



# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA ORDER PAPER Tuesday 18 January 2022

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## ORDERS OF THE DAY

### BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to Repeal the National War College Act, Cap.N82, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and Enact the National Defence College Bill; and for Related Matters (HB. 1143) (*Hon. Aminu Ashiru Mani*) – *Second Reading*.
  2. A Bill for an Act to Establish Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Compensation, Resettlement and Welfare Board with the Primary aim of Raising Funds to Resettle all Original Inhabitants Occupying Developed Areas within the FCT and for Further Resettlement Projects; and for Related Matters (HB. 1766) (*Hon. Gaza Jonathan Gbefwi*) – *Second Reading*.
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### MOTIONS

3. **Devastating Effects of Deforestation in Nigeria:**  
**Hon. Kolawole Lawal:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that trees improve air quality by filtering harmful Dust, Odours and Pollutants such as Ozone, Carbon monoxide, and Sulphur Dioxide from the air;

*Also notes* that not only can they benefit the economy by reducing heating and cooling costs, trees can also reduce dependence on oil and natural gas;

*Further notes* the Report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations which stated that the requirements of sustainable forest management include the extent of forest resources, biological diversity, forest health and vitality, productive and Protective functions of forest resources, socio-economic functions and a legal, policy and institutional framework;

*Aware* that forests have been associated with helping to reduce flooding as many flooding disasters have been partly blamed on the effects of deforestation;

*Also aware* that Nigeria is a member nation of the Coalition for Rainforest Nations (CFRN) which seeks to, among other things, manage tropical rainforests in a way that supports climate stability, conserves biodiversity, and helps develop poverty alleviation efforts;

*Concerned* that due to the high demand for timber, which is used for the production of furniture, paper and in the construction industry, there has been an increase in illegal logging, which has resulted in deforestation in Nigeria;

*Also concerned* that Nigeria has been rated by the Food Agricultural Organization as the country with the highest rate of deforestation in the world;

*Further concerned* that many aspects of the Food Agricultural Organization requirements are currently not being met in Nigeria and will continue to have detrimental effects, if not quickly addressed;

*Cognizant* that Tree-planting is one of the options adopted by many nations towards curbing the serious and irreversible changes of climate change and trees help absorb greenhouse gasses and carbon emissions that are caused by human civilization;

*Worried* that a lot of damage has been done to Nigeria's land through the processes of deforestation, notably contributing to desertification and increased temperatures across the country;

*Also worried* that there is hardly any implementation of forest management policies, and very few attempts have been made to lower the deforestation rates and to stop illegal logging, hence Nigerians are hardly aware of how to prevent deforestation;

*Further worried* that deforestation has led to soil degradation across the country, resulting in poor crop yield and economic loss to the nation as a whole;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to implement policies that discourage deforestation;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Environment to embark on sensitization campaigns to create awareness across the country on the need to imbibe the culture of tree planting in their environment to mitigate the negative consequences of climate change caused by indiscriminate deforestation;
- (iii) call on the Federal Government to liaise with Institutions, Communities and other relevant stakeholders to offer capacity-building opportunities, productive partnerships and sustainable schemes that can create more economic activities to sustain hard-working rural dwellers and discourage them from the indiscriminate cutting of trees;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Environment to ensure compliance.

**4. Urgent Need to Rehabilitate the Saminaka–Magama–Gumau Highway:  
Hon. Muda Lawal Umar:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the 91km Saminaka–Magama–Gumau road links Kaduna State, Bauchi State and other States within the North East Zone as it facilitates the transportation of farm produce as well as other products and services among Kaduna, Jos, Bauchi, Abuja and other States of the country;

*Concerned* that due to the current dilapidated state of the road, commuters conveying goods and farm produce are robbed and/or kidnapped every week, sometimes resulting in the death of innocent persons and loss of properties;

*Worried* that the deplorable condition of the road has caused untold hardships for the people who rely on it for transportation of their goods and other services as it has disrupted their daily economic activities;

*Cognizant* that if nothing is done urgently, to rehabilitate the road, it would continue to pose threat to the lives of commuters, thereby hampering agricultural and economic activities in the area and the nation at large;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Roads Maintenance Agency (FERMA) to commence immediate rehabilitation of the Saminaka–Magama–Gumau Highway to prevent further deterioration;
- (ii) mandate the Committee FERMA to ensure compliance.

**5. Need to Investigate the Incidences of Fake Insurance Certificates in Nigeria:  
Hon. Oluyemi Adewale Taiwo:**

**The House:**

*Notes* that the Insurance Act, 2003 mandates all motorists to have a minimum of Third-Party Motor Insurance Policy in place and that Section 68 of Act stipulates that “No person shall use or cause or permit any other person to use a motor vehicle on a road unless a liability which he may thereby incur in respect of damage to the property of third- party is insured with an Insurer registered under this Act”;

*Aware* that the statutory laws of the country stipulate that no motorist should ply Nigeria roads without having a genuine Insurance certificate, however, most motorists have continued to show absolute disregard for the statutory requirement;

*Worried* that the number of vehicles with fake certificates on Nigeria road has risen to 9.4 million and the figure released by the Nigeria Insurers Association revealed that only 2.72 million vehicles on Nigeria roads have valid insurance covers as of February 2021;

*Also worried* that millions of vehicles, trucks and motorcycles plying Nigeria roads are not insured;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Insurance Companies and Brokerage to have operational offices in major cities in the country;
- (ii) mandate the Committee on Insurance and Actuarial Matters to investigate the incidences of Fake Insurance Certificates in Nigeria and report back within six weeks for further legislative action.

**6. Need to Construct Perimeter Fence at Federal University of Technology, FUTO, Owerri:  
Hon. Paschal Obi:**

**The House:**

*Notes that* the elegance of a teaching and learning environment such as a University Community draws largely from a secured, protected, preserved environment and a good landscape;

*Further notes that* a University in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century desirous of positive global acknowledgement and endorsement, must in addition to the pursuit of academic and technological excellence, be committed to the security and serenity of the University Community and its environment;

*Aware that* the Federal University of Technology, Owerri pioneered the existence of such Federal Universities of Science and Technology in Nigeria as established in 1980 by the Shehu Shagari Administration;

*Cognizant that* the Federal University of Technology, Owerri, has in its existence, championed exceptional advancement of knowledge of Science and Technology with global partnership and collaborations;

*Concerned that* the increasing cases of hostilities arising from land demarcation and other boundary challenges between the University Community and the host communities of Ihiagwa, Eziobodo, Obinze and Avu, are consequences of the absence of a beautifully secured environment through perimeter fencing with the attendant security challenges on the Staff and Students as well as on teaching and learning;

*Cognizant that* hostilities and insecurities have remained in the increase in the last twelve years due to struggle by the original land-donors to reclaim part of the areas of the land for agriculture and other purposes, including building residential houses;

*Resolves to:*

- (i) Urge the Federal Government to prioritize the construction of Perimeter Fence for the Federal University of Technology, Owerri in the 2023 Budget estimates;
- (ii) also urge the Federal Ministry of Education and other Ministries, Departments and Agencies to commence immediate demarcation of the land area covering the University Community through fresh survey plans and other Geophysical activities to halt further encroachment;
- (iii) further urge the Federal Government to collaborate with the Imo State Government in the drive to promote good neighbourliness amongst the University Community and the original landowners through proper land identification and demarcation;
- (iv) mandate the Committee on Tertiary Education and Services to ensure implementation.

## CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

7. A Bill for an Act to Provide for Establishment of National Institute for Border Studies, Imeko, Ogun State, to Provide for Teaching, Research, Instruction and Training of Students in Border Management; and for Related Matters (HB.1467) (*Senate*) – *Committee of the Whole: 30/11/2021.*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

S/N	Committee(s)	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Rules and Business	Tuesday, 18 January 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 06 (White House) Assembly Complex
2.	Public Petitions ( <i>Investigative Hearing</i> )	Tuesday, 18 January 2022	3.00 p.m.	Committee Room 429 (New Building) Assembly Complex