

# BELIZE

No. HR6/1/14

## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

10:00 AM

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### S U P P L E M E N T A R Y ( 1 )

### ORDERS OF THE DAY

#### 6. Papers.

- No. HR27A/1/14 - Development Finance Corporation's Annual Report for the Year 2024.
- No. HR27B/1/14 - Belize Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM) Plan 2025-2030.
- No. HR27C/1/14 - Belize Social Investment Fund – Financial Statements for the Years ended March 31, 2025 and 2024 and Independent Auditors' Report.

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

#### 7. Presentation of Report from Select Committee.

- No. HR29A/1/14 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Civil Registry and Vital Statistics Bill, 2025.

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

#### 10. Statement by Ministers.

#### 12. Introduction of Bills.

##### 1. Belize Electricity Investments Bill, 2025.

Bill for an Act to ratify and give effect to the FBL Share Purchase Agreement for the acquisition of the entirety of the issued and outstanding share capital in Fortis Belize Limited by the Government of Belize and the BEL Share Purchase Agreement for the acquisition by the Government of Belize of 22,984,662 shares in Belize Electricity Limited owned by Fortis Cayman Inc.; to charge the Consolidated Revenue Fund with and authorize the payment of the purchase price and related sums therefrom; to authorise the Financial Secretary to make payments and to issue Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes for the purposes of financing the said acquisitions; to raise the principal sums represented by Treasury Bills and Treasury Notes outstanding at any one time; to authorize the divestment of the FBL Shares and the BEL Shares to members of the public; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**2. Fiscal Incentives (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Fiscal Incentives Act, Act No. 4 of 2023; to extend the deadline for the formalisation of MSMEs; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

**3. Integrated Coastal and Ocean Management Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the Coastal Zone Management Act, Chapter 329 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to increase the ambit and focus of the coastal and ocean governance through mechanisms such as integrated coastal zone management and marine spatial planning processes to align with international best practices; to provide for holistic integrated coastal and marine management including the impacts of human interactions; through effective management of ecosystems within the coastal zone and ocean zones to safeguard the integrity of critical ecosystems to enhance climate resilience; to promote equitable use of resources within the coastal zone and ocean zone of Belize; to facilitate and strengthen cross-sectoral coordination, science-based and participatory planning for informed decision-making; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

**4. Deoxyribonucleic Acid Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to establish the National DNA Database, to provide a framework for the operation of the National DNA Database in order to facilitate the collection and use of DNA samples in the investigation and prosecution of indictable offences, to provide for the management, retention and destruction of DNA samples and DNA profiles, to provide for the investigation of missing persons and unidentified deceased persons, to establish an oversight body; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Home Affairs and New Growth Industries)*

**5. Tobacco Control Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to provide for the adoption and implementation of the tobacco control policies in accordance with the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control which aims to protect present and future generations from the devastating harms of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke; to prevent tobacco use by children; to protect workers and the public from exposure to tobacco smoke; to enhance public awareness of the hazards of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke; to ensure that individuals are provided with information to make fully informed decisions about the use of tobacco; to create a national coordinating mechanism for tobacco control; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Health and Wellness)*

## II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

### 1. **Gaming and Lotteries Control Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to repeal, replace and consolidate the Gambling Prevention Act, Chapter 109 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, the Computer Wagering Licensing Act, Chapter 149 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, the Lotteries Control Act, Chapter 151 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and the Gaming Control Act, Chapter 152 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

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

### 2. **Civil Registry and Vital Statistics Bill, 2025.**

Bill for an Act to repeal and replace the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, Chapter 157 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to provide for the digitalization of the registry of births, deaths and other life events; to provide for the organizational restructuring of the Vital Statistics Unit; to convert the office into a Department to support the new business operations and functions; to provide for the registration and filing of life events; to provide for harsher penalties for offences; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Culture, and Immigration)*

## III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

## IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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