



**SENATE OF THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA  
ORDER PAPER**

Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021

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1. Prayers
  2. Approval of the Votes and Proceedings
  3. Oaths
  4. Announcements (if any)
  5. Petitions
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Renewable Energy Bill, 2021 (SB. 27) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Oduah, Stella Adaeze (*Anambra North*).
  2. National Agency for Technology Incubation (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 476) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Ekwunife, Uche Lilian (*Anambra Central*).
  3. School of Mines and Geological Studies Kabba, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 661) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Adeyemi, Smart (*Kogi West*).
  4. Federal Polytechnic Shendam (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 662) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Nora, Ladi Daduut (*Plateau South*).
  5. Bitumen Training Institute Ode Aye, Ondo State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 663) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (*Ondo South*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**CONSIDERATION OF BILLS**

1. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of a Teaching Hospital for the Modibbo Adama University Yola and for other matters connected therewith, 2021 (SB. 630) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Dahiru, Aishatu Ahmed (*Adamawa Central*).
2. A Bill for an Act to amend the Insurance Act 2003, to set minimum limit of compensation in the event of death, injury or loss of property of third parties with respect to insurance of public buildings and buildings under construction and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 578) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*).
3. A Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Institute of Information and Communication Technology Ogoja and for other matters connected therewith 2021 (SB. 621) - *Second Reading*  
Sen. Odey, Stephen Adi (*Cross River North*).

## MOTIONS

1. Urgent need for the rehabilitation of Shintaku-Anyigba Road to enhance revitalization of commercial activities and boost economic development.

Sen. Isah, Jibrin (*Kogi East*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State is a federal road and one of the best land transportation routes, which links the Southern and Northern parts of the country;

*Further notes* that Shintaku-Anyigba road is boosted by the Lokoja-Shintaku waterway, which takes about 20 minutes by ferry from Lokoja to Shintaku, and about 40 minutes from Shintaku to Anyigba, making a total of about 55 minutes from Lokoja to Anyigba in Kogi East;

*Informed* that the population of citizens along Shintaku-Anyigba route is about 1, 200,000, with major commercial activities in major towns along the route, which provide employment opportunities for many with the attendant reduction in crime rate in those towns;

*Further informed* that apart from trading, farming is a major occupation of citizens within the area, resulting in commercial production of watermelon, yam, cassava, carrot, cucumber, beans, rice, sugarcane and fish;

*Worried* that the Shintaku-Anyigba road is now in a highly deplorable state, thereby negatively affecting water transportation from Lokoja to Shintaku with commuters now resorting to the longer Lokoja-Ajaokuta-Anyigba route that takes about 3 hours;

*Regrets* that there is massive unemployment within the area due to dwindling commercial activities arising from the deplorable state of the road, and this is fueling the rate of crime in the area;

*Concerned* that the deplorable condition of the road now provides a safe haven for criminals, as cases of armed robbery and kidnapping are being reported along the route on an almost daily basis;

*Convinced* that there is an urgent need for the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to embark on immediate maintenance of the Shintaku-Anyigba road to boost economic activities, facilitate transportation of farm produce and reduce crime rate in the axis; and

*Further convinced* that maintenance of the Shintaku-Anyigba road will revive water transportation from Lokoja to Shintaku, which will provide more employment opportunities and improve the standard of living of the people in the axis.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

*Mandate* the Senate Committee on FERMA to urgently liaise with FERMA for immediate rehabilitation of the Shintaku-Anyigba road in Kogi State, and report back to the Senate within 3 weeks.

2. Urgent need for palliative repairs and total reconstruction of Lagos -Ota-Abeokuta Express Road

Sponsor: Sen. Adeola, Solomon Olamilekan (*Lagos West*)

Co-Sponsor:

Sen. Tinubu, Oluremi Shade (*Lagos Central*)

Sen. Adamu, Muhammad Aliero (*Kebbi Central*)

Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokumbo (*Lagos East*)

Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)

Sen. Amosun, Ibikunle Oyelaja (*Ogun Central*)

Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*)

Sen. Bassey, Gershon Henry (*Cross River South*)

*The Senate:*

*Notes* that over the years the state of disrepair of major roads in Nigeria has been a cause for concern for all patriotic Nigerians desirous of alleviating the suffering of majority of the people;

*Aware* that since the dawn of our nascent democracy in 1999, all Appropriation Acts passed by the National Assembly contains provisions and budgetary allocations for road maintenance, road reconstruction, completion of ongoing road projects and construction of new roads;

*Alarmed* that vast stretches of once motorable and ultra-busy Lagos -Ota-Abeokuta Express Road from Surulere through Mushin, Oshodi, Agege Motor Road, Alagbado onward in Lagos State to Ota, Ifo, Papalanto, Ewekoro, Itori, Wasimi, Obada- Oko and Abeokuta; the Ogun State capital, has totally collapsed without any sign or signal for palliatives repairs, rehabilitation or reconstruction from agencies charged with road maintenance, repairs and reconstruction;

*Further aware* that this road is of vital socio economic importance not only to the people of Lagos State and Ogun State, but all Nigeria as it leads to the foremost Nigeria industrial/manufacturing hub with the highest number of industries including such heavy duty industries like Dangote Cement Industry at Ibeshe, Lafarge Cement Industry at Ewekoro, Dufil Foods, makers of Indomie Noodles, Nestle and Honda among others as well as such educational and religious institutions as the Covenant University, Ota, Bells University, Ota, Winners Chapel, Ota etc;

*Regrets* that thousands of our citizens and hundreds of articulated vehicles are daily held up for hours in traffic gridlocks for upwards of 6 hours at a stretch for a journey that ordinarily would not last 30 minutes, all resulting in huge loss of man-hours, untold suffering, accidents and unfavourable business environment for the teeming industries in the axis;

*Concerned* that the Expressway that is supposed to be a major alternative route to the usually congested Lagos-Ibadan Expressway with its link to Ibadan from Abeokuta is in such a state of total neglect and disrepair;

*Further aware* that the then Federal Ministry of Power, Works and Housing in May 2018 announced a programme of rehabilitation of Lagos -Abeokuta Expressway through an award of a two and half year contract of N22.387 billion to Julius Berger Plc but nothing was done to make any difference on the critical road till date;

*Further notes* that recently, the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, made a passionate appeal on the Federal Government for palliatives measures to reduce the untold hardship, accidents and robberies that are traceable to the completely collapsed sections of the Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road;

*Observes* that if no immediate remedial measure is put in place now pending total reconstruction the industries along the axis would be completely cut off from accessing raw materials from the Lagos seaports and transporting finished goods to and from Lagos and elsewhere; and

*Deeply saddened* that even as we speak, thousands of our people are in agonizing hardship as a result of the deplorable state of this critical infrastructure.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Works and FERMA to immediately put in motion machinery to temporarily rehabilitate the road pending its total reconstruction to reduce the hardship and suffering of our people;
- ii. *Mandate* the Committees on Federal Ministry of Works and FERMA to request for a status report from FERMA and the Federal Ministry of Works in terms of budgetary allocations for repairs and maintenance and extent of work done over the years; and
- iii. *Urge* the Federal Ministry of Work to include further funding for the reconstruction of Lagos-Ota-Abeokuta Express Road in the next Appropriation Bill.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Ecology and Climate Change	Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
2.	Lands, Housing and Urban Development	Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup> & Thu. 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 Senate New Building
3.	Public Accounts	Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup> - Thu. 11 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Hearing Room 4 White House Building
4.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tue. 9 <sup>th</sup> & Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
5.	Diaspora & Non-Governmental Organizations	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
6.	Anti-Corruption and Financial Crimes	Wednesday, 10 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 324 Senate New Building
7.	Agriculture and Rural Development	Tuesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March, 2021	1.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building