

LEAD DEBATE ON A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC ADIKPO, BENUE STATE

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Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, permit me to lead the debate on this crucial bill for the establishment of the Federal Polytechnic Adikpo in Kwande Local Government Area of Benue State.

The Bill was read for the first time in this hallowed chamber on Tuesday the 13th day of June, 2017.

BACKGROUND

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the Federal Government policy to site Federal Institutions in every States was established with the creation of nineteen (19) States in 1976.

This policy continued and with the creation of thirty-six (36) States and the Federal Capital Territory, successive Governments have maintained the said policy in ensuring that every State of the Federation has a Federal University, a Federal Polytechnic and a Federal College of Education respectively. Commendable as this policy is, the need has arisen to bring about equality in its implementation.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the report of the Committee on Modalities of Establishing Federal Polytechnics, Federal Colleges of Education and Federal Universities across Nigeria 2018 considered and approved by this hallowed Chambers, on the 18th of January, 2018, in its findings confirmed this fact that Benue does not have any Federal Polytechnic or Federal College of Education.

It is against this backdrop that this Bill is being proposed to address these challenges by establishing a Federal Polytechnic at Adikpo in Kwande LGA which is very central within the North-East Senatorial District of Benue State which does not have any Federal Tertiary institution.

Mr. President, Distinguished Colleagues, the development of Polytechnic education is fundamental and a sine qua non in creating a work force for the desired economic diversification and also bridging the unemployment gap and emancipation of our people.

This Bill is therefore a right step in the right direction as it seeks to address not only the technological needs of our populace but to also provide training in the fields of applied science management, technical and vocational training of artisans for the development of the nation's diverse economic potentials and industries.

COST IMPLICATION

In accordance with Order 77(3) of our standing rules, a financial compendium is hereby attached to this Bill.

Furthermore the host communities have agreed to provide some infrastructure facilities to host the institution.

CONCLUSION

Mr. President, Distinguished colleagues, as I conclude my address, I urge you all to support the passage of this Bill into Law.

I thank you all for your attention.

COMPENDIUM OF THE FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC ADIKPO (EST, ETC.)

BILL, 2017 (SB. 494)

Sponsor: Sen. Barnabas A. I. Gemade (Benue North – East)

In compliance with Order 77(3) of the Standing Rules of the Senate of the Federal Republic of Nigeria with respect to the procedure of Bills, Compendium and Consolidation, which states inter alia that "On the introduction of a Bill, a compendium of background information and financial implications of such Bills if passed into Law shall be delivered to all Senators", the following compilation with regard to the aforementioned Bill is herewith presented for the general information of Senators.

It is worthy of note that the compilation shown below is a summary of the anticipated recurrent and capital expenditure in the first twelve months immediately following the commencement of this Act.

TOTAL	2,156,711,857
FEDERAL POLYTECHNIC, ADIKPO	
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	2,156,711,857
PERSONNEL COST	843,650,723
SALARY:	755,680,621
SALARIES AND WAGES	755,680,621
CONSOLIDATED SALARY	755,680,621
ALLOWANCES AND SOCIAL CONTRIBUTION:	101,920,156
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NON REGULAR ALLOWANCES:	82,568,062
FOREIGN SERVICE ALLOWANCES:	60,176,047
TOTAL GOODS AND NON-PERSONAL SERVICES GENERAL	115,467,148
OVERHEAD COST:	115,467,148
TRAVEL & TRANSPORT GENERAL:	115,467,148
LOCAL TRAVEL AND TRANSPORT: TRAINING	115,467,148
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE:	238,476,115
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION:	238,476,115
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF FIXED ASSETS – GENERAL:	238,476,115
CONSTRUCTION/PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE:	238,476,115
TOTAL PERSONNEL:	843,650,723
TOTAL OVERHEAD:	115,467,148
TOTAL RECURRENT:	959,117,871
TOTAL CAPITAL:	238,476,115
TOTAL ALLOCATION:	2,156,711,857