

BELIZE

No. HR35/1/12

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, 5th March 2020

10:00 AM

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SUPPLEMENTARY (1)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

6. Papers.

- No. HR247/1/12 - The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Ombudsman of Belize for the Year Ending 2019.
- No. HR248/1/12 - Ministry of Works – Corozal to Sarteneja Road Upgrading Contract No. 183.
- No. HR249/1/12 - 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.
- No. HR250/1/12 - Ministry of Works – Sixth Road (Coastal Highway Upgrading) Project - Lot 1 (One) (La Democracia to Soldier Creek Bridge) Contract No. 203.
- No. HR251/1/12 - Ministry of Works – Sixth Road (Coastal Highway Upgrading) Project - Lot 2 (Two) (Soldier Creek Bridge to Coastal Highway/Hummingbird Highway Junction) Contract No. 204.
- No. HR252/1/12 - Ministry of Works – Caracol Road Upgrading Project - Lot1a (Santa Elena To Tripartite Junction and Georgeville to Tripartite Junction) Contract No. 205.
- No. HR253/1/12 - Ministry of Works – Caracol Road Upgrading Project - Lot1b (Tripartite Junction to Blancaneaux Lodge Line) Contract No. 206.

12. **Introduction of Bills.**

1. **General Revenue Appropriation (2020/2021) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to appropriate certain sums of money for the use of the Public Service of Belize for the financial year ending March 31, 2021.

2. **Government Contracts (Validation) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to validate the omission by the Minister to lay government contracts on the table of both Houses of the National Assembly for examination by each House of the National Assembly, in accordance with section 19(6) of Finance and Audit (Reform) Act, Chapter 15 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. **Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Prevention of Corruption Act, Chapter 105 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to enlarge the composition of the Commission with a nomination by the National Trade Union Congress of Belize; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

I MOTION *(For Text of Motion see Notice Paper attached)*

1. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2020.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

B. **Private Member's Business**

I MOTION *(For Text of Motion see Notice Paper attached)*

1. No-Confidence Motion, 2020.

(The Honourable Leader of the Opposition)

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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y (1)

N O T I C E S O F Q U E S T I O N S A N D M O T I O N S

M O T I O N

1. Official Charities Fund Motion, 2020.

Notice given on 28th February 2020.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Honourable House approves the expenditure of \$2,385,089 from the Official Charities Fund as detailed in Appendix A of the Draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the year ending 31st March 2021.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Right Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Labour, Local Government, Rural Development, Energy, Public Utilities, Public Service and Elections and Boundaries)

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

(PRIVATE MEMBER'S BUSINESS)

M O T I O N

1. No-Confidence Motion, 2020.

Notice given on 28th February 2020.

WHEREAS, Standing Order 26(2) of the Standing Orders of the House of Representatives provides for motions to be moved by Private Members of the House generally on giving notice of the motion to the Clerk of the National Assembly in writing;

AND WHEREAS, Standing Order 31 provides that such motions must be seconded before debate and consideration by the House;

AND WHEREAS, section 37(4) of the Constitution of Belize, Chapter 4 of the Laws of Belize, requires that in the event a Motion of No Confidence is passed by the House, the Prime Minister is required to resign within a defined period or otherwise dissolve the House and proceed to general elections;

AND WHEREAS, there has been expenditure of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund without the approval of this House;

AND WHEREAS, the Government is unable and unwilling to cure the unlawful spending or procure any required constitutional amendment;

AND WHEREAS, the withdrawal and spending of monies from the Consolidated Revenue Fund without lawful authority continues unabated to the detriment of the people of Belize and contrary to good governance, transparency and accountability in public finances;

AND WHEREAS, serious allegations have been made against Members of the House on the Government side which has endangered and diminished respect for and confidence in the integrity of the United Democratic Party Government;

AND WHEREAS, the Prime Minister has ordered an investigation into the allegations of bribery and misconduct against at least one Member on the Government side of this Honourable House;

AND WHEREAS, the people have no confidence that the Prime Minister has any intention of pursuing any investigations, enquiries or audits to the detriment of the chances of the United Democratic Party of winning the next General Elections in Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is, in the circumstances, and in the absence of such investigations, enquiries and audit, unable to govern the state for the benefit of the people of Belize;

AND WHEREAS, the Belizean economy continues in recession, crime is completely out of control, major industries in Belize are in crisis, unemployment is at unacceptable levels, crony political corruption is endemic at the highest levels of Government, all as a result of the incompetence, mismanagement, malfeasance and misfeasance of the Prime Minister and his Cabinet;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Honourable House has no confidence in the Government of Belize led by Prime Minister Dean Barrow to continue to manage the affairs of the State of Belize in the interest of the people of Belize.

(The Honourable Leader of the Opposition)

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