

BELIZE

No. HR 5/1/12

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, 22nd March 2016

10:18 AM.

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Pursuant to the Order of the House on the 8th March 2016, the House met on Tuesday, 22nd March 2016, in the National Assembly Chamber, Belmopan, at 10:18 AM.

Members Present:

The Hon. Michael Peyrefitte, Speaker

The Right Hon. Dean O. Barrow (Queen's Square) Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities

The Hon. Gaspar Vega (Orange Walk North), Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development

The Hon. Erwin R. Contreras (Cayo West), Minister of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce

The Hon. Patrick J. Faber (Collet), Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports

The Hon. John Saldivar (Belmopan), Minister of National Security

The Hon. Michael Finnegan (Mesopotamia), Minister of Housing and Urban Development

The Hon. Manuel Heredia Jr. (Belize Rural South), Minister of Tourism and Civil Aviation

The Hon. Anthony Martinez (Port Loyola), Minister of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation

The Hon. Rene Montero (Cayo Central), Minister of Works, Transport and NEMO

The Hon. Wilfred P. Elrington (Pickstock), Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Hon. Pablo S. Marin (Corozal Bay), Minister of Health

The Hon. Hugo Patt (Corozal North), Minister of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development

The Hon. Edmond G. Castro (Belize Rural North), Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and NEMO; Deputy Speaker

The Hon. Dr. Omar Figueroa (Cayo North), Minister of State in the Ministry of the Environment and Sustainable Development

The Hon. Frank Mena (Dangriga), Minister of State in the Ministry of Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities

The Hon. Beverly Castillo (Belize Rural Central), Minister of State in the Ministry of Immigration

The Hon. Tracy Taegar-Panton (Albert), Minister of State in the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Commerce

The Hon. Elodio Aragon Jr. (Orange Walk East), Minister of State in the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sports

The Hon. Dr. Angel Campos (Corozal South West), Minister of State in the
 Ministry of Health
 The Hon. John Briceño (Orange Walk Central), Leader of the Opposition
 The Hon. Cordel Hyde (Lake Independence)
 The Hon. Francis Fonseca (Freetown)
 The Rt. Hon. Said Musa (Fort George)
 The Hon. Rodwell Ferguson (Stann Creek West)
 The Hon. Jose Mai (Orange Walk South)
 The Hon. Julius Espat (Cayo South)
 The Hon. Kareem Musa (Caribbean Shores)
 The Hon. Michael Espat (Toledo East)
 The Hon. Oscar Requena (Toledo West)
 The Hon. Orlando Habet (Cayo North East)

Member Absent:

The Hon. Florencio Marin Jr. (Corozal South East)

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

PRAYERS by Pastor Alvan Gentle Jr.

PAPERS

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved:

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| No. HR19/1/12 | - | Customs and Excise Duties
(Amendment of First Schedule) Order,
2015. |
| No. HR20/1/12 | - | Customs and Excise Duties
(Amendment of First Schedule) (No.2)
Order, 2015. |
| No. HR21/1/12 | - | Customs and Excise Duties
(Amendment of First Schedule) Order,
2016. |
| No. HR22/1/12 | - | The Fifteenth Annual Report of the
Ombudsman of Belize for the Year
ending 2015. |

Sessional Papers No. HR19/1/12 to No. HR21/1/12 were ordered to lie on the Table; while Sessional Paper No. HR22/1/12 was referred to the Ombudsman Reports Committee for examination, consideration, and report.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Honourable Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development

Committee:

- No. HR23/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR24/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Brewery (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Reports were ordered to lie on the Table.

The Honourable Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee on behalf of the Chairman of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee:

- No. HR25/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR26/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR27/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Passport (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR28/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Refugees (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR29/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Skilled Persons) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Reports were ordered to lie on the Table.

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE HOUSE

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that at its rising today, the House adjourn to Wednesday, 23rd March 2016, at 9:00 AM.

Question put and agreed to.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

A. Government Business

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker made the following announcement:

“Honourable Members, the debate on the second reading of the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016, is about to be resumed.

Before we begin, I should like to draw Honourable Members’ attention to Standing Order No. 64, ‘Presentation and the second reading of the Appropriation Bill’, especially paragraph 5 which reads: *‘After the Motion for the second reading of the Appropriation Bill has been resumed, under paragraph 4 of this Standing Order, the debate shall be confined to the financial and economic state of the country and the general principles of Government policy and administration as indicated by the Appropriation Bill and the Estimates.’* Please remember I have to listen to thirty-one of you.

Members are therefore asked to confine their debate within the prescribed limits of the Standing Order.

I would like to remind Honourable Members of other parts of Standing Orders, specifically Standing Order No. 42 (b), which states that an Honourable Member shall maintain silence while another Member is speaking, and shall not interrupt, except in accordance with these Standing Orders. Honourable Members are fully aware of the need for the Chair to voice this at this moment in time.

I would also like to remind visitors in the Galleries that they must preserve silence and must conduct themselves in a fit and proper manner during a Sitting.

We now have the resumption of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.”

(Resumption of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.)

(Suspension of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.)

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (8), the Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the proceedings on the matter on the Order Paper be entered upon and proceeded with at the Sitting at any hour though opposed.

Question put and agreed to.

(Resumption of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.)

Meeting suspended at 6:09 P.M. to Wednesday, 23rd March 2016, at 9:00 AM.

Wednesday, 23rd March 2016

9:00 AM.

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Members Present:

The Hon. Michael Peyrefitte, Speaker
 The Hon. Dean O. Barrow (Queen's Square) Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities
 The Hon. Gaspar Vega (Orange Walk North), Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development
 The Hon. Patrick J. Faber (Collet), Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports
 The Hon. John Saldivar (Belmopan), Minister of National Security
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 The Hon. Hugo Patt (Corozal North), Minister of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development
 The Hon. Edmond G. Castro (Belize Rural North), Minister of State in the Ministry of Transport and NEMO; Deputy Speaker
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 The Hon. Oscar Requena (Toledo West)

The Hon. Orlando Habet (Cayo North East)

Members Absent:

The Hon. Erwin R. Contreras (Cayo West), Minister of Economic Development,
Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce

The Hon. Rene Montero (Cayo Central), Minister of Works, Transport and
NEMO

The Hon. Francis Fonseca (Freetown)

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

PRAYERS by Pastor Alvan Gentle Jr.

(Resumption of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017)
Bill, 2016.)

(Suspension of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017)
Bill, 2016.)

In accordance with Standing Order 12 (8), the Right Honourable Prime Minister
and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that
the proceedings on the matter on the Order Paper be entered upon and proceeded
with at the Sitting at any hour though opposed.

Question put and agreed to.

(Resumption of the debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017)
Bill, 2016.)

After the debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

Bill read a second time and pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a
Committee of Supply.

I COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY

Pursuant to Standing Orders, the House resolved itself into a Committee of
Supply and the Speaker ordered the withdrawal of visitors from the galleries.

MR. SPEAKER left the Chair.

[In the Committee]

**The Right Honourable Dean Barrow (Minister of Finance, Public Service,
Energy and Public Utilities) in the Chair.**

1. General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.

Schedule agreed to as follows:

HEAD OF EXPENDITURE

RECURRENT 2016/2017	(PART	PROPOSED ESTIMATES 1)
		BZ
11017-11021 442,569	11 Office of the Governor-General	
12017-12138	12 Judiciary	9,851,008
13017-13048 2,671,213	13 Legislature	
15017-15021 2,294,836	15 Director of Public Prosecutions	
16017-16028 2,506,783	16 Auditor General	
17017- 17078, 25021, 31048	17 Office of the Prime Minister	
	5,592,146	
14017-14148, 18017-18465, 283,697,964 36028, 36017	18 Ministries of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities	
19017-19298, 123,597,917 30241	19 Ministry of Health	
20017-20199	20 Ministry of Foreign Affairs	18,815,708
14058-21017- 258,004,099 21776, 25028, 25051-25071, 36038	21 Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth, and Sports	
22017-22158, 28017, 22131, 18,691,064 23178-23338	22 Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development	
23017-23166, 23348- 23378 26711, 30258 30446	23 Ministry of Natural Resources and Immigration	15,231,717
25017, 25041 2,151,040	25 Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	
25081, 27017- 27161, 27181- 27241, 30451	27 Ministries of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation	16,865,958
17028, 26031, 32,004,124 29017-29198, 33091-33146, 33157-33228	29 Ministry of Works, Transport and National Emergency Management	
30021-30498, 139,502,100 33021	30 Ministry of Nationality Security	
31017-31031 4,400,143	31 Attorney General's Ministry	

23308, 24017 11,001,779	32	Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade & Commerce	
24038, 28048			
33017, 33051	33	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	1,838,006
18448, 34048, 10,032,719	35	Ministry of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development	
34081, 35017, 35037			

TOTAL RECURRENT (PART 1) 959,192,896

**PROPOSED
ESTIMATES
2016/2017**

CAPITAL II (PART 11)

BZ

40,000	11	Office of the Governor-General	
52,760	12	Judiciary	
	13	Legislature	13,000
15		Director of Public Prosecutions	40,000
	16	Auditor General	40,000
	17	Office of the Prime Minister	67,000
	18	Ministry of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities	32,146,556
	19.	Ministry of Health	2,652,957
	20.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	77,000
	21	Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports	4,764,860
	22	Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Forestry, the Environment and Sustainable Development	2,378,483
	23	Minister of Natural Resources and Immigration	11,718,659
	25	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	1,254,000
	27	Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation	8,130,107
	29	Ministry of Works, Transport and National	22,562,532
2,372,945	30	Ministry of National Security	
	31	Attorney General's Ministry	652,410
	32	Ministry of Economic Development, Social Transportation and Poverty Alleviation	
3,279,042	33	Ministry of Housing and Urban Development	356,000
	35	Ministry of Labour, Local Government and Rural Development	833,465

TOTAL CAPITAL II (PART II) 93,431,776

CAPITAL III (PART 111)		PROPOSED ESTIMATES 2016/2017
		BZ
12	Judiciary	
	150,000	
18	Ministry of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities	
	7,040,500	
19.	Ministry of Health	175,468
20	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
	2,800,000	
21	Ministry of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports	
	12,900,000	
22	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development	
	17,500,000	
23.	Minister of Natural Resources and Immigration	588,861
25	Ministry of Tourism and Civil Aviation	
	5,200,000	
27	Ministry of Human Development, Social Transformation and Poverty Alleviation	
	4,283,000	
29	Ministry of Works, Transport and National	
	28,000,000	
32	Ministry of Economic Development, Petroleum, Investment, Trade and Commerce	
	17,334,800	
TOTAL CAPITAL III (PART 111)		95,972,929

CAPITAL TRANSFERS AND NET LENDING (PART IV)

		BZ
18	Ministry of Finance	
	2,506,747	
TOTAL CAPITAL TRANSFER AND NET LENDING (PART IV)		2,506,747

AMORTIZATION (PART V)

18	Ministry of Finance	
	86,854,688	
TOTAL AMORTIZATION (PART V)		86,854,688
GRAND TOTAL		1,237,959,036

Clauses 1 to 3 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

2. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House approves the expenditure of \$2,352,589 from the Official Charities Fund as detailed in Appendix A of the Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Question put and agreed to.

The Chairman left the Chair.

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

**REPORT AND THIRD READING OF GENERAL REVENUE
APPROPRIATION (2016/2017) BILL, 2016**

1. General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of Supply had gone through the Bill clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon, the Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

II MOTION

1. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2016.

(referred 8th March 2016)

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this House approves the expenditure of \$2,352,589 from the Official Charities Fund as detailed in Appendix A of the Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2017.

Question put and agreed to.

III BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. **Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs and Excise Duties Act, Chapter 48 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000; to provide for the removal of revenue replacement duty on Caricom goods; to increase the scope of goods subject to excise duty; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

2. **Brewery (Amendment) Bill, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Brewery Act, Chapter 286 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000; to provide for the duty payable on local beer to be the same as that of other Caricom countries; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

3. **Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision, in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

4. Immigration Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Immigration Act, Chapter 156 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

5. Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Passports Act, Chapter 164 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

6. Refugees (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Refugees Act, Chapter 165 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

7. **Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Skilled Persons) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Skilled Persons) Act, Chapter 17:02 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision in the interest of administrative and operational efficiency, for the responsible Minister to delegate certain functions to any Minister of State appointed to assist the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill accordingly, read a second time and, pursuant to Standing Orders, committed to a Committee of the whole House.

IV COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

Pursuant to Standing Orders, the House, without question put, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House to consider the Bills that were read a second time and Mr. Speaker left the chair.

[In the Committee]

The Deputy Speaker in the Chair.

1. **Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2016.**

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

2. Brewery (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

3. Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

4. Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

5. Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

6. Refugees (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

7. Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Skilled Persons) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

V BILLS FOR THIRD READING

1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a

third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

2. Brewery (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

3. Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

4. Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

5. Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has

gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

6. Refugees (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

7. Caribbean Community (Free Movement off Skilled Persons (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities reported that the Committee of the whole House has gone through the Bill, clause by clause, and directed him to report same without amendment.

Whereupon the Right Honourable Prime Minister moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

ADJOURNMENT

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the House be adjourned.

Question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 8:36 PM. to a date to be fixed by the Speaker.

Speaker.

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