

BELIZE

No. HR17/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, 24th August 2022

10:00 AM

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S U P P L E M E N T A R Y (1)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

6. Papers.

No. HR120A/1/13 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.2)
Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

No. HR120B/1/13 - Supplementary Appropriation (No.3)
Schedule for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

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

10. Statement by Ministers.

12. Introduction of Bills.

**1. General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (No.2)
(2022/2023) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums of money for the use of the Public Service of Belize for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, two thousand and twenty-three.

**2. General Revenue Supplementary Appropriation (No.3)
(2022/2023) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to appropriate further sums of money for the use of the Public Service of Belize for the financial year ending on the thirty-first day of March, two thousand and twenty-three.

3. **Belize International Services Limited (Settlement) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to facilitate the implementation of the terms of a deed of settlement between the Government and Belize International Services Limited arising from the debt owed by the Government in satisfaction of the Belize International Services Limited claims and the Belize International Services Limited litigation costs; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

4. **Patents (Amendment) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Patents Act, Chapter 253 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to remove the seat of Registrar of Intellectual Property from the Solicitor General; and to provide for the appointment of a Registrar of Intellectual Property; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

5. **Non-Governmental Organisations (Amendment) Bill, 2022.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Non-Governmental Organisations Act, Chapter 315 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the appointment of a Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations; to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Registrar of Non-Governmental Organisations; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

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.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

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.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

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

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

IV 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 S

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

Notice given on 22nd August 2022.

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 House 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.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

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.**

Notice given on 23rd August 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 House 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.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

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

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