

BELIZE

No.22/1/13

SENATE

Thursday, 5th July 2018

10:00 A.M.

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A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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3. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by Belize of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol Motion, 2018.
4. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Cooperation Framework Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Panama and the Government of Belize Motion, 2018.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. Appointment of Members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission Motion, 2018.

WHEREAS, section 88(1) of the Belize Constitution provides that there shall be an Elections and Boundaries Commission which shall consist of a Chairman and four other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

AND WHEREAS, subsection (2) of the said section 88 further provides that the Chairman and two other members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, and the remaining two members shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the above-cited provisions of the Belize Constitution, the Governor General intends to appoint the following persons as Members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission for a period of **five (5) years with effect from 1st May 2018:-**

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| 1. | Mrs. Phillipa Griffith Bailey | Member | |
| 2. | Ms. Naima Barrow | Member | |
| 3. | Mr. Orlando Espat | Member | } Nominated by Leader |
| 4. | Ms. Magali Marin | Member | |
- } of the Opposition

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(2)(c) and section 61(A)(3) of the Belize Constitution provide that a member of the Elections and Boundaries Commission can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate signified through a resolution supported by a simple majority of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, being satisfied that the above-mentioned persons are persons of integrity and high national standing, approves their appointment as Members of the Elections and Boundaries Commission for a period of five (5) years with effect from 1st May 2018, in accordance with the aforesaid provisions of the Belize Constitution.

2. Appointment of Ms. Deshawn Arzu Torres as Chairperson of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2018.

WHEREAS, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011 (hereinafter called “the Act”) provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years’ standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

AND WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Act provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Act further provides that in the process of consultation with the Leader of the Opposition for the appointment of the Chairperson, the Prime Minister shall use his best endeavours to secure the agreement of the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, the Right Honourable Prime Minister intends to advise the Governor-General to appoint Ms. **DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, Attorney-at-Law, as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

AND WHEREAS, Ms. **DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, is a person of integrity and high national standing and is duly qualified to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(2)(c), read with section 61A(3), of the Constitution of Belize provides, in effect, that an appointment of a member of the Integrity Commission can only be validly made with the prior approval of the Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, having perused the curriculum vitae of Ms. **DESHAWN ARZU TORRES**, and being satisfied that she is a fit and proper person to be appointed as the Chairperson of the Integrity Commission, hereby approve her appointment as such, for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from 1st June 2018.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by Belize of the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol Motion, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Doha Amendment to the Kyoto Protocol (hereafter “the Doha Agreement”) was adopted on 8 December 2012;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Doha Amendment is to establish a second commitment period (2013-2020) and a set of emission reduction targets for most Annex I Parties in an amended Annex B;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of accepting to the Doha Amendment pursuant to Articles 20 (4) and 21 (7) of the Kyoto Protocol;

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(2)(b) of the Belize Constitution, as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008), provides that the Senate shall authorize the acceptance of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accept the Doha Amendment, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

4. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Cooperation Framework Agreement Between the Government of the Republic of Panama and the Government of Belize Motion, 2018.

WHEREAS, the Cooperation Framework Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Panama and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) was signed by the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Panama (hereafter referred to as “the Parties”) on 6 April 2018, in Belize City, Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement is to promote and intensify bilateral cooperation between the Parties;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement pursuant to Article 8 of the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution, as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008), provides that the Senate shall authorize the ratification to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement between the Parties, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development, and Immigration)



