same manner as a fine or imprisonment imposed by a magistrate’s court;”

15 (b) in paragraph (b) by substituting for the words “fifty pounds” the words “one hundred pounds or to imprisonment for six months”.

3. Section 15 of the Ordinance (which defines contempt) is amended by substituting a semi-colon for a full stop at the end, and by adding a new paragraph (c) as follows—

20 “(c) any publication calculated to prejudice an inquiry.”.