

BELIZE

No. 19/1/13

SENATE

Wednesday, 24th January 2018

10:03 A.M.

Pursuant to the direction of Mr. President, in writing, dated 5th January 2018, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Wednesday, 24th January 2018, at 10:03 A.M.

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Members Present:

Senator, the Honourable Lee Mark Chang – President
Senator, the Honourable Godwin Hulse – Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration
Senator, the Honourable Herbert Panton – Temporary Senator
Senator, the Honourable Michael Peyrefitte – Attorney General
Senator, the Honourable Macario Coy Sr.
Senator, the Honourable Stephen Duncan
Senator, the Honourable Aldo Salazar
Senator, the Honourable Eamon Courtenay
Senator, the Honourable Valerie Woods
Senator, the Honourable Paul Thompson
Senator, the Honourable Markhelm Lizarraga
Senator, the Honourable Rev. Ashley Rocke
Senator, the Honourable Elena Smith
Senator, the Honourable Osmany Salas

Member Absent:

Senator, the Honourable Dr. Carla Barnett – Vice-President and Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Natural Resources

MR. PRESIDENT *in the Chair.*

PRAYERS *by Senator Rev. Ashley Rocke.*

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR

The Clerk administered the Oath, in accordance with section 65 of the Belize Constitution, to the new Senator, the Honourable Herbert Panton.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Mr. President made the following announcement:-

“Honourable Members, by letter dated 5th January 2018, Cabinet’s recommendation has been signified to the General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2017.”

BILL BROUGHT FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration signified his willingness to take charge of the General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2017.

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration 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 Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration:-

- 34/1/13 - Social Security Board – Financial Statements for Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and Actuarial Review of the Social Security Scheme as at December 31, 2015;
- 35/1/13 - Social Security Board – Actuarial Review of the Social Security Scheme – 31 December 2016; Audited Financial Statements for Years ended December 2016 and 2015; and Reports also at www.socialsecurity.org.bz;
- 36/1/13 - Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2016; and
- 37/1/13 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.3) Schedule for Fiscal Year 2016/2017.

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 Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration 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. **General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the above-mentioned Bill be read a second time:

Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums of money for the use of the Public Service of Belize for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, two thousand and seventeen.

(Suspension of the debate on the General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2017.)

In accordance with Standing Order 10 (8), the Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration 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 and continuation of the debate on the General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2017.)

After the debate thereon, question was 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 BILL

In accordance with Standing Order 68A, 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. General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (No.3) Bill, 2018.

The Senate agreed to have the Financial Secretary, Mr. Joseph Waight, appear before the Committee to answer to the concerns of some Senators.

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

Bill to be reported back to the Senate without amendment.

III REPORTING AND THIRD READING OF BILL

1. General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2016/2017) (N0.3) Bill, 2017.

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Committee of the whole Senate has considered the above-mentioned 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 Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the Senate be adjourned.

The Senate adjourned at 1:51 P.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

PRESIDENT

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