

**BELIZE**

**No. HR4/1/14**

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025

10:00 AM

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**SUPPLEMENTARY (1)**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**10. Statement by Ministers.**

**12. Introduction of Bills.**

**1. Occupational Safety and Health Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to establish the National Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Committee and the Occupational Safety and Health Inspectorate; to provide for improved standards for occupational safety and health of workers and other persons at work; to provide for duties and obligations of employers, workers, self-employed persons, manufacturers, suppliers, installers, inspectors, and other persons at work; to repeal the Factories Act, Chapter 296 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)*

**2. School Teachers' Pensions Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to amend the School Teachers' Pensions Act, Chapter 42 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to give effect to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Public Service Union of Belize, Belize National Teachers Union, Association of Public Services Senior Managers and the Government of Belize, 2021-2024, by clarifying that, for the purpose of calculating pension for teachers in government-aided schools, salary refers to the percentage of salary covered by grant-in-aid as established under the Education Act; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

**14. Public Business.**

**A. Government Business**

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

**1. Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan and Strengthen Bilateral**

**Bond Motion, 2025.**

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance)*



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**NOTICE OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

**MOTION**

**1. Resolution to Support Democratic Taiwan and Strengthen Bilateral Bond Motion, 2025.**

**Notice given on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize and Taiwan enjoy a strong and healthy diplomatic bond deeply rooted in mutual respect, and share the common values of democracy, freedom, and human rights;

**AND WHEREAS**, throughout the 36 years of friendship and alliance, Belize and Taiwan have continuously supported and helped each other and closely cooperated in areas of mutual interest;

**AND WHEREAS**, all bilateral cooperation projects between Belize and Taiwan, including hospital and road construction, renovation of the National Assembly building, urban resilience and disaster prevention, metabolic chronic disease prevention, women empowerment, Mandarin teaching and scholarship program are currently proceeding smoothly;

**AND WHEREAS**, with Taiwan's assistance, 50 starter houses were completed and handed over in May2025, and shrimp from Belize will soon be exported to Taiwan, showcasing the strength and depth of the multifaceted partnership between the two nations;

**AND WHEREAS**, Taiwan is not only a faithful ally and development partner of Belize, but also an active contributor to addressing pressing global challenges, making it an indispensable member of the global community;

**AND WHEREAS**, the People's Republic of China (PRC) has deliberately misused UNGA Resolution 2758 to assert false claims of sovereignty over Taiwan, to isolate Taiwan from the international community and obstruct Taiwan's participation in the UN system and other multilateral fora, which stand to benefit greatly from Taiwan's expertise and experiences;

**AND WHEREAS**, Belize, as a steadfast ally, stands shoulder to shoulder with Taiwan in safeguarding its sovereignty, democracy, freedom and the right to self-determination of Taiwanese people, when Taiwan faces the ever-growing military, political and economic coercion, and hegemonic threats from the PRC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Honourable House:

Extends its commitment to the strong and healthy diplomatic bond between Belize and Taiwan, and reaffirms its commitment to stand with the People and Government of Taiwan in solidarity to oppose PRC's coercive actions that undermine Taiwan's sovereign integrity, democracy and freedom;

Calls upon the international community to reject PRC's distortion of UNGA Resolution 2758, and its efforts to block Taiwan's inclusion in the international system;

Expresses its full support for Taiwan's participation in ALL related international organizations, including the United Nations, the World Health Organization (WHO), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be presented to President Lai Ching-Te of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and to the office of the Prime Minister as a tangible token of the friendship expressed herein.

**Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.**

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Investment, Economic Transformation, Civil Aviation, and E-Governance)*