

**BELIZE**

**No. 23/1/12**

**SENATE**

**Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

**10:13 A.M.**

Pursuant to the direction of Mr. President, in writing, dated 19<sup>th</sup> January 2015, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January 2015, at 10:13 A.M.

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Members Present:

Senator, the Honourable Marco Pech – President  
Senator, the Honourable Godwin Hulse – Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality  
Senator, the Honourable Juliet Thimbriel – Vice President  
Senator, the Honourable Joy Grant – Minister of Energy, Science and Technology and Public Utilities  
Senator, the Honourable Charles Gibson – Minister of Public Service and Elections and Boundaries  
Senator, the Honourable Lisel Alamilla – Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and Sustainable Development  
Senator, the Honourable Gerardo Sosa  
Senator, the Honourable Lisa Shoman  
Senator, the Honourable Anthony Sylvestre, Jr.  
Senator, the Honourable Patrick Andrews  
Senator, the Honourable Daniel Gutierrez- Temporary  
Senator, the Honourable Rev. Fr. Noel Leslie  
Senator, the Honourable Ray Davis

Member Absent:

Senator, the Honourable Markhelm Lizarraga.

MR. PRESIDENT *in the Chair*.

PRAYERS *read by Mr. President*.

**OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR**

The Clerk administered the Oath, in accordance with section 65 of the Belize Constitution, to temporary Senator Daniel Gutierrez.

**BILL BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and

Nationality signified his willingness to take charge of the Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality moved that the Bill be taken through all its stages forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

### **PAPERS**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality:-

- 151/1/12 - Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment of First Schedule) (No.9) Order, 2014.
- 152/1/12 - Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment of First Schedule) (No.10) Order, 2014.
- 153/1/12 - Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment of First Schedule) (No.11) Order, 2014.
- 154/1/12 - Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment of First Schedule) (No.12) Order, 2014.
- 155/1/12 - Supplies Control (Prices) (Amendment) (No.42) Regulations, 2014.
- 156/1/12 - Supplies Control (Prices) (Amendment) (No.43) Regulations, 2014.

Papers were ordered to lie on the Table.

### **MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality moved that, at its rising, the Senate adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

Question put and agreed to.

### **I BILL FOR SECOND READING**

#### **1. Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to amend the Sugar Industry Act, Chapter 325 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2000-2003; to bring the Act

into conformity with the Belize Constitution; to secure to all cane farmers the freedom to belong to an association of their own choice; to facilitate the commencement of grinding seasons in a fair and equitable manner, taking due account of the legitimate interests of all stakeholders; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

Suspension of the debate on the Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015. In accordance with Standing Order 10 (8), the Leader of Government Business moved that the proceedings on the matters on the Order Paper be entered upon and proceeded with at the Sitting at any hour though opposed.

Question was put and agreed to.

Resumption of the debate on the Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

After debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

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

## II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTION AND BILL

In accordance with Standing Order 54, the Senate, without question put, resolved itself into the Committee of the whole Senate to examine and consider the Bill that was read a second time.

(In the Committee of the whole Senate)

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

### 1. Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

Clauses 1 to 19 agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the Senate without amendment.

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

## III REPORTING AND THIRD READING OF BILL

### 1. Sugar Industry (Amendment) Bill, 2015.

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, National Emergency Management and Immigration and Nationality reported that the Committee of the whole Senate has considered the abovementioned Bill, clause by clause, and has agreed upon it without amendment.

Whereupon the Senator moved that the Bill be read a third time.

Question put and agreed to.

Bill read a third time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Senate adjourned at 12:15 P.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

**PRESIDENT**

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