

**BELIZE**

**No. HR10/1/13**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2021

10:00 AM

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

- 1. Prayers.**
2. Oath of Allegiance of a New Member.
- 3. Announcements by the Speaker.**
4. Bill brought from the Senate.
5. Petitions.
- 6. Papers.**

No. HR79/1/13 - Social Investment Fund – Audited Financial Statements for Year Ended March 31, 2021.

No. HR80/1/13 - The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Contractor General – February 1, 2020, to March 31, 2021.

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment)*

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

No. HR81/1/13 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

No. HR82/1/13 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Bill, 2021.

*(The Honourable Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)*

No. HR83/1/13 - Report from the Health and Human Development Committee on the Certified Institutions (Children’s Reformation) (Repeal) Bill, 2021.

No. HR84/1/13 - Report from the Health and Human Development Committee on the Families and Children (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

No. HR85/1/13 - Report from the Health and Human Development Committee on the Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill, 2021.

*(The Honourable Chairman of the Health and Human Development Committee)*

8. Questions to Ministers.
9. Requests for leave to move the adjournment of the House on definite matters of urgent public importance.
10. Statement by Ministers.
11. Personal Explanations.
12. Introduction of Bills.
- 13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the House.**
- 14. Public Business.**

**A. Government Business**

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

1. Caribbean Development Bank - Natural Disaster Management - Immediate Response Loan - Hurricanes Eta and Iota – US\$2.5 million Loan Motion, 2021.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment)*

**II BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

**1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2021.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs and Excise Duties Act, Chapter 48 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, to rename the tariff column headed EPA with EPA/UK; to implement the eighth phase of reduction of duties in accordance with the CARIFORUM – UK/EPA; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **The Belize Bank Limited Undertaking (Belize Bank Corporation Limited Operations) Vesting Bill, 2021.**

Bill for an Act to provide for the vesting in The Belize Bank Limited of certain business in Belize of Belize Bank Corporation Limited; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment)*

3. **Certified Institutions (Children’s Reformation) (Repeal) Bill, 2021.**

Bill for an Act to repeal the Certified Institutions (Children’s Reformation) Act, Chapter 121 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

4. **Juvenile Offenders (Amendment) Bill, 2021.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Juvenile Offenders Act, Chapter 119 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to repeal the provisions that relate to status offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

5. **Families and Children (Amendment) Bill, 2021.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Families and Children Act, Chapter 173 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011; to substitute the term “approved children home” with the term “residential care facility” in order to ensure consistency with its use in those laws that refer to residential care facilities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Human Development, Families and Indigenous Peoples’ Affairs)*

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

**IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING**



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**NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

1. **Caribbean Development Bank - Natural Disaster Management - Immediate Response Loan - Hurricanes Eta and Iota – US\$2.5 million Loan Motion, 2021.**

**Notice given on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.**

**WHEREAS**, section 3(1) of the Loans (Caribbean Development Bank) Act, Chapter 74 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2011, provides that subject to such conditions as may be agreed between the Government and the Caribbean Development Bank (“the Bank”), the Government may borrow from the Bank from time to time such sums as may be required by the Government;

**AND WHEREAS**, section 3(2) of the said Act further provides that no Agreement in respect to the sums borrowed under the powers conferred by section 3(1) shall be executed unless the terms and conditions thereof have been first approved by a Resolution of the House of Representatives to that effect;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Bank has offered to lend to the Government the sum of **US\$2,500,000.00** (“the Loan”) from the Bank’s Special Funds Resources;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of the Loan is to assist the Government of Belize in financing the emergency restoration of Critical Public Infrastructure following damages caused by the passage of Hurricane Eta on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020, and by Hurricane Iota on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> November 2020, in Belize; and consultancy services to provide independent inspection and certification of the works, (together referred to as “the Project”);

**AND WHEREAS**, the Loan is being offered on the following terms and conditions:

- (a) **US\$2,500,000 from the Special Funds Resources (SFR)** – to be repaid in fifty-two (52) equal (or as nearly equal) and consecutive quarterly installments of approximately Forty-Eight Thousand Seventy-Seven United States Dollars (US\$48,077.00), on each Due Date, commencing three (3) years after the date of the Loan Agreement;

(b) **Interest** at the rate of 0.75% per annum to be paid quarterly on the amount of the Principal withdrawn and outstanding from time to time;

The Loan shall be fully disbursed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, or such later date as the Bank may specify in writing;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Project will assist the Government of Belize in defraying the cost of restoring damages to critical road, drainage and bridge infrastructure in the Belize, Corozal, Cayo, and Orange Walk districts caused by the passage of Hurricanes Eta and Iota in Belize in November 2020, approves and confirms that the Government may enter into a Loan Agreement with the Caribbean Development Bank on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Agreement and all other documents associated therewith.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development and Investment)*