

The following Bill, which will in due course be presented to Parliament for enactment, is published for general information.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (AMENDMENT) BILL**

**MEMORANDUM**

The object of this Bill is to provide for the commemoration of Independence Day as a public holiday without increasing the present number of public holidays.

To achieve this it is considered that the Queen's birthday should cease to be observed as a public holiday.

USMAN SARKI,  
*Minister of Internal Affairs*

(Bills 74)

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AMENDMENT ACT, 1961**

**ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES**

*Clause*

1. Short title, etc.
2. Independence Day to be substituted as a public holiday.

## A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE PUBLIC HOLIDAYS ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 166)

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Commence-  
ment.

BE IT ENACTED by the Legislature of the Federation of Nigeria in this present Parliament assembled and by the authority of the same as follows—

1. This Act may be cited as the Public Holidays Amendment Act, 1961, and shall apply to the Federal Territory of Lagos.

Short title,  
etc.

2. The Public Holidays Ordinance is amended by repealing paragraph 4 of the Schedule (which relates to the day to be appointed for the official celebration of the anniversary of the birthday of the sovereign) and by substituting therefor the following new paragraph—

Indepen-  
dence Day  
to be  
substituted  
as a public  
holiday.  
Cap. 166.

“4. The first day of October being Independence Day.”