

BELIZE

No.18/1/14

SENATE

Monday, 29th August 2022

9:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Prayers.

2. Oath of Allegiance of a new Senator.

3. Announcement by the President.

4. Bills brought from the House of Representatives.

1. *Belize International Services Limited (Settlement) Bill, 2022.*
2. *General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (No. 2) (2022/2023) Bill, 2022.*
3. *General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (No. 3) (2022/2023) Bill, 2022.*
4. *Trade Marks (Amendment) Bill, 2022.*
5. *Hotels and Tourist Accommodation (Amendment) Bill, 2022.*
6. *Accommodation Tax (Remission of Arrears) Bill, 2022.*
7. *Digital Government Bill, 2022.*

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6. Papers.

- No. 30/1/14 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.2) Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.
- No. 31/1/14 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.3) Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

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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
Papers attached*)

1. Resolution Recommending the Appointment of a Person to Act as Auditor-General Motion, 2022.
2. Resolution Approving Statutory Instruments Formally Signed into Law and Published in the Gazette to Give Effect to the Conservation Commitments Specified in Clause 1, Milestone 1 and Clause 2, Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement Motion, 2022.

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II BILLS FOR SECOND READING**III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTION AND BILLS****IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING**

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. Resolution Recommending the Appointment of a Person to Act as Auditor-General Motion, 2022.

AND WHEREAS, section 109(2) of the Belize Constitution provides that, if after the 15th day of January, 2002, the office of the Auditor-General is vacant or if the holder of that office is for any reason unable to exercise the functions of his office, the Governor-General, acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf, may appoint a person to act as Auditor-General;

AND WHEREAS, the office of the Auditor-General has been vacant since 7th December 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate recommends that **MRS. DOROTHY BRADLEY** be appointed to act as Auditor-General for a period of **two (2) years** with effect from the 1st day of September 2022.

2. Resolution Approving Statutory Instruments Formally Signed into Law and Published in the Gazette to Give Effect to the Conservation Commitments Specified in Clause 1, Milestone 1 and Clause 2, Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement Motion, 2022.

WHEREAS, Belize entered into a Conservation Funding Agreement with Belize Blue Investment Company LLC, a Delaware limited liability company on the 4th of November 2021;

AND WHEREAS, Article 2.1 of the Conservation Funding Agreement requires Belize, the Government of Belize and each of its Agencies, to comply with the Conservation Commitments specified in Exhibit A of the Conservation Funding Agreement;

AND WHEREAS, Clause 1, Milestone 1 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement provides that no later than six (6) months after signing the Agreement, the National Assembly shall approve and the Government shall formally sign into law and *Gazette* the commitment made by the Government on 2nd April 2019, to expand High Protection for Biodiversity Zones to 11.6% of Belize's Ocean;

AND WHEREAS, Clause 2, Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement provides that no later than six (6) months after signing the Agreement, the National Assembly shall approve and the Government shall formally sign into law and *Gazette* the designation of all remaining public lands within the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System as strict mangrove reserves as outlined in Decision 43 COM 7B.21, which

law shall include a permanent ban on the sale of public lands within the Belize Barrier Reef Reserve System;

AND WHEREAS, to give effect to the Conservation Commitments under Clause 1, Milestone 1 and Clause 2, Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement, Belize published in the *Gazette* and formally signed into law the following Statutory Instruments on the 21st day of April, 2022–

- (a) Fisheries Resources (High Protection for Biodiversity Marine Reserves) Order, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 69 of 2022);
- (b) Fisheries (South Water Caye Marine Reserve) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 70 of 2022);
- (c) Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) (Amendment) Order, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 71 of 2022);
- (d) Forests (South Water Caye Forest Reserve, Sapodilla Cayes Forest Reserve and Bacalar Chico Forest Reserve) Order, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 72 of 2022);
- (e) Fisheries Resources (High Protection for Biodiversity Marine Reserves) Regulations, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 73 of 2022);
- (f) Fisheries (South Water Caye Marine Reserve) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 74 of 2022);
- (g) Fisheries (Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve) (Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (Statutory Instrument No. 75 of 2022);

AND WHEREAS, for the purposes of the National Assembly confirmatory approval, by letter dated 28th April 2022, Belize Blue Investment Company LLC granted a six-month waiver of compliance with Milestone 1 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement and Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement, as set out above;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate approves the Statutory Instruments published in the *Gazette* and formally signed into law on the 21st day of April 2022, to give effect to the Conservation Commitments specified in Clause 1, Milestone 1 and Clause 2, Milestone 2 of Exhibit A of the Conservation Agreement.

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