

BELIZE

No.3/1/15

SENATE

Monday, 14th July 2025

9:00 A.M.

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

- 1. Prayers.**
- 2. Oath of Allegiance of a new Senator.**
- 3. Announcements by the President.**
- 4. Bills brought from the House of Representatives.**
 1. *Central Bank of Belize (Amendment) Bill, 2025;*
 2. *Bail Bill, 2025;*
 3. *Law Revision and Law Reform Bill, 2025;*
 4. *National Assembly (Powers, Privileges, and Immunities) Bill, 2025.*

(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 Papers attached)*

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

(Leader of Government Business)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

- 1. Customs and Excise Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Customs and Excise Duties Act, Chapter 48 of the Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, to implement the eleventh phase of reduction of duties in accordance with the CARIFORUM-EU Economic Partnership Agreement; to implement the eleventh phase of reduction of duties in accordance with the CARIFORUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement; to implement the second and third phase of reduction of duties in accordance with the Belize and the Republic of China (Taiwan) Economic Cooperation Agreement; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act governing the insolvency of companies with mechanisms established for insolvent persons to enter into arrangements with their creditors, an administration procedure for companies, the receivership of companies and foreign companies, the liquidation of companies, foreign companies, limited partnerships and partnerships, the making of bankruptcy orders against individuals, the licensing and regulation of insolvency practitioners, the penalisation and redress of wrongdoing associated with insolvent persons, the disqualification of directors, the avoidance of certain transactions, cross border insolvency issues, netting and the establishment of a simplified insolvency procedure for eligible companies and other matters connected therewith.

3. **Magistrate Court Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to repeal, replace, and consolidate the District Courts (Procedure) Act, Chapter 97 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; the Summary Jurisdiction (Procedure) Act, Chapter 99 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and the Summary Jurisdiction (Offences) Act, Chapter 98 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to repeal, replace, and consolidate the provisions of the Inferior Courts Act, Chapter 94 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, relating to the magistracy; to provide for the establishment, constitution and jurisdiction of the Magistrate Court; to regulate the practice and procedure before the Magistrate Court; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(Leader of Government Business)

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTION AND BILL

1. **People's Constitution Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to amend the People's Constitution Commission Act, Act No. 28 of 2022; to extend the time for the Prime Minister to lay before the National Assembly the report of the Commission after receipt; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING



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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTION

MOTION

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

(Leader of Government Business)
