

BELIZE

No.38/1/13

SENATE

Tuesday, 10th March 2020

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Prayers.**
- 2. Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation.**
- 3. Announcement by the President.**
- 4. Bill brought from the House of Representatives.**

1. Government Contracts (Validation) Bill, 2020.

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6. Papers.

- 68/1/13 - Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute - Audited Financial Statements for the Year Ended March 31, 2019.
- 69/1/13 - International Business Companies (Variation of Fees) Order, 2020.
- 70/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Corozal to Sarteneja Road Upgrading Contract No. 183.
- 71/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Sixth Road (Coastal Highway Upgrading) Project - Lots 1 and 2 Consultancy Services for Engineering Supervision Phase 2 (Two) Construction and Post Construction Services Contract No. 202.
- 72/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Sixth Road (Coastal Highway Upgrading) Project - Lot 1 (One) (La Democracia to Soldier Creek Bridge) Contract No. 203.
- 73/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Sixth Road (Coastal Highway Upgrading) Project - Lot 2 (Two) (Soldier Creek Bridge to Coastal Highway/ Hummingbird Highway Junction) Contract No. 204.
- 74/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Caracol Road Upgrading Project - Lot1a (Santa Elena To Tripartite Junction and Georgeville to Tripartite Junction) Contract No. 205.

75/1/13 - Ministry of Works – Caracol Road Upgrading Project - Lot1b
(Tripartite Junction to Blancaneaux Lodge Line) Contract No. 206.

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13. **Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the Senate.**

14. **Public Business.**

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice
Papers attached)*

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Motion, 2020.
2. Re-Appointment of Ombudsman Motion, 2020.

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BILL FOR SECOND READING

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS AND BILL

BILL FOR THIRD READING

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons Motion, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons (hereinafter referred to as “the Treaty”) was signed on 6th February 2020, in New York City;

AND WHEREAS, the objectives of the Treaty are to prohibit States Parties from developing, testing, producing, manufacturing, transferring, possessing, stockpiling, using, or threatening to use nuclear weapons; to prohibit States Parties from allowing nuclear weapons to be stationed on their territory; and to prohibit States Parties from assisting and encouraging these prohibited activities;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Treaty as is permitted by Article 14 of the Treaty and which will contribute to the Treaty’s timely entry into force in accordance with Article 15 of the Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(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 of any Agreement by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

2. Re-Appointment of Ombudsman Motion, 2020.

WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Ombudsman Act, Chapter 5 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, provides that the Ombudsman shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf;

AND WHEREAS, MR. LIONEL ARZU continues to possess the relevant qualifications and fulfils the requirements for appointment to the office of Ombudsman, as contained in the Ombudsman Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that **MR. LIONEL ARZU** is a fit and proper person to be re-appointed as Ombudsman, recommends to the Governor-General that **MR. LIONEL ARZU** be re-appointed as Ombudsman for a further period of one (1) year with effect from 1st April 2020, on his existing terms and conditions.

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