

BELIZE

No. HR31/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, 7th December 2023

10:00 AM

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. Prayers.

3. Announcements by the Speaker.

6. Paper.

No. HR226/1/13 - Twenty-First Annual Report of the Contractor General for the period 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023.

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

7. Presentation of Reports from Select Committees.

No. HR227/1/13 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Municipal Securities Bill, 2023.

No. HR228/1/13 - Report from the Finance and Economic Development Committee on the Fiscal Incentives (Decisions of the Minister) (Validation) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Finance and Economic Development Committee)

No. HR229/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Criminal Code (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2023.

No. HR230/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)

No. HR231/1/13 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

No. HR232/1/13 - Report from the National Security and Immigration Committee on the Economic Citizenship (Abolition of Rights) Bill, 2023.

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

No. HR233/1/13 - Report from the Education, Sports and Housing Committee on the National Accreditation Council of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Education, Sports and Housing Committee)

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. Families and Children (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Bill for an Act to amend the Families and Children Act, Chapter 173 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to clarify the obligation of a spouse to maintain a non-biological child of a marriage; to change the name of the Committee from the “National Committee for Families and Children” to the “National Commission for Families and Children”; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

2. Harbours and Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Bill for an Act to amend the Harbours and Merchant Shipping Act, Chapter 234 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the regulation of marinas; to provide for the requirement to show financial capabilities of foreign vessels to sustain lawsuits and other liabilities; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics and E-Governance)

13. Motions relating to the Business or Sittings of the House.

14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

I BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. Belizean Nationality (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Bill for an Act to amend the Belizean Nationality Act, Chapter 161 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to clarify the provisions relating to grant of nationality to children born to non-Belizeans who have, since the birth of that child, acquired Belizean nationality; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **Economic Citizenship (Abolition of Rights) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to finally abolish the right of persons to obtain Belizean Nationality through any relationship whether of descent or of marriage which can be traced back, directly or indirectly, to a person who obtained Belizean nationality by economic citizenship; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. **Municipal Securities Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of municipal securities; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

4. **Fiscal Incentives (Decisions of the Minister) (Validation) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to validate the decisions of the Minister; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

5. **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.

6. **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.

7. **National Accreditation Council of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2023.**

Bill for an Act to amend the National Accreditation Council of Belize Act, Chapter 39:01 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the registration of institutions and providers with the Council; and to provide for matters connected therewith and incidental thereto.

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

II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

III BILLS FOR THIRD READING

