

BELIZE

No. HR4/1/12

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, 8th March 2016

10:16 A.M.

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Pursuant to the directions of Mr. Speaker on the 26th February 2016, the House met on Tuesday, 8th March 2016, in the National Assembly Chamber, Belmopan, at 10:16 A.M.

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. 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
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 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. Florencio Marin Jr. (Corozal South East)
 The Hon. Oscar Requena (Toledo West)
 The Hon. Orlando Habet (Cayo North East)

Members Absent:

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

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

PRAYERS by Pastor Alvan Gentle Jr.

PAPERS

Mr. Speaker, made the following announcement:

“Before I recognize you, Prime Minister, allow me to recognize your elevation to the Privy Council and well-earned respect that is due upon you to be called Right Honourable Prime Minister.” (Applause)

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

No. HR12/1/12 - International Business Companies (Fees) Regulations, 2016.

No. HR13/1/12 - Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

Sessional Paper No. HR12/1/12 was ordered to lie on the Table; and Sessional Paper No. 13/1/12 was referred to the Committee of Supply for examination, consideration and report.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Honourable Chairman of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee:

No. HR14/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Report was ordered to lie on the Table.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

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

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums of money for the use of the Public Service of Belize for the financial year ending March 31, 2017.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed.

Question put and agreed to.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities then moved the second reading of the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016, and delivered the Budget Speech.

After the Budget Speech, the Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities named Tuesday and Wednesday, 22nd and 23rd March, 2016, respectively, as the days for the resumption of the debate on the second reading of the General Revenue Appropriation (2016/2017) Bill, 2016.

2. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

Bill for an Act to amend the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, No 18 of 2008; to provide for measures to ensure compliance with international standards and obligations in relation to money laundering and terrorist financing and implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for examination, consideration and report.

In accordance with Standing Orders 49(1), the Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that the next stages of the Bill be taken forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

3. Customs Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Regulation Act, Chapter 49 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide for measures to ensure compliance with international standards and obligations in relation to money laundering and terrorist financing; to raise the threshold for currency declarations to \$20,000; to simplify procedures for currency declarations; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for examination, consideration and report.

In accordance with Standing Orders 49(1), the Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Economic Development moved that the next stages of the Bill be taken forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

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

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for examination, consideration and report.

5. Brewery (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for examination, consideration and report.

6. Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

7. Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

8. Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

9. Refugees (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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.

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

10. 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 introduced the above-mentioned Bill:-

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

Cabinet's recommendation signified by the Minister.

Bill read a first time and ordered to be printed, and pursuant to Standing Orders, referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

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 Tuesday, 22nd March 2016 at 10:00 A.M.

Question put and agreed to.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

A. Government Business

I MOTIONS

1. Establishment of the National Assembly Staff Committee Motion, 2016.

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

WHEREAS, section 3 (1) of the National Assembly Staff Act (No. 1 of 2000) establishes a National Staff Committee, consisting of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or in his absence the Deputy Speaker; three Members of the House of Representatives; the President of the Senate and one Member of the Senate nominated by the Senate; and one member of the staff of the National Assembly or one other person who is not a member of staff of the National Assembly nominated by the staff of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, section 3 (1) (b) of the National Assembly Staff Act (No. 1 of 2000) provides that the three Members of the House of Representatives forming part of the National Assembly Staff Committee shall be nominated by the House;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House hereby nominate the Honourable Patrick Faber, the Honourable John Saldivar, and the Honourable Florencio Marin Jr. to be members of the National Assembly Staff Committee.

Cabinet's recommendation was signified by the Minister.

Pursuant to Standing Orders, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy

and Public Utilities sought the indulgence of the Honourable House to have the Motion be taken through all its stages forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

2. The OPEC Fund for International Development US\$11,780,000 – Construction of the Airport Link Road Project - Loan Motion, 2016.

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

WHEREAS, Member States of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), being conscious of the need for solidarity among all developing countries and aware of the importance of financial cooperation between them and other developing countries, have established the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) to provide financial support on concessionary terms to developing countries;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize aims at improving the socio-economic integration of the Western Paradise and Ladyville communities by constructing a road from Mile 8 of the George Price Highway to the Phillip Goldson International Airport, which will involve costs in civil works, land acquisition, consultancy services and supervision;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize has requested assistance from OFID in the sum of US\$11.78 million for partial financing of the Project;

AND WHEREAS, the OFID has approved an offer of a Loan of US\$11,780,000.00 to the Government of Belize to finance 87% of the total costs of the civil works component of the Project;

AND WHEREAS, the approved financing will be used towards the general mobilization and site preparation, earth works, construction of embankments and pavement, construction of roundabouts and intersections on both ends of the road, construction of a bridge; installation of necessary drainage infrastructure along the road and bridge, and the installation of utilities structures, street lighting and other protection and safety works;

AND WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the Loan Offer are as follows:

Lender:	The OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID);
Loan Principal Amount:	US\$11,780,000.00;
Loan Term:	20 years (5 years grace period plus 15 years repayment period);

Grace Period:	5 years from the Date of the Loan Agreement;
Repayment period:	Repayment in thirty (30) semi-annual installments commencing January 15, 2021;
Purpose:	To construct a road from Mile 8 of the George Price Highway to the Phillip Goldson International Airport;
Rate of Interest:	At a rate of 2.75 percent per annum on the principal amount withdrawn and outstanding and payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 in each year;
Service Charge:	At a rate of one percent (1.0%) per annum on the principal amount of the Loan withdrawn and outstanding payable semi-annually on January 15 and July 15 in each year;

AND WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7 of the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, 2005, the Government of Belize is required to obtain the prior authorization of the National Assembly, by way of a Resolution, for such a borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the loan proceeds would significantly contribute towards the improvement of the regional road network and the socio-economic integration of the Ladyville and Western Paradise Communities, approves and confirms that the Government of Belize may enter into a Loan Agreement with the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan Agreement and all other documents associated therewith.

Cabinet's recommendation was signified by the Minister.

Suspension of the debate on the OPEC Fund for International Development – US \$11,780,000 – Construction of the Airport Link Road Project – Loan Motion, 2016.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities moved that, in accordance with Standing Order 12 (8), the proceedings on the matter on the Order Paper may 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 OPEC Fund for International Development – US \$11,780,000 – Construction of the Airport Link Road Project – Loan Motion,

2016.

Pursuant to Standing Orders, Motion was referred to the Finance and Economic Development Committee for examination, consideration and report.

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities sought the indulgence of the Honourable House to have the Motion be taken through all its stages forthwith.

After debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

3. 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 \$2,353,589 from the Official Charities Fund as detailed in Appendix A of the Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2016.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified by the Minister

Pursuant to Standing Orders, Motion was referred to the Committee of Supply for examination, consideration and report.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Mr. Speaker made the following announcement:

“Honourable Members, it has been agreed that the following Bills and Motions passed this day:

1. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2016;
2. Customs Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2016;
3. Establishment of the National Assembly Staff Committee Motion, 2016; and
4. The OPEC Fund for International Development -US \$11,780,000 – Construction of the Airport Link Road Project - Loan Motion, 2016.

As you are well aware, under Standing Order No. 74, all proposed Legislation, Messages, Petitions, Motions and other matters relating to the subject mentioned under the title of each Standing Committee shall be referred by the House to such Committee for examination, consideration and report to the House.

The only logical way for this to be done, other than by suspension of Standing Orders, is for me to suspend the Sitting to enable the Finance and Economic Development Committee and the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee to examine, consider and report to the House on the Bills and Motions.”

Question put and agreed to.

The Sitting was therefore suspended until the Finance and Economic Development Committee and the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee have concluded their business.

The Meeting suspended at 12:00 Noon.

The Meeting resumed at 12:40 P.M.

PRESENTATION OF REPORTS FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

The Honourable Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee:-

- No. HR15/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the OPEC Fund for International Development – US \$11,780,000 - Construction of the Airport Link Road Project – Loan Motion, 2016.
- No. HR16/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.
- No. HR17/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Customs Regulations (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Reports were ordered to lie on the Table.

The Honourable Chairman of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee:-

- No. HR18/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Establishment of the National Assembly Staff Committee Motion, 2016.

Report was ordered to lie on the Table.

PUBLIC BUSINESS

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

II MOTIONS

1. **Establishment of the National Assembly Staff Committee Motion, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities, with the permission of the Speaker not to repeat the recitals, moved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this House hereby nominate the Honourable Patrick Faber, the Honourable John Saldivar, and the Honourable Florencio Marin Jr. to be members of the National Assembly Staff Committee.

Question put and agreed to.

2. **The OPEC Fund for International Development – US \$11,780,000 – Construction of the Airport Link Road Project – Loan Motion, 2016.**

The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Public Service, Energy and Public Utilities, with the permission of the Speaker not to repeat the recitals, moved:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the loan proceeds would significantly contribute towards the improvement of the regional road network and the socio-economic integration of the Ladyville and Western Paradise Communities, approves and confirms that the Government of Belize may enter into a Loan Agreement with the OPEC Fund for International Development (OFID) on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan Agreement and all other documents associated therewith.

Question put and agreed to.

III BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. **Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (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 Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, No 18 of 2008; to provide for measures to ensure compliance with international standards and obligations in relation to money laundering and terrorist financing and implementation of UN Security Council Resolutions; 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. Customs Regulation (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 Regulation Act, Chapter 49 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide for measures to ensure compliance with international standards and obligations in relation to money laundering and terrorist financing; to raise the threshold for currency declarations to \$20,000; to simplify procedures for currency declarations; 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.

3. Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:-

Bill for an Act to amend the Extradition Act, Chapter 112 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision for the extradition of fugitive criminals between Belize and the United Mexican States; 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. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 to 30 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

2. Customs Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 to 19 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

3. Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

Clauses 1 to 7 agreed to.

The Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the House without amendment.

MR. SPEAKER in the Chair.

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

1. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (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. Customs Regulation (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. Extradition (Amendment) Bill, 2016.

The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs 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 Honourable 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.

After the debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

The House adjourned at 1:40 P.M. to a date to be fixed by the Speaker.

Speaker.

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