

BELIZE

No. HR30/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 13th October 2023

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. Bills brought from the Senate.
5. Petitions.
- 6. Papers.**

No. HR219/1/13 - The Development Finance Corporation's (DFC) Annual Report for the Year 2022.

No. HR220/1/13 - Belize Social Investment Fund Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2023.

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

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

No. HR221/1/13 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the National Security and Immigration Committee)

No. HR222/1/13 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee on the Trade Licensing Bill, 2022.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade 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.**

1. **Criminal Code (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Criminal Code Act, Chapter 101 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to expand the definition of aggravated assault; to rationalise and increase the penalty for threat of death and similar character offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, Chapter 98 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to upgrade the ‘use of threatening words or behaviour’ from a ‘petty offence’ to a serious offence; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

3. **Climate Change and Carbon Market Initiatives Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to develop, implement, manage and regulate mechanisms to enhance climate change resilience and low emission development for the sustainable development of Belize; to respect the objectives and principles of the international climate regime ratified in the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement; to establish a market in Belize to trade carbon credits; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Disaster Risk Management)

13. **Motions relating to the Business or Sitings of the House.**

14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

I BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. **Firearms (Amendment) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Firearms Act, Chapter 143 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to establish the Firearms and Ammunition Control Board; to empower the Board to issue and revoke firearm licences, certificate or permit; to reform the regulatory structure in respect to firearms and ammunition; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries)

2. Trade Licensing Bill, 2022.

Bill for an Act to make provision for trade licensing; to repeal the Trade Licensing Act, Chapter 66 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development,
Labour and Local Government)*

II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

III BILLS FOR THIRD READING

