

LEAD DEBATE ON BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Sponsor: Senator Ahmad Lawan (Yobe North- Senate Leader)

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on the following Bills from the House of Representatives for our concurrence:-

1. Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 975);
2. Public Holiday Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HBs. 918 &1529);
3. Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1383);
4. Projects Development Agency Enugu PRODA (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1542);
5. Good Samaritan's Bill, 2019 (HB. 171); and
6. Data Protection Bill, 2019 (HB. 02).

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, the **Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 975)** was read the first time on Thursday, 25th April, 2019. This Bill seeks to establish the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils Service Commission to provide a legal framework for the regulation of employment and working conditions of Area Councils staff with a view to professionalizing the Federal Capital Territory Area Councils to enhance efficiency in the service.

Public Holiday Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HBs. 918 &1529) was read the first time on Thursday, 25th April, 2019. This Bill seeks to amend the Public Holiday Act CAP. P40, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to provide for the substitution of item 5 to the schedule with Democracy Day (12th June).

Nigeria Natural Medicine Development Agency (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1383) was read the first time on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. This Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the continuous growth of Nigeria Natural Medicine

Development Agency (NNMDA), to provide Research, Develop, Promote, Collate, Document and Preserve Nigeria's indigenous (Traditional) Healthcare Systems, Medications and Non-Medications Healing Arts, Sciences, Technologies, Bio-Resources and facilitate their integration into the National healthcare delivery system.

Projects Development Agency Enugu PRODA (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1542) was read the first time on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. This Bill seeks among other things to put in place a legal framework for the continuous growth and existence of Projects Development Agency (PRODA), Enugu.

Good Samaritan's Bill, 2019 (HB. 171) was read the first time on Thursday, 25th April, 2019. This Bill seeks to provide a legal framework for the protection of any person who renders assistance to others during emergency situations.

Data Protection Bill, 2019 (HB. 02) was read the first time on Tuesday, 14th May, 2019. This Bill seeks to provide a legal and institutional framework for the regulation of personal data processing by private and public organizations in order to avoid the deleterious effect of unauthorized access to Data Subject data.

Mr President, my respected Colleagues, these Bills are not controversial and have gone through rigorous Scrutiny and Public Hearings in the House of Representatives.

I therefor urge you all to support the Second Reading of these Bills as we refer them to the Committee of the Whole for Clause by Clause consideration.

Thank You.