

BELIZE

No.40/1/13

SENATE

Tuesday, 28th April 2020

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Prayers.**
- 3. Announcements by the President.**
- 13. Motions relating to the Business or Sittings of the Senate.**
- 14. Public Business.**

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

1. Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on April 1, 2020, Motion, 2020.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Food, Agriculture and Immigration)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTION

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTION

1. **Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on April 1, 2020, Motion, 2020.**

WHEREAS, section 18 (2) of the Belize Constitution provides that the Governor-General may, by proclamation which shall be published in the *Gazette*, declare that a state of public emergency exists for the purposes of Part II of the Constitution;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (3) of the Belize Constitution provides that, in order to have effect, the proclamation must contain a declaration of the Governor-General that he is satisfied that a public emergency has arisen as a result of the outbreak of infectious disease;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (4) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made under section 18 (2) may be made so as to apply only to such part of Belize as may be specified in the proclamation;

AND WHEREAS, section 18 (5) of the Belize Constitution provides that a proclamation made by the Governor-General for the purposes of and in accordance with section 18 of the Constitution shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month; but may be extended from time to time by a resolution passed by the National Assembly for further periods, not exceeding in respect of each such extension a period of twelve months; and may be revoked at any time by a resolution of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, having been satisfied that a public emergency had arisen in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19, the Governor-General, by Proclamation made on the 1st day of April 2020, by Statutory Instrument No. 45 of 2020, declared that a state of public emergency exists in the entire country of Belize and that the Proclamation shall, unless previously revoked, remain in force for a period not exceeding one month, or such longer period, not exceeding twelve months, as may be determined by resolution passed by the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, recognizing that the period of public emergency shall expire at the end of day on the 30th day of April 2020 and being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the entire country of Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the entire country of

Belize as a result of the outbreak of the infectious disease known as COVID-19, hereby extends the period of public emergency in the country of Belize for a further period of two months.

(Leader of Government Business and Minister of Food, Agriculture and Immigration)

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