

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. FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Administration Service Bill, 2019 (HB. 1279);
2. University Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital Abuja (Constitution of Boards) Bill, 2019 (HB. 568);
3. National Biosafety Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1578);
4. Defence Intelligence Agency Civilian Pension Board (est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1557);
5. University of Maiduguri Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1107);
6. Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1111); and
7. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1113).

Mr. President, my Distinguished Colleagues, the **FCT Directorate of Road Traffic Administration Service Bill, 2019 (HB. 1279)** was read the first time on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019. This Bill seeks to establish the FCT Directorate of Road Traffic and Motor Vehicle Administration Service (DRTMVAS) to be saddled with the responsibility of road traffic management and Motor Vehicle Administration Services within the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

University Veterinary Teaching Hospitals and Veterinary Specialist Hospital Abuja (Constitution of Boards) Bill, 2019 (HB. 568) was read the first time on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019. This Bill seeks to provide legal backing for the Veterinary Teaching Hospitals of Universities and Veterinary Specialist

Hospital and to transfer the management of the Veterinary Teaching Hospitals from the Federal Ministry Education to the Federal Ministry of Agriculture.

National Biosafety Management Agency Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1578) was read the first time on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019. This Bill seeks to amend the National Biosafety Management Agency Act, 2015, to enlarge the Scope of its Application to ensure the Regulation of Gene Drive, Gene Editing, Synthetic Biology and Bio-Security and Related Matters.

Defence Intelligence Agency Civilian Pension Board (Est, etc) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1557) was read the first time on Wednesday, 22nd May, 2019. This Bill seeks to establish the Defence Intelligence Agency Civilian Pensions Board to be charged with the responsibility of administering the pension's scheme for civilian personnel of the Agency. This Bill is in consequence of the exit of the Agency from the application of the Contributory Pensions Scheme under the Pensions Reform Act, 2014.

University of Maiduguri Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1107) was read the first time on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019. This Bill seeks to amend the University of Maiduguri Act, Cap.U10, laws of the Federation of Nigeria by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and providing for pre-action notice to the University authority from an aggrieved staff or student.

Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1111) was read the first time on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019. This Bill seeks to amend the Obafemi Awolowo University (Transitional Provisions) Act Cap. O2, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 by specifying the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, Ownership of Intellectual Property and providing for Pre-action Notice to the University Authority from an aggrieved Staff or Student.

Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University Bauchi Act (Amendment) Bill, 2019 (HB. 1113) was read the first time on Tuesday, 21st May, 2019. This Bill seeks to amend the Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi Act Cap. A1, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 to specify the minimum qualification of the Chairman of the Governing Council, ownership of intellectual property and to provide for pre-action notice to the University authority before the commencement of any suit in court.

Mr President, my respected Colleagues, these Bills are straight forward and have gone through the necessary legislative process in the House of Representatives.

I therefore 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.