

BELIZE

No. 1/1/13

SENATE

Friday, 13th November 2015

9:15 A.M.

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Pursuant to a Proclamation of His Excellency the Governor-General, dated 12th November 2015, appointing the date for the holding of a Session of the Legislature, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Friday, 13th November 2015, at 9:15 A.M.

Members Present:

Senator, the Honourable Lee Mark Chang
Senator, the Honourable Godwin Hulse – Leader of Government Business
and Minister of Natural Resources and Immigration
Senator, the Honourable Dr. Carla Barnett
Senator, the Honourable Francine Burns
Senator, the Honourable Macario Coy Sr.
Senator, the Honourable Stephen Duncan
Senator, the Honourable Aldo Salazar
Senator, the Honourable Lisa Shoman
Senator, the Honourable Anthony Sylvestre Jr.
Senator, the Honourable Patrick Andrews
Senator, the Honourable Markelm Lizarraga
Senator, the Honourable Rev. Ashley Rocke

Member Absent:

Senator appointed for the National Trade Union Congress and the Civil
Society Steering Committee

The Clerk read the Proclamation.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Pursuant to Standing Order 3, the Clerk called upon the Senate to elect a President.

Senator Godwin Hulse proposed Mr. Lee Mark Chang to be the President.

Senator Dr. Carla Barnett seconded the proposal.

There being no other person proposed, the Clerk declared Mr. Lee Mark Chang as the President of the Senate.

The President, accompanied by the Sponsor on his right and the Seconder on his left, followed by the Clerk, proceeded to the Dais.

Mr. President made the following announcement:

"I would like to express my gratitude for the high honour that you have conferred on me; and I give Members my solemn assurance that I will do everything in my power to make sure that the proceedings of this Senate are carried out with dignity, equanimity and impartiality."

Senator Lisa Shoman gave a short intervention.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT

Mr. President called on Members to make nominations for the post of Vice-President.

Senator Godwin Hulse nominated Senator Dr. Carla Barnett to be Vice-President of the Senate.

Senator Stephen Duncan seconded the proposal.

There being no other person proposed, Mr. President declared Senator Dr. Carla Barnett as the Vice-President of the Senate.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

The Clerk administered the Oath to Mr. President.

The Clerk then administered the Oath to the Vice-President.

The following Members, individually, took and subscribed the Oath as is required by section 71(1) of the Belize Constitution:

Senator, the Honourable Godwin Hulse
Senator, the Honourable Francine Burns
Senator, the Honourable Macario Coy Sr.
Senator, the Honourable Stephen Duncan
Senator, the Honourable Aldo Salazar
Senator, the Honourable Lisa Shoman
Senator, the Honourable Anthony Sylvestre Jr.
Senator, the Honourable Patrick Andrews
Senator, the Honourable Markhelm Lizarraga
Senator, the Honourable Rev. Ashley Rocke

PRAYERS

The Belizean Prayer read by Mr. President.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President made the following announcement:

“Before we proceed to the Adjournment, I would like to inform Honourable Senators that it has been indicated to me that it is the wish of the Honourable House of Representatives that the Senate attend this morning's Sitting of the House at the Grounds of the National Assembly Building on the occasion of the presentation of the Government Speech from the Throne by His Excellency the Governor-General.”

MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

The Leader of Government Business moved that at its rising today, the Senate adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

Question put and agreed to.

ADJOURNMENT

The Senate adjourned at 9:30 A.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

PRESIDENT

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