No. 23/1/13

### **SENATE**

## Friday, 17th August 2018

# 9:33 A.M.

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Pursuant to the direction of Mr. President, in writing, dated 8<sup>th</sup> August 2018, the Senate met in the National Assembly Chamber in Belmopan on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at 9:33 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 Local Government, Labour and Rural Development

Senator, the Honourable Macario Coy Sr.

Senator, the Honourable Stephen Duncan

Senator, the Honourable Michel Chebat – Temporary Senator

## Members Absent:

Senator, the Honourable Michael Peyrefitte - Attorney General

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 Elena Smith

Senator, the Honourable Rev. Ashley Rocke

Senator, the Honourable Osmany Salas

MR. PRESIDENT in the Chair.

PRAYERS by Senator Macario Coy Sr.

## OATH OF ALLEGIANCE OF A NEW SENATOR

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Mr. Clerk, kindly administer the Oath of Allegiance to the new Senator.

**SENATOR M. CHEBAT:** I, Michel Chebat, do swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to Belize and will uphold the Constitution and the law, and that I will

conscientiously, impartially and to the best of my ability discharge my duties as a Senator and do right to all manner of people without fear or favour, affection or ill-will. So help me, God.

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Congratulation to you, Senator Chebat. Welcome to today's Sitting.

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

MR. PRESIDENT: Honourable Members, before we proceed to the adjournment, I would like to inform you, Honourable Senators, that it has been indicated to me that it is the wish of the Honourable House of Representatives that the Honourable Senate join the House, this morning, for an address by Her Excellency Dr. Tsai Ing-Wen, President of the Republic of China (Taiwan).

All those in favour, kindly say aye; those against, kindly say no. I think the ayes have it.

### MOTIONS RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OR SITTINGS OF THE SENATE

SENATOR G. HULSE (Leader of Government Business and Minister Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration): A pleasant good morning, Mr. President and colleagues. First, may I welcome Senator Chebat to this Sitting.

Mr. President, I move that at its rising today, the Senate adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

**MR. PRESIDENT:** Honourable Members, the question is that, at its rising today, the Senate adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

All those in favour, kindly say aye; those against, kindly say no. I think the ayes have it.

## ADJOURNMENT

SENATOR G. HULSE (Leader of Government Business and Minister Agriculture, Forestry, Fisheries, the Environment, Sustainable Development and Immigration): Mr. President, I move that this Senate do now adjourn.

**MR. PRESIDENT**: Honourable Members, the question is that the Senate do now adjourn.

All those in favour, kindly say aye; those against, kindly say no. I think the ayes have it.

The Senate now stands adjourn.

The Senate adjourned at 9:35 A.M. to a date to be fixed by the President.

PRESIDENT.

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