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**BELIZE**

**No. HR19/1/12**

## **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

10:00 AM.

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### ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Prayers.
3. Announcements by the Speaker.
7. Presentation of Reports from Select Committees.

No. HR138/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR139/1/12 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Central Bank of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

***(The Honourable Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)***

No. HR140/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR141/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR142/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR142A/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR143/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Police (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR144/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Crime Control and Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill, 2018.

No. HR145/1/12 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Protection of Witness Bill, 2018.

*(The Honourable Chairman of the National Security and Immigration Committee)*

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

14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

[Resumption of the Debate on the General Revenue Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill, 2018]

1. General Revenue Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill, 2018.

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, 2019.

*(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Natural Resources)*

**I COMMITTEE OF SUPPLY**

1. Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. (Sessional Paper No. HR129/1/12 was presented on 9.03.18.)

2. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2018.

(referred  
9.03.18)

**II MOTION** *(For Text of Motion see Notice Paper attached)*

1. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2018.

(referred 9.03.18)

*(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Natural Resources)*

### III BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. **Central Bank of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Central Bank of Belize Act, Chapter 262 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to make additional provision in relation to the entities with whom the Central Bank of Belize may engage in foreign exchange transactions; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs and Excise Duties Act, Chapter 48 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to implement the Customs and Excise Trade Classification based on the Harmonised System of Classification Version 2017; to implement the fourth phase of reduction of duties in accordance with the Economic Partnership Agreement, to vary the rates of excise duty on certain items; to increase the scope of items subject to excise duty; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. **Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Immigration Act, Chapter 156 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to provide; as a companion measure to amendments to the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161, for the bifurcation of functions related to immigration and nationality services, to regularize the use of the term used to describe the head of the government department responsible for immigration; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

4. **Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to provide, as a companion measure to amendments to the Immigration Act, Chapter 156, for the bifurcation of functions related to nationality and immigration services; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

5. **Passports (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Passports Act, Chapter 164 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to provide for the bifurcation of functions related to nationality and immigration services; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Natural Resources)*

**6. Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chapter 143 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to establish a framework for an heirloom firearm licence; to provide for facilitating the deposit of a firearm for safe keeping in a police station; to provide for new and updated fines and fees; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**7. Police (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Police Act, Chapter 138 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to bring the Police Act into conformity with the Public Service Regulations and to strengthen disciplinary control of persons holding or acting in offices in the security services; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**8. Crime Control and Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Crime Control and Criminal Justice Act, Chapter 102 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to make provision for better maintenance of public safety and order through discouraging membership of criminal gangs and the disruption and suppression of criminal gang activity; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**9. Protection of Witness Bill, 2018.**

Bill for an Act to provide for the protection of witnesses in criminal proceedings, by enhancing the ability of a witness to give testimony in a judicial proceedings and to cooperate with law enforcement authorities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs and Home Affairs)*

**IV COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS**

**V BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

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**NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

1. **Official Charities Fund Motion, 2018.**

**(referred 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018.)**

**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 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2019.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

***(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and  
Natural Resources)***

