

**BELIZE**

**No. 15/1/13**

**SENATE**

**Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**10:13 A.M.**

Pursuant to the direction of Mr. President, in writing, dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2017, at 10:13 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 Dr. Carla Barnett – Vice-President and Minister of State in the Ministry of Finance and Natural Resources  
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 Michel Chebat (Temporary Senator)  
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 Eamon Courtenay

MR. PRESIDENT *in the Chair*.

PRAYERS *by Rev. Ashley Rocke*.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT**

Mr. President made the following announcement:-

“Honourable Members, by letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017, Cabinet’s recommendation has been signified to the following:

1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2017;

2. International Business Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
3. General Sales Tax (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2017;
4. Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017;
5. Economic Development Council Bill, 2017;
6. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2017; and
7. Caribbean Development Bank Placencia Peninsula Wastewater Management Project – Nutrient Fate and Transport Study – Loan Motion, 2017.

### **BILLS 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 following Bills:

1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2017;
2. International Business Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
3. General Sales Tax (Amendment) (No.2) Bill 2017;
4. Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017;
5. Economic Development Council Bill, 2017;
6. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2017;
7. Belize Building (Amendment) Bill, 2017; and
8. National Cultural Heritage Preservation Bill, 2017.

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration moved that the Bills be taken through all their stages forthwith.

Question put and agreed to.

### **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.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**I MOTIONS**

1. **Caribbean Development Bank Placencia Peninsula Wastewater Management Project – Nutrient Fate and Transport Study – Loan Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Loans (Caribbean Development Bank) Act, Chapter 74 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2003 provides that subject to such conditions as may be agreed between the Government and the Caribbean Development Bank (“the Bank”), the Government may borrow from the Bank from time to time such sums as may be required by the Government;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the said Act further provides that no agreement in respect of sums borrowed under the powers conferred by section 3(1) shall be executed unless the terms and conditions thereof have been first approved by a Resolution of the House of Representatives to that effect;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Bank has recently approved a Loan to the Government of Belize in the sum of **US \$596,000**;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Loan is to provide funds to the Government of Belize for consultancy services to undertake a nutrient fate and transport study to inform the design of a wastewater management system for the Placencia Peninsula;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Project consists of the following objectives:

- (a) Develop a comprehensive model to predict the transport and fate of nutrients and fecal bacteria in the Placencia Lagoon and surrounding coastal Caribbean Sea off the Placencia Peninsula; The consultants will assume diffuse (non-point) sources and selected point sources corresponding to potential sites for the proposed Placencia Wastewater Treatment System; The model will take account of potential climate change impacts; and
- (b) Recommend optimal locations for sewerage treatment facility and final effluent disposal;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Bank has offered to lend to the Government the sum of **US\$596,000** (“the Loan”) in one Portion to finance the Project on the following terms and conditions:

**Special Funds Resources**

- (a) **US \$596,000 from the Bank’s Special Fund Resources (SFR)** – to be repaid in thirty-two (32) equal or approximately equal and consecutive quarterly installments on each Due Date commencing on the first Due Date, two (2) years after the Agreement Date;
- (b) **Interest** at the rate of 2.5% per annum to be paid quarterly on the outstanding SFR portion of the Loan;

The Loan shall be fully disbursed by May 31, 2019, or such later date as the Bank may specify in writing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Project will significantly contribute to the Government’s efforts to undertake a nutrient fate and transport study to inform the design of a wastewater management system for the Placencia Peninsula, approves and confirms that the Government may enter into a Loan Agreement with the Caribbean Development Bank on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Agreement and all other documents associated therewith.

After the debate thereon, question put and agreed to.

**2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Protocol to Amend Article 83 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community Including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Protocol to Amend Article 83 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community Including the Caricom Single Market and Economy (hereinafter called “the Protocol”) was signed on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2015;

**AND WHEREAS**, in accordance with its Article III, the Protocol shall enter into force in accordance with Article 236(2) of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community Including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Protocol pursuant to Article 3 of the Protocol;

**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 Protocol, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

After the debate thereon, Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

3. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for Air Services Between and Beyond their Respective Territories Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for Air Services Between and Beyond their Respective Territories (hereinafter called the “the Agreement”) was signed on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to grant to the Government of the United Arab Emirates the rights specified in the Agreement for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the Annex to the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 23 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 to the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

4. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the State of Kuwait Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the State of Kuwait (hereinafter called “the Agreement”) was signed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to grant to the Government of the State of Kuwait the rights specified in the Agreement

for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the Annex to the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 23 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 to the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**5. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Singapore Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Singapore (hereinafter called “the Agreement”) was signed on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to grant to the Government of the Republic of Singapore the rights specified in the Agreement for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the Annex to the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 26 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 to the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

**6. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of Malaysia Motion, 2017.**

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

**WHEREAS**, the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of Malaysia (hereinafter called “the Agreement”) was signed on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017;

**AND WHEREAS**, the objective of the Agreement is to grant to the Government of the Malaysia the rights specified in the Agreement for the purpose of operating international air services on the routes specified in the Annex to the Agreement;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 37 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 to the Agreement, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

Motion was referred to the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee for examination, consideration and report.

## **II BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

### **1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No.2) 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 amend the Customs and Excise Duties Act, Chapter 48 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to vary the rates of import duty on certain items; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the 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.

### **2. International Business Companies (Amendment) 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 amend the International Business Companies Act, Chapter 270 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to prohibit the issuance of bearer shares in an international business

company; to provide for Register of Directors and Register of Beneficial Owners and for such Registers to be kept at the registered office in Belize; to provide for the Registers upon request by the competent authority to be produced within twenty-four hours; to repeal provisions relating to tax exemptions and provide for the optional payment of income and business tax by an international business company; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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.

### **3. General Sales Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 amend the Bill for an Act to amend the General Sales Tax Act, Chapter 63 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to include an administrative fee for the replacement of a GST certificate of registration; to provide a time limit for claiming a refund; to give the Commissioner the power to temporarily close businesses for repeated violations; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the 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.

### **4. Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 further amend the Stamp Duties Act, Chapter 64 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to make new provision in relation to stamp duties chargeable on transfers of land; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Suspension of the debate on the Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) 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 Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017.)

After the 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.

**5. Economic Development Council 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 facilitate economic growth in, and the business competitiveness of, Belize by establishing a body to be known as the Economic Development Council to promote partnership and collaboration between the public sector and private sector; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the 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.

**6. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) 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 amend the Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) Act, Chapter 104 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, in furtherance of Belize's Financial Action Task Force obligations to conduct a Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing National Risk Assessment, to give the Financial Intelligence Unit, the competent authority for Anti Money Laundering in Belize, the specific power to conduct a money laundering and countering of terrorism risk assessment; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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.

**7. Belize Building (Amendment) 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 amend the Belize Building Act, Chapter 231 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to strengthen and clarify the relationship between the Central Building Authority, local authorities and Local Building Authorities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the 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.

#### **8. National Cultural Heritage Preservation 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 make provisions for the designation, protection and conservation of heritage assets under the leadership of the National Institute of Culture and History (NICH); to establish a Council to assist the NICH in discharging its functions under this Act; to establish a fund exclusively for matters connected with heritage assets and to provide for a National Heritage Protection Plan for the proper implementation of the provisions of this Act; to provide for an inventory of heritage assets; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

After the 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.

### **III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS AND BILLS**

In accordance with Standing Order 68A, the Senate, without question put, resolved itself into the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee, a Committee of the whole Senate, to consider the Motions referred to it and, thereafter, in accordance with Standing Order 54, into the Committee of the whole Senate to examine and consider the Bills that were read a second time.

(In the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Protocol to Amend Article 83 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community Including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy Motion, 2017.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for Air Services Between and Beyond their Respective Territories Motion, 2017.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

3. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the State of Kuwait Motion, 2017.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

4. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Singapore Motion, 2017.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

5. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of Malaysia Motion, 2017.**

Motion in its entirety agreed to.

Motion to be reported back to the Senate for adoption without amendment.

(In the Committee of the whole Senate)

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

1. **Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

**2. International Business Companies (Amendment) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 26 agreed to.

**3. General Sales Tax (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 4 agreed to.

**4. Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 5 agreed to.

**5. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 and 2 agreed to.

**6. Belize Building (Amendment) Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 26 agreed to.

**7. Economic Development Council Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 16 agreed to.

Schedule agreed to.

**8. National Cultural Heritage Preservation Bill, 2017.**

Clauses 1 to 77 agreed to.

First Schedule and Second Schedule agreed to.

**PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

**IV MOTION**

**(Adoption of Motion)**

- 1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification of the Protocol to Amend Article 83 of the Revised Treaty of Chaguaramas Establishing the Caribbean Community Including the CARICOM Single Market and Economy Motion, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the United Arab Emirates for Air Services Between and Beyond their Respective Territories Motion, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

3. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the State of Kuwait Motion, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

4. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Singapore Motion, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

5. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Air Services Agreement Between the Government of Belize and the Government of Malaysia Motion, 2017.**

The Leader of Government Business and Minister of Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration reported that the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee met and considered the above-captioned Motion and has agreed for it to be adopted without amendment.

Question put and agreed to.

**1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) (No.2) 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.

**2. International Business Companies (Amendment) 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.

**3. General Sales Tax (Amendment) (No.2) 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.

**4. Stamp Duties (Amendment) (No.2) 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.

**5. Economic Development Council 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.

**6. Money Laundering and Terrorism (Prevention) (Amendment) 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.

**7. Belize Building (Amendment) 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.

**8. National Cultural Heritage Preservation 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.

After a short intervention by Senator Valerie Woods, question was put and agreed to.

The Senate adjourned at 4:20 P.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

**PRESIDENT**

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