

BELIZE

No. HR32/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 2nd February 2024

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

No. HR240/1/13 - Report from the Health and Human Development Committee on the National Women's Commission Bill, 2023.

No. HR241/1/13 - Report from the Health and Human Development Committee on the Families and Children (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Health and Human Development Committee)

No. HR242/1/13 - Report from the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee on the Harbours and Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Public Service, Labour, Industry and Trade Committee)

No. HR243/1/13 - Report from the Education, Sports and Housing Committee on the Education and Training (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

(The Honourable Chairperson of the Education, Sports and Housing 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.
13. **Motions relating to the Business or Sitings of the House.**
14. **Public Business.**

A. Government Business

I BILLS FOR SECOND READING

1. Education and Training (Amendment) Bill, 2023.

Bill for an Act to amend the Education and Training Act, Chapter 36:01 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to increase the age of compulsory education for a child; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

2. National Women's Commission Bill, 2023.

Bill for an Act to provide for the establishment of the National Women's Commission to advance Belize's commitments to gender equality and equity; to promote awareness of the National Gender Policy; to recommend remedial measures, facilitate redressal of grievances and advise the Minister on all legislative and policy matters affecting women; to advocate for fulfilment of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women as well as other pertinent Conventions; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

3. 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)

4. **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)

II COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

III BILLS FOR THIRD READING

