

**BELIZE**

**No. HR41/1/12**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020

10:00 AM

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**S U P P L E M E N T A R Y ( 2 )**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**7. Presentation of Reports from Select Committees.**

No. HR 277A/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Motion, 2020.

No. HR 278/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Crime Control and Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

No. HR 279/1/12 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Customs Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

*(The Honourable Chairman of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)*

No. HR 280/1/12 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee on the Labour (Amendment) Bill, 2020.

*(The Honourable Chairman of the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee)*

14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

II **MOTION** *(For Text of Motion see  
Notice Papers attached)*

1. Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Motion, 2020.

*(referred 14<sup>th</sup> August 2020)*

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

III **BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

1. **Crime Control and Criminal Justice (Amendment) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Crime Control and Criminal Justice Act, Chapter 102 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to expand the offences for which a Magistrate shall not grant bail; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **Customs Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs Regulation Act, Chapter 49 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to remove the imposition of a fine as a penalty for certain offences and replace it with mandatory imprisonment; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. **Labour (Amendment) Bill, 2020.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Labour Act, Chapter 297 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to provide for employers to reduce wages where the working hours of an employee have been reduced in special circumstances, to provide for leave of absence without pay in special circumstances; to provide for exemptions from the period of night rest; 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)*

**IV COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS**

**V BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

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**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. **Extending the Period of Public Emergency in the Country of Belize Declared by Proclamation of the Governor-General on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020, Motion, 2020.**

*(referred 14<sup>th</sup> August 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 has 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, by Statutory Instrument No. 110 of 2020, declared that as at the 7<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020, 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 fourteen days, 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 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 fourteen days.

***(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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