BELIZE

No. HR33/1/10

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 16th December 2011

10:00 AM

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Prayers.

2. Oath of Allegiance of a New Member.

3. Announcements by the Speaker.

4. Bills brought from the Senate.

5. Petitions.

6. Papers.

7. Presentation of Reports from Committees.

No. HR247/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the International Limited Liability Companies Bill, 2011.

No. HR248/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 6) Motion, 2011.

No. HR249/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 7) Motion, 2011.

No. HR250/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 8) Motion, 2011.

No. HR251/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 9) Motion, 2011.

No. HR252/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No.10) Motion, 2011.

No. HR253/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 11) Motion, 2011.

No. HR254/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Write-Off (No. 12) Motion, 2011.

(The Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)

No. HR255/1/10 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Belize National Coast Guard Service (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

(The Chairman of the National Security and Immigration Committee)

8. Questions to Ministers.

9. Requests for leave to move the adjournment of the House on definite matters of urgent public importance.

10. Statements by Ministers.

11. Personal Explanations.

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. <u>Independent Complaints Commission Bill, 2011.</u>

Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the Independent Complaints Commission and to make provisions for the impartial review of complaints made against Police Officers with a view to seeking possible resolution; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

13. Motions relating to the Business or Sittings of the House.

14. Public Business.

A. <u>Government Business</u>

I MOTIONS ***(For Text of Motions see Notice Paper attached)***

1. Write-Off (No.6) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

2. Write-Off (No.7) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

3. Write-Off (No.8) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

4. Write-Off (No.9) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

5. Write-Off (No.10) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

6. Write-Off (No.11) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

7. Write-Off (No.12) Motion, 2011.
(referred 22nd July 2011.)

(The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. <u>International Limited Liability Companies Bill, 2011.</u>

Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment and administration of international limited liability companies; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

2. <u>Belize National Coast Guard Service (Amendment) Bill, 2011.</u>

Bill for an Act to amend the Belize National Coast Guard Service Act, No.19 of 2004, to reduce the composition of the Coast Guard Service Board; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Defence and Immigration)

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

M O T I O N S

1. Write-Off (No.6) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2008, vehicle BZB-1631, attached to the Ministry of Public Utilities and enroute to Belmopan slid off the road on the Western Highway into a ditch damaging it;

AND WHEREAS, investigation revealed that "the weather condition along with the condition of the road which was slippery at the time may have contributed to the accident";

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General have both agreed to the write-off of the loss of $13,593.64 being the cost of repairs borne by the Government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $13,593.64 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

2. Write-Off (No.7) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on August 2, 1997, Government of Belize vehicle CYB-819 was involved in a traffic accident in San Ignacio Town;

AND WHEREAS, the total cost of repairs done to CYB-819 was $8,300.00 and borne by the Government of Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the driver, an employee of the Ministry of Agriculture, lost his wife and daughter in the accident;

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General, the Auditor General and the Financial Secretary have all agreed to the write-off of the loss of $8,300.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $8,300.00 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

3. Write-Off (No.8) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2002, vehicle BZB-1311, assigned to the Ministry of Education, was involved in a traffic accident on the Northern Highway;

AND WHEREAS, the total cost of repairs to said vehicle was $10,728.72 and was borne by the Government of Belize and the subsequent merger of the Insurance Companies resulted in no records been found for the verification of payments;

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General are both in agreement to the write-off of the loss of $10,728.72;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $10,728.72 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

4. Write-Off (No.9) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2010, Government of Belize (GOB) vehicle BMP B-0004 enroute to Belize City suffered a blow-out and ran off the road;

AND WHEREAS, this resulted in the vehicle sustaining major damages to the front end and wheel;

AND WHEREAS, no recommendation for disciplinary action was taken as the "accident was unavoidable";

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General are both in agreement to the write-off of the loss of $16,196.75;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $16,196.75 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

5. Write-Off (No.10) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2009, vehicle CYB-1487 attached to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was enroute from Belmopan to Belize City, when it experienced mechanical problems;

AND WHEREAS, the vehicle had to be towed in for repairs which amounted to $3,614.43 and borne by the Government of Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General are both in agreement to the write-off of the loss of $3,614.43;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $3,614.43 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

6. Write-Off (No.11) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2009 vehicle BZB-1605 assigned to the office of the Prime Minister, was enroute from Belize City to Belmopan when it overturned on the Western Highway;

AND WHEREAS, it was determined that the accident was caused "due to the weather and road condition" resulting in $75,000.00 worth of loss to the Government of Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General are both in agreement to the write-off of the loss of $75,000.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $75,000.00 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

7. Write-Off (No.12) Motion, 2011.

(referred 22nd July 2011.)

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2007, Government of Belize vehicle BZB-1575 attached to the Ministry of Agriculture was involved in a traffic accident on the Northern Highway and was extensively damaged;

AND WHEREAS, the cost of damages and borne by Government of Belize totaled $43,500.00 and the driver of the other vehicle through his Insurance Company compensated government $20,000.00 only;

AND WHEREAS, the Solicitor General had advised against court action because the guilty part "does not have the means to compensate Government";

AND WHEREAS, the Accountant General and the Auditor General have both agreed to the write-off of the loss of $23,500.00 balance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House approves the write-off of $23,500.00 as a loss to the Government of Belize.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER NO. 1

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7. Presentation of Reports from Committees.

No. HR256/1/10 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee on the Trade Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

(The Chairman of the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee)

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Bill for an Act to amend the Evidence Act, Chapter 95 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, to provide for certain public officers in the Belize National Forensic Science Service and Scenes of Crime Unit, to be designated government experts for the purpose of admissibility of reports as *prima facie* evidence; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. Environmental Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Bill for an Act to amend the Environmental Tax Act, Chapter 64:01 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003, to remove the tax on CARICOM imports; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. Trade Licensing (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

Bill for an Act to amend the Trade Licensing Act, Chapter 66 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003; to enlarge the category of offences, the conviction of which a Trade Licensing Board may forfeit a trade license; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Hon. Minister of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development)

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SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER NO. 2

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7. Presentation of Reports from Committees.

No. HR257/1/10 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Environmental Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

(The Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)

No. HR258/1/10 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee on the Evidence (Amendment) Bill, 2011.

(The Chairman of the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee)

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(The Hon. Prime Minister and Minister of Finance)

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