

BELIZE

No.44/1/13

SENATE

Wednesday, 5th August 2020

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

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- 3. Announcements by the President.**
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- 1. Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*
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- 4. Electronic Transactions (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*

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- 13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the Senate.**
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A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

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

- 1. Period of Public Emergency in the Southside of Belize City Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General Motion, 2020.**

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II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTION

1. **Period of Public Emergency in the Southside of Belize City Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General 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 action having been taken or being immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the public safety;

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 part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, as a result of action having been taken or being immediately threatened by any person or body of persons of such a nature and on so extensive a scale as to be likely to endanger the public safety, the Governor-General, by Proclamation made on the 6th day of July 2020, by Statutory Instrument No. 97 of 2020, declared on the 7th day of July, 2020 that a state of public emergency exists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City, known as the Southside, and which is specified in the Schedule thereto 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 6th day of August 2020 and being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, and which is specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that a period of public emergency persists in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City, known as the Southside, as specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020, hereby extends the period of public emergency in the part of Belize consisting of the part of Belize City known as the Southside, as specified in the Schedule to Statutory Instrument 97 of 2020, for a further period of two months.

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

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