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BELIZE

No.46/1/13

SENATE

Wednesday, 30th September 2020

10:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Prayers.**
- 2. Oath of Allegiance or Affirmation.**
- 3. Announcements by the President.**
- 4. Bills brought from the House of Representatives.**
 1. *General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (2020/2021) (No.4) Bill, 2020.*
 2. *Treasury Bills (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2020.*
 3. *Immigration (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2020.*
 4. *Caribbean Community (Free Movement of Skilled Persons) (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*
 5. *Land Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*
 6. *Radiation Safety and Security Bill, 2020.*
 7. *Cybercrime Bill, 2020.*
 8. *Defence (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*
 9. *Representation of the People (Amendment) Bill, 2020.*

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- 6. Papers.**
 - 87/1/13 - Central Bank of Belize – 2019 Annual Report and Statement of Accounts.
 - 88/1/13 - Social Security Board – Financial Statements for the Years Ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and Independent Auditor’s Report; and Actuarial Performance Analysis of the Social Security Scheme as at December 31, 2019.
 - 89/1/13 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.4) Schedule for Fiscal Year 2020/2021.

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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 Paper attached)*

1. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize Motion, 2020.
2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation Between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize Motion, 2020.

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II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS AND BILLS

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters Between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize Motion, 2020.**

WHEREAS, the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as “the Treaty”) has been concluded between Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Treaty is to provide a platform for Belize and Taiwan, through the relevant authorities, to provide mutual legal assistance in connection with the investigation, prosecution, court proceedings, and prevention of offences and in proceedings related to criminal matters;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Treaty, pursuant to Article 22 of the Treaty;

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(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 accession to any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Treaty on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

2. **Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize of the Agreement on Economic Cooperation Between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize Motion, 2020.**

WHEREAS, the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”) has been concluded between Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan);

AND WHEREAS, the objective of the Agreement is to strengthen and formalize the commercial and economic relations between Belize and Taiwan (the Parties) through the facilitation, promotion, diversification, and expansion of trade in originating goods from the Parties by granting tariff preferences; the

development of mechanisms for the promotion of investments and modernizing the existing Bilateral Investment Treaty; technical cooperation and capacity-building activities; support for increasing investment and private sector initiatives and enhancing supply-capacity, competitiveness, and economic growth in Belize; and the establishment of a system to resolve trade disputes arising from activities provided for under this Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the Agreement, pursuant to Article 48 of the Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(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 treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify the Agreement on Economic Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Belize, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

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