



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

Wednesday, 6th April, 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. Civil Defence, Correctional, Federal Fire and Immigration Services Board (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 967) - *First Reading*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
 2. Federal University of Education Ilesha, Osun State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 978) - *First Reading*
Sen. Fadahunsi, Francis Adenigba (*Osun East*).
 3. National Institute of Information and Communication Technology Ogbolomabiri, Bayelsa State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 979) - *First Reading*
Sen. Degi-Eremienyo, W.Biobarakuma (*Bayelsa East*).
 4. Federal Polytechnic Act (Amendment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 980) - *First Reading*
Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*).
 5. Electronic Deeds Registration Systems Bill, 2022 (SB. 981) - *First Reading*
Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*).
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**ORDERS OF THE DAY
CONSIDERATION OF A BILL**

1. A Bill for an Act to Amend the Federal Colleges of Education Act Cap F8 LFN to establish the Federal College of Education Arochukwu, Abia State by converting the existing College Of Education (Technical) Arochukwu to Federal College of Education and for other matters, 2022 (SB. 703) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Kalu, Orji Uzor (*Abia North*).
2. A Bill for an Act to provide for the Establishment of the National Religious Harmony Commission and for other related matters, 2022 (SB. 504) - *Second Reading*
Sen. Umar, Sadiq Suleiman (*Kwara North*).

PRESENTATION AND CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

1. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)
Fake Covid-19 Test Results
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Fake Covid-19 Test Results being used to defraud Nigerians in Ghana and the obtainment of Fake Covid-19 Vaccination Cards.
2. Report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary)
Federal Eye Centre Ochadamu, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 760)
Sen. Oloriegbe, Yahaya Ibrahim (*Kwara Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the report of the Committee on Health (Secondary & Tertiary) on the Federal Eye Centre Ochadamu, Kogi State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 760).
3. Report of the Committee on Tertiary Institutions and TETFUND
Federal University of Transport Daura (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 799)
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 Transport Daura (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 799).
4. Report of the Joint Committee on Trade & Investment and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters
Copyright Act Cap C28 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 688 & SB. 769)
Sen. Aikali, Saidu Ahmed (*Gombe North*) & Sen. Bamidele, Micheal Opeyemi (*Ekiti Central*)
-That the Senate do receive and consider the Report of the Joint Committee on Trade & Investment and Judiciary, Human Rights & Legal Matters on the Copyright Act Cap C28 LFN 2004 (Repeal & Re-enactment) Bill, 2022 (SB. 688 & SB. 769).

MOTIONS

1. Need to retain the name Harold Dappa Biriye House in the New Head Office of the NDDC.

Sponsor: Sen. Henry, Seriake Dickson (*Bayelsa West*)

The Senate:

Notes that the late Harold Dappa Biriye coordinated the activities of the Rivers Conference of Chiefs and people's conference and participated in the pre-independence conferences in Nigeria and abroad particularly the 1957/58 constitutional conference leading to the appointment of the Willinks commission;

Notes that he later formed and led the Niger Delta Congress (NDC), a political party of the Niger Delta on which platform Chief Melford Okilo was elected as the first parliamentarian and subsequently a parliamentary secretary;

Observes that his party the NDC was in alliance with the NPC and he collaborated with his contemporaries, his friends and allies like Sir Tafawa Balewa, the first Prime Minister, Chief Nnamdi Azikiwe, Chief Obafemi Awolowo and Ahmadu Bello in the Pre-independence struggles;

Notes that the Late Harold Dappa Biriye all through his adult life until his death at a ripe old age fought for the Niger Delta people and all Nigerians and was a quintessential Nigerian who lived a good life promoting national unity, understanding and cohesion;

Aware that he collaborated with other leaders of Nigeria and the Head of State at the time, General Yakubu Gowon in managing the issues and agitations of the Niger Delta leading to the creation of Rivers State and also negotiated the release and pardon of Isaac Adaka Boro who later joined the Nigerian army and died fighting for Nigeria;

Notes that he served as an adviser in the cabinet of the new Diere Spiff administration to stabilise the new government following the creation of Rivers State until the return to politics. He collaborated with General Gowon, General Murtala Mohammed and all leaders and heads of state including General Obasanjo at the return of democracy;

Notes also that Until his death, Harold Dappa Biriye was the founding Chairman of the board of trustees of the Ijaw National Congress and was deputized by Pa E.K. Clark who took over after his death;

Aware that through the Henry Willink's Commission of 1957, which he fought for and pushed, informed the establishment of the Niger Delta Basin Development which later was replicated in other regions in the country;

Notes that he offered advice to President Olusegun Obasanjo's Administration on how to restore peace to the Niger Delta region and was therefore one of the leaders that facilitated the establishment of the NDDC;

Notes that following the establishment of the NDCC, the Federal Government and the management of the NDDC with the support of the Rivers State Government led by Sir Dr. Peter Odili, who himself was one of the several political protégés of Harold Dappa Biriye decided to name the NDDC temporary Headquarter donated by the Rivers State Government, after him, as a mark of recognition for his services to the Niger Delta people and Nigeria at large;

Observes that the NDDC after over 20 years of existence has commissioned its permanent headquarters last year but observes with dismay that while the NDDC has commissioned and moved its personnel and activities into its permanent headquarters which is commendable, it has refused, neglected or failed to transfer the name Harold Dappa Biriye House to adorn its permanent Headquarters as should have been done even before the commissioning; and

Observes that unlike his colleagues and contemporaries who fought for Nigeria's independence, whose names and images adorn our national currency and strategic national assets, Harold Dappa Biriye has nothing in his name order than this.

Accordingly resolves to:

Urge the Secretary to the Government of the Federation and the Minister of Niger Delta affairs to direct and ensure the retention of the name Harold Dappa Biriye House in the NDDC permanent headquarters forthwith without further delay.

2. The need for urgent extension of the New Rail Line standard gauge from Kaduna to Jos.

Sponsor: Sen. Nora, Ladi Daduut (*Plateau South*)

The Senate:

Notes that the road network in Nigeria is still overwhelmed as it is still the major means for interstate transportation in Nigeria. Railway is an alternative transportation means and when functional the rail transport have significant benefits. It is a great solution to the transportation problem we have in Nigeria;

Further notes that this is an important transportation corridor to connect the northwest and the North Central of Nigeria. Which will pass through important cities and towns and undertake passenger exchange;

Cognizant that the Nigerian Railway Corporation has the exclusive legal right to construct and operate rail service in Nigeria, though the new standard gauge lines network is yet to connect the rail network of neighbouring states including Plateau State, though great success has been recorded with the recent extension of Kaduna-Kano Rail Line;

Further Cognizant that this project is a trunk line of railway in Nigeria, an important part of regional network backbone system, a convenient channel and important passenger transportation corridor for passenger and freight exchange increase between cities;

Aware that the recent railway project from Kaduna to Kano involves 203 kilometer double tract standard gauge and when completed, this line is expected to meet the demands for the development of the national economy;

Also aware that northwest and north central contribute to the nation's economy development, therefore the need to link the new modern standard gauge rail line to Jos, Plateau state. This will open an efficient and convenient railway channel for import and export of goods within states and passenger exchange along the line. It will provide an efficient and high-quality traffic means for the sustainable and rapid development of regional and the national economy, strengthen the cooperation and exchange between regions and further drive the development of traditional industry and domestic industrialization process, so as to promote the sustainable development of economy in the whole Nation;

Evident that the old rail line has not been functional for a while and the N.R.C. new standard gauge lines network does not connect the rail network to all states. Also the bad road network and challenges of insecurity on the high ways has shown the negative effect; and

Regrets that the distance Kaduna-Jos Railway is only 222km long. The Kaduna-Jos railway would have provided an extension of Abuja-Kaduna railway and after completion, would have greatly improve the transportation efficiency of railway, meeting the demand for medium to long-distance and large-density transportation service.

Accordingly resolves to:

- i. *Urge* the Senate Committee on Transportation and Federal Ministry of Transportation to explore measures through the Nigerian Railways Corporation in extending the new standard gauge railway line from Kaduna to Jos; and
- ii. *Urge* the Ministry of Transportation to facilitate Rail Line Construction.

BILLS FOR CONCURRENCE

1. Federal Medical Centre Ogoja, Cross-River State (Establishment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 276) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
2. Public Enterprises (Privatization & Commercialization) Act (Repeal & Enactment) Bill, 2022 (HB. 1470) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
3. Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria Bill, 2022 (HBS.137 & 518) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).
4. Arbitration and Mediation Act, 2022 (HB. 91) - *Concurrence*
Sen. Abdullahi, Yahaya Abubakar (*Kebbi North-Senate Leader*).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No.	Committee	Date	Time	Venue
1.	Finance	Wednesday, 6 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 221 Senate New Building
2.	FERMA	Wednesday, 6 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 117 Senate New Building
3.	Ecology and Climate Change	Wednesday, 6 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Chairman's Office 2.16 Senate New Building
4.	ICT and Cyber Security	Thursday, 7 th April, 2022	12.00noon	Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation
5.	Ethics, Privileges and Public Petitions	Tuesday, 12 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Committee Room 120 Senate New Building
6.	Nigerian Army	Tuesday, 12 th April, 2022	2.00pm	Conference Room 117 Senate New Building
7.	Health (Secondary & Tertiary)	Tue. 12 th & Wed. 13 th April, 2022 (Public Hearing)	2.00pm	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building
8.	Establishment and Public Service	Thursday, 14 th April, 2022 (Public Hearing)	11.00am	Conference Room 231 Senate New Building