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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH
THE CITY TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY KADUNA, AND FOR RELATED
MATTERS.**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on the general principles of A Bill for an Act to Establish the City Technical University Kaduna. You would recall that the Bill was read for the first time on Wednesday 21st September, 2016 in this hallowed Chamber.

My respected Colleagues, this is a very straight forward Bill that seeks to convert the Federal Polytechnic Kaduna to a City Technical University in line with the Federal Government policy on education.

The objectives of the University shall be to encourage the advancement of learning and to hold out all persons without distinction of race, creed, sex or political conviction the opportunity of acquiring a higher liberal education.

Encourage and promote scholarship and conduct research in all fields of learning with emphasis on technical education, and

Undertake any other activities appropriate for a University of the highest standard, provide courses of instruction and other facilities for the pursuit of learning in all its branches, and to make those facilities available on proper terms to such persons as are equipped to benefit from them.

IF THE BILL IS ENACTED INTO LAW, THE UNIVERSITY SHALL-

(a) Establish such campuses, colleges, faculties, institutes, schools, extra-mural departments and other teaching and research units within the University as may from time to time seem necessary or desirable subject to the approval of the National Universities Commission;

(b) To institute professorships, readerships, lectureships and other posts and offices and to make appointments thereto;

(c) to institute and award fellowships, scholarships, exhibitions, bursaries, medals, prizes and other titles, distinctions, awards and forms of assistance;

(d) To provide for the discipline and welfare of members of the University;

(e) To hold examinations and grant degrees, diplomas, certificates and other distinctions to persons who have pursued a course of study approved by the University and have satisfied such other requirements as the University may lay down;

(f) To grant honorary degrees, fellowships or academic titles; and

(g) To demand and receive from any student or any other person attending the University for instruction such fees as the University may from time to time determine, subject to the overall directives of the Minister.

FUNDING

Pursuant to clause 8.—(1) of this bill, all property held by or on behalf of the Federal Polytechnic Kaduna shall by virtue of this subsection and without further assurance, be vested in the University and be held by it for the purposes of the University.

The consequence of this clause is that, it enables the smooth transition of the Polytechnic into a Technical University without the immediate need for an extensive budget.

CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker, My respected Colleagues, In view of the efforts currently being made by the Federal Government of Nigeria to diversify the Nigerian economy, the need to encourage technical education in Nigeria cannot be overemphasized, hence the much needed move to upgrade the Federal Polytechnic Kaduna to a University status. I therefore urge my respected colleagues to support that the bill be read the second time and referred to the relevant committee for further legislative action.