

BELIZE

No. HR15/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 3rd June 2022

10:00 AM

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SUPPLEMENTARY (1)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

6. Paper.

No. HR114/1/13 - Hol Chan Marine Reserve Annual Budget for financial year April 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023.

(The Honourable Minister of The Blue Economy and Civil Aviation)

8. Questions to Ministers. (See Attached Notice Paper)

10. Statement by Ministers.

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2022.

Bill for an Act to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for an amnesty program for irregular migrants; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

2. Senior Courts Bill, 2022.

Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the Supreme Court of Judicature Act, Chapter 91 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and the Court of Appeal Act Chapter 90 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for new positions within the judiciary to assist in the functioning and administration of the Senior Courts; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. Belize Constitution (Twelfth Amendment) Bill, 2022.

Bill for an Act to amend the Belize Constitution, Chapter 4 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to establish the Senior Courts of Belize; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

4. **Married Persons (Protection) (Amendment) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Married Persons (Protection) Act, Chapter 175 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to remove the fault grounds for application for judicial separation, and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Education, Culture, E-Governance, Science and Technology)

14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

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

1. Central American Bank for Economic Integration - Expansion and Rehabilitation of the Philip Goldson Highway Loan Motion, 2022.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

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

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

QUESTIONS

[For Oral Answer]

Notice given on 27th May 2022.

- *1. Will the Prime Minister and Minister of Economic Development please brief this Honourable House as to the work done by the Economic Recovery Advisory Team established in December 2020?

- *2. Will the Minister of Health and Wellness please tell this Honourable House if a contract for NHI services has been given to the private entity Northern Medical in which the Chairman of NHI has shares and is this private entity operating at the GOB Chunox Polyclinic at a cost to the taxpayers?

- *3. Will the Minister of Civil Aviation please tell this Honourable House if there are any plans to extend the 30-year contract with the Belize Airport Concession Company to manage the Philip Goldson International Airport?

(The Honourable Leader of the Opposition)



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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. Central American Bank for Economic Integration - Expansion and Rehabilitation of the Philip Goldson Highway Loan Motion, 2022.

Notice given on 26th May 2022.

WHEREAS, Belize being a member of the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), is eligible for development assistance in the form of loans, grants, and technical assistance from the Bank on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between Belize and the Bank from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize has requested assistance from CABEI to partially finance the expansion and rehabilitation of a 25.75-kilometer (16.0 mile) section of the Philip Goldson Highway from miles 8.5 to 24;

AND WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of CABEI has approved financing in the sum of US\$24,000,000;

AND WHEREAS, the approved CABEI financing will include the following scope of works: (i) Resealing approximately 25.75 km of the highway; (ii) Base failure repairs; (iii) Construction of new paved shoulders, 1.5m wide on both sides; (iv) Improvement of both vertical and horizontal alignments to address and improve road safety; (v) Revision and enhancement of drainage infrastructure to reduce vulnerability to flooding; and (vi) Installation of road safety furniture, which includes pedestrian crossings, signs, road markings and studs, guard rails and lighting; the approved financing will also include the procurement of consulting services, engineering software, and project vehicles;

AND WHEREAS, it is intended that the execution of the project shall be carried out on behalf of the Government by the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing, acting as Executing Agency;

AND WHEREAS, the terms and conditions of the CABEI Loan Offer are as follows:

Lender:	The Central American Bank for Economic Integration;
Loan Principal Amount:	US\$24,000,000.00;
Disbursement Schedule:	Withdrawals shall be made from time to time beginning with the effective date of the loan and ending thirty-six (36) months thereafter;

Loan Term:	Twenty (20) years inclusive of a thirty-six (36) months grace period, starting from the date of the first disbursement;
Repayment Period:	To be repaid in equal, semi-annual, and consecutive installments in the amounts and dates determined by CABEI;
Purpose:	To partially finance the expansion and rehabilitation of a 25.75-kilometer (16.0 mile) section of the Philip Goldson Highway;
Rate of Interest:	Six (6) month Libor, currently at 2.05429% plus a margin of two hundred and forty basis points (240 bps), variable, revisable, and adjustable quarterly by CABEI;
Other Charges:	A monitoring and administration fee of one-quarter of one percent (0.25%) on the loan amount, to be paid once only, at the latest at the time of the first disbursement;

AND WHEREAS, under the provisions of section 7 of the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act 2005, the Government of Belize is required to obtain the prior authorization of the National Assembly, by way of a Resolution, for such a borrowing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Loan Proceeds would reduce transportation costs and accident rates, increase access to services, increase employment opportunities and improve climate resilience, approves and confirms that the Government of Belize may enter into a Loan Agreement with the Central American Bank for Economic Integration on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Loan 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)

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