



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

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2021

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1. **Prayers**
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**BUSINESS OF THE DAY**

**PRESENTATION OF BILLS**

1. Federal Medical Centre Mubi, Adamawa State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 291) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  2. Chartered Institute of Forensic and Fraud Examiners of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1220) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  3. Chartered Risk Management Institute (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (SB. 705) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Odebiyi, Tolulope Akinremi (*Ogun West*).
  4. Energy Commission Act Cap E10 LFN 2004 (Repeal) Bill, 2021 (SB. 864) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo (*Lagos East*).
  5. Strategic Infrastructure Development (Government Loan) Bill, 2021 (SB. 867) - *First Reading*  
Sen. Musa, Mohammed Sani (*Niger East*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**MOTION FOR RE-COMMITAL**

1. Re-Committal of Clauses- 20, 24 (2), and 25(2)(c) of the National Health Insurance Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 to the Committee of the Whole.

Sponsor: Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

*The Senate:*

*Recalls* that the National Health Insurance Act (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2021 was passed by the National Assembly and was transmitted to Mr. President C-in-C for Assent on 23<sup>rd</sup> April, 2020;

*Observes* that after critical examination of the Bill by the President C-in-C, some fundamental issues which requires fresh legislative action on the following Clauses- 20, 24 (2), and 25(2)(c) were raised;

*Desirous* of the need to address the President's observations and make necessary amendments; and

*Relying* on order 1(b) and 53(6) of Senate Standing Order.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

*Rescind its decision on the affected Clauses of the Bill as passed and re-commit same to the Committee of the Whole for consideration and passage.*

#### CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Institute of Culture and Tourism Oke-Igbo, Ondo State and for other related matters thereto, 2021 (SB. 819) – *Second Reading*  
Sen. Tofowomo, Nicholas Olubukola (*Ondo South*).
2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of a teaching hospital for the Federal University, Dutsin-ma and of a management board for the hospital and for other connected matters therewith, 2021 (SB. 798) – *Second Reading*  
Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (*Katsina North*).
3. A Bill for an Act to Establish the Federal Orthopedic Hospital Obokun, Osun State and for related matters, 2021 (SB. 855) – *Second Reading*  
Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (*Osun East*).

#### MOTION

1. Urgent need to resuscitate the Nigerian Navy Flagship "NNS ARADU".

Sponsor: Sen. Sekibo, George Thompson (*Rivers East*)

Co-Sponsors:

Sen. Abdullahi, Aliyu Sabi ( <i>Niger North</i> )	Sen. Ishaku, Elisha Cliff ( <i>Adamawa North</i> )
Sen. La'ah, Danjuma Tella ( <i>Kaduna South</i> )	Sen. Mohammed, Hassan ( <i>Zamfara Central</i> )
Sen. Ashiru, Oyelola Yisa ( <i>Kwara South</i> )	Sen. Alimikhena, Francis Asekhome ( <i>Edo North</i> )
Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang ( <i>Cross River Central</i> )	Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis ( <i>Imo East</i> )
Sen. Na'allah, Bala Ibn ( <i>Kebbi South</i> )	Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn ( <i>Rivers West</i> )
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman ( <i>Kwara North</i> )	Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim ( <i>Kwara Central</i> )
Sen. Abiru, Mukhail Adetokunbo ( <i>Lagos East</i> )	Sen. Isah, Jibrin ( <i>Kogi East</i> )

*Aware that the Nigerian Navy flagship, NNS ARADU, is one of the first of the MEKO 360 general purpose frigates built by one of the biggest shipbuilders in Germany and commissioned on 22 February 1982;*

*Aware that NNS ARADU is the largest ship in the Nigerian Navy fleet with a length of 125.6-metres (412ft 1in) and as a general-purpose frigate. She is an all-purpose fighting ship capable of undertaking the following missions alone or in concert with other units:*

- i. Sustained an independent blue water patrol over a range of 6,500 miles (10,500km)
- ii. Gunfire support to friendly forces operating up to 16Km from the coast.
- iii. Air defense of self and cooperating forces up to a range of 13Km.
- iv. Anti-submarine warfare (short range or extended range using helicopter borne torpedoes)
- v. Electronic warfare (intercepting and jamming)
- vi. Anti-ship warfare missile attacks against surface units up to a range of 120Km.
- vii. Mine laying.
- viii. Airborne or surface Search and Rescue.

*Knows that the capabilities of the Frigate ensured the Nigerian Navy continued to reach out to blue waters with the appropriate ships in terms of firepower, extended operational range and enhanced surveillance capability;*

*Understands* that since NNS ARADU entered Nigerian Navy service, she has taken part in major naval exercises, fleet reviews and diplomatic cruises. She played a prominent part in "Operation Seadog" in 1985 and Operation Odion in 1987. She has also undertaken extensive diplomatic visits to countries like Gabon, Congo, Zaire, Equatorial Guinea and many European countries;

*Aware* that she participated in joint exercises with visiting ships of the German, Indian, French and the Brazilian navies;

*Regrets* that in 1987, barely five years after her commissioning, NNS ARADU ran aground twice and was involved in a major collision and underwent a significant local refit in 1991 at the Nigerian Navy Dockyard, Wilmot Point, Lagos;

*Aware* that, in 1997, She sailed to Monrovia, Liberia where she participated in ECOMOG Operation for over 6 months and steamed back to Lagos with her engines despite losing one generator;

*Recalls* that NNS ARADU participated in the 200th anniversary celebrations of the Battle of Trafalgar in the UK in 2005 and embarked on the hazardous trans-Atlantic voyage in 2007 to participate in Brazil Bicentenary celebration;

*Regrets* that in 1994 NNS ARADU experienced degradation of machinery and equipment post refit trials and was assessed as Beyond Economical Repair in 1995. In addition to report, while berthed in Naval Dockyard experienced rough weather and severe turbulence between 31 May to 2 June 2014 which caused the already weakened ship serious damage that resulted in flooding and near sinking;

*Regrets further* that the once "a pride of Nigerian Navy and the nation" is not operational, in deplorable condition, and would require life extension refit;

*Notes* that the other seven ships of same category in the world built about the same time are still energetically sea worthy and in Operation due to proper maintenance. The misfortune of ARADU was the transfer of the ship from the Presidency to the Nigerian Navy for maintenance which could not afford to keep it afloat properly due to the envelope budget system;

*Notes* that NNS ARADU is the equivalent of Air Force One in the Presidential air fleets which has since been maintained and kept by the Presidency. When in its good shape, there was a Presidential cabinet in it and by convention cannot sail out without Presidential approval;

*Notes further* and of a truth that Nigeria has no flagship on her seas today and had lost her pride of her dreaded sea power among the African nations;

*Understands* that NNS ARADU can be refitted either locally or internationally or both to give her 25 years extended life span or more;

*Understands further* that refitting NNS ARADU may require over \$200 million dollars (N82 billion) at current exchange rate, while replacing same will require more than \$700 million (N287, 000, 000, 000.00) only; and

*Believes* that Nigeria can refit the ailing ship and take her place in the comity of naval formations in Africa and the world.

*Accordingly resolves to:*

- i. *Urge* the Presidency to take over the NNS ARADU as a Presidential asset and resuscitate it for our national security, safety and pride.
- ii. *Urge* the Senate to convoke a roundtable of all stakeholders such as Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited, Nigerian Customs and Service, and Nigerian Immigration Services with a view to fashioning out a funding regime to facilitate the re-fitting and refurbishing of NNS ARADU to carry out its onerous role in servicing Nigeria's maritime domain.

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**BILL FOR CONCURRENCE**

1. **National Hydrographic Agency (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1021) – Concurrence**  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  2. **Nigerian Maritime Security Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1243) – Concurrence**  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  3. **Federal College of Education (Technical) Ako, Ago-Iwoye (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 430) – Concurrence**  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  4. **Federal University of Education Pankshin, Plateau State (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 686) – Concurrence**  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
  5. **Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2021 (HB. 1120) – Concurrence**  
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Local Content	Wednesday, 1 <sup>st</sup> December, 2021	2.00pm	Committee Room 204 New Senate Building
2.	Public Accounts	Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup> & Thu. 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec. 2021 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
3.	ICT & Cybercrime Building	Monday, 6 <sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (Public Hearing)	12.00 noon	Senate Hearing Room 1 White House

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