



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

Wednesday, 2nd March, 2022

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1. **Prayers**
 2. **Approval of the Votes and Proceedings**
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BUSINESS OF THE DAY

PRESENTATION OF BILLS

1. Federal College of Fisheries and Aquaculture (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 557) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Sickle Cell Disease Research and Treatment Centre Bill, 2022 (SB. 940) - *First Reading*
Sen. Eyakenyi, Akon Etim (*Akwa-Ibom South*).
 3. National Automotive Design and Development Council Act No. 83 2014 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 944) - *First Reading*
Sen. Ordia, Akhimienmona Clifford (*Edo Central*).
 4. Federal University of Technology Act Cap F23 LFN 2004 (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 948) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bima, Muhammad Enagi (*Niger South*).
 5. Federal Medical Centre Okene, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 949) - *First Reading*
Sen. Yakubu, Oseni (*Kogi Central*).
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CONSIDERATION OF BILLS

1. A Bill for an Act to amend the 2022 Appropriation Act to provide for a total sum of ₦106,161,499,052 (One hundred and six billion, one hundred and sixty-one million, four hundred and ninety-nine thousand, and fifty-two Naira only) for Capital Expenditures and ₦43,870,592,044 (Forty-three billion, eight hundred and seventy million, five hundred and ninety-two thousand, and forty-four Naira only) for Recurrent Expenditures and for other matters connected therewith, 2022 (SB. 950) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. A Bill for an act to provide for the establishment of the Federal College of Education (Special) Afon, Kwara State and for other matters connected therewith, 2022 (SB. 226) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*).
3. A Bill for an act to provide for the establishment of the Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education and for other matters connected therewith, 2022 (SB. 918) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Onyewuchi, Ezenwa Francis (*Imo East*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF A REPORT

1. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

FCT University of Science and Technology Abaji, (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 230)
 Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the FCT University of Science and Technology Abaji, (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 230)

2. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND

Federal University of Environmental Technology, Koroma/Saakperwa Tai Ogoni, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 902)

Sen. Ahmad, Babba Kaita (Katsina North)

-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND on the Federal University of Environmental Technology, Koroma/Saakperwa Tai Ogoni, Rivers State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 902).

MOTION

1. Curbing Soot's Particulates droppings, health Hazards concern and economic sabotage by illegal refining of crude products in Rivers State.

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

Co-sponsors:

Sen. Manager, James Ebiowou (Delta South)

Sen. Apiafi, Betty Jocelyn (Rivers West)

Sen. Abaribe, Enyinnaya Harcourt (Abia South)

Sen. Mpigi, Barinada (Rivers South-East)

Sen. Onor, Sandy Ojang (Cross River Central)

Sen. Nwaoboshi, Peter Onyeluka (Delta North)

Sen. Akpan, Albert Bassey (Akwa-Ibom North East)

The Senate:

Notes that the droppings of unidentifiable sooty particulates in Rivers State, which are suspected to be after-effects of incomplete crude refining process has taken a more dangerous dimension;

Aware that Oil and Gas exploration and exploitation activities started in Rivers State and its environs since the discovery of hydrocarbons in the Niger Delta region in 1957;

Aware also that the environment; including land, water and air has already been grievously polluted through the activities of the multinational companies;

Aware further that an environmental audit due to the degradation of the environment has never been carried out since the commencement of the exploration and exploitation activities in the area which has lasted for over 60 years, meaning that the contaminated environment remains without the hope of remediation;

Worried that the sooty particulate substances dropping in the State is becoming too visible that one cannot stay outdoors without receiving drops of them on his body. It has become more worrisome that they are seen on bedspreads in bedrooms, worktops in kitchens, chairs and other materials in houses, meaning that they are entering through every available crevice into inner spaces of buildings as the wind carries them;

Concerned that residents in Rivers State have noticed lots of these sooty particulates settling in their nasal tracts which has occasioned cleaning of their nostril several times in the day;

Concerned further that the amount of these particulates being inhaled daily by Nigerians resident in the State cannot be estimated just as the after-effects of their inhalation have not been determined;

Disturbed that the sooty particulates are dropping on water bodies, farmlands and whatever is left open under the sky, which is detrimental to human health, as residents in the area are exposed to consumption

Further worried that these particulates which are suspected to be by-products of hydrocarbons or crude oil that did not go through proper refining processes (incomplete combustion) may contain some chemicals that can pose health hazards to the people;

Knows that air pollution has no boundary or limit within which it could be contained as means of containment of air pollution has not been discovered, therefore the possibility of these sooty particulates spreading to other neighbouring States and indeed the entire nation cannot be over emphasized;

Observes that recent outbreak of difficulty in breathing caused by congestion of nasal tracts of many residents in Rivers State could be linked to this epidemic;

Observes further that this may also be the cause of the recent cases (many) of deaths without noticeable ailments in many towns in Rivers State;

Knows further that it could become a national emergency if not handled appropriately from its root cause, hence the urgent need to curb the causes of their occurrences, avert their likely side effects on human beings and environment, as a stitch in time saves nine;

Informed that pockets of illegal crude refiners were recently discovered all over Rivers State, who use all sorts of methods to refine crude for local consumption. These activities have increased pollution in the already polluted environment;

Further informed that the crude being used to refine petroleum products in these illegal activities is through crude pilfering causing colossal national waste and economic sabotage;

Believes that some security agents posted to secure these national assets have turned themselves to partners in this dastardly illegal acts, thus giving the criminals impetus to openly commit this national economic crimes;

Understands that Rivers State Government has taken a bold step to fish out these criminals for prosecution as well as destroy such illegal substandard refineries with a view to stopping these illegal activities and crimes;

Aware that the issue of clean environment is one of the Fundamental Objectives and Directive Principles of State Policy of the Nigerian State as provided in Section 20 of the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), which states inter alia:

20. The State shall protect and improve the environment and safeguard the water, air and land, forest and wild life of Nigeria.

Aware also that the 1999 Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended), within the context of its Social Order in Section 17(2)(d) has admonished that exploitation of natural resources to the detriment of the citizens shall be prevented as shown below;

17(2)(d) exploitation of human or natural resources in any form whatsoever for reasons, other than the good of the community, shall be prevented;

Recalls that in order to forestall this type of emergency or occurrence and other hazardous pollution that may occasion due to the Oil and Gas exploitation activities, the Federal Government set up the National Oil Spill Detection and Response Agency (NOSDRA) in 2006 with the following three cardinal objectives among others as provided in Section 5(a, b and c) in its enabling Act;

5) The objectives of the Agency shall be to co-ordinate and implement the National Oil Spill Contingency Plan for Nigeria (in this Act referred to as "the Plan") as follows:

a) Safe, timely, effective and appropriate response to major or disastrous oil pollution;

b) Identify high risk area as well as priority areas for protection and clean up; and

Recalls also that as provided in Section 6 of its establishing Act NOSDRA is also saddled with the responsibility of carrying out surveillance, coordinating issues on oil spillage and associated pollution as well as implementing such Plans as may be issued by the Federal Government;

Dismayed that NOSDRA with this huge responsibility of preparedness, detection, and response to oil spillages (pollution due to oil refining activities) in the country has not lived up to its mandate of Surveillance and monitoring and has therefore not informed the nation of this occurring national epidemics, while Nigerian citizens are suffocating due to this epidemic;

Disturbed that undue delay in proffering the necessary solution to eradicate these illegalities is drastically affecting the lives of the residents in Rivers State. This is worse than physical insecurity being combated as the particulate fumes affect every person without creed or colour, ethnicity or religion; and

Demands that the security agents who involve themselves in these acts of national sabotage be given appropriate sanctions and other perpetrators be treated as economic saboteurs.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria to note that there is an impending environmental danger that is occurring in Rivers State and its environs orchestrated by miscreants who are engaged in illegal refining as well as looting national crude oil assets;
- ii. *Urge* the President to audit security agencies who are saddled with the responsibility of securing these assets but are involved in this national sabotage and be sanctioned appropriately by the laws of the country;
- iii. *Urge* the President to use his constitutional power to support the Government of Rivers State who have started to combat these criminal activities and fish out these national economic saboteurs;
- iv. *Direct* the Senate Committees on the Navy, Police Force, Interior and Army to carry out holistic investigation of these illegal activities with a view to ascertaining the involvement of security agencies collaborating and abetting in these dastardly acts and report within four weeks; and
- v. *Further direct* its Committees on Environment, Petroleum Upstream and Primary Health to visit Rivers State and carry out observatory assessment of the level of damage these activities have caused the environment and the health concern the activities have occasioned as well as suggest solution and report within four weeks.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Nigerian Council for Management Development Bill, 2022 (HB. 1119) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. Animal Health and Husbandry Technologists Registration Board (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 374) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Raw Materials Research and Development Council Act 2022 (HB. 47) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
4. Fisheries Institute of Nigeria (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 896) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

5. **National Assembly Library Trust Fund (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 987) - Concurrence**
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (Kebbi North-Senate Leader).

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Public Accounts	Wednesday, 2 nd Mar. 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
2.	Customs, Excise and Tariff	Wednesday, 2 nd Mar. 2022 (Budget Defence)	2.00pm	Committee Room 107 Senate New Building
3.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Wed. 2 nd & Thu. 3 rd March, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
4.	Finance	Wed. 2 nd & Thu. 3 rd March, 2022 (Investigative Hearing)	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
5.	Public Accounts	Thursday, 3 rd February, 2022 (Public Hearing)	1.00pm	Senate Hearing Room 4 White House Building
6.	Works	Thursday, 3 rd February, 2022 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Conference Room 022 Senate New Building

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