

BELIZE

No.32/1/14

SENATE

Thursday, 8th February 2024

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. *Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) (Amendment) Bill, 2023;*
2. *Criminal Code (Amendment) (No. 2) Bill, 2023;*
3. *National Accreditation Council of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2023;*
4. *Education and Training (Amendment) Bill, 2023;*
5. *National Women's Commission Bill, 2023;*
6. *Families and Children (Amendment) Bill, 2023;*
7. *Harbours and Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 2023; and*
8. *Private Security and Investigation Services (Control)(Amendment) Bill, 2024.*

(Leader of Government Business)

6. Papers.

- No. 77/1/14 - Central Bank of Belize – Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for Fiscal Year 2024.
- No. 78/1/14 - Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing – Contract Agreement – Municipal Infrastructure Development – San Ignacio/Santa Elena, November 2023.

(Leader of Government Business)

13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the Senate.

14. Public Business.

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

I MOTION (*For Text of Motion see Notice
Paper attached*)

1. Resolution Authorising the Ratification of the Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean Motion, 2024.

(Leader of Government Business)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON BILLS AND MOTION

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTION

MOTION

1. **Resolution Authorising the Ratification of the Amendment to Paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean Motion, 2024.**

WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is a party to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, which is also known as the "Treaty of Tlatelolco";

AND WHEREAS, Resolution 268 (XII) amending paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco was adopted in Mexico City, Mexico on May 10, 1991 by the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapon in Latin America and the Caribbean;

AND WHEREAS, the amendment to paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco aims to facilitate the accession of independent states to the said Treaty provided that they are situated in the geographical zone of application of the said Treaty and were members of the United Nations as of December 10, 1985;

AND WHEREAS, the amendment to paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco also aims to facilitate the accession of the non-autonomous territories that were listed in document OAS/CER.P, AG/doc. 1939/85 of November 5, 1985, when they attain their independence;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying the amendment to paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

AND WHEREAS, section 61 A (2)(a) of the Belize Constitution, provides that the Senate has the power to authorise the ratification, including adhesion or accession, of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate authorises the Government of Belize to ratify the amendment to paragraph 2 of Article 25 of the Treaty of Tlatelolco, a full text of which is hereto annexed.

(Leader of Government Business)
