

BELIZE

No.13/1/15

SENATE

Wednesday, 3rd June 2026

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. Internal Audit Bill, 2026;*
(Leader of Government Business)
- 13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitings of the Senate.**
- 14. Public Business.**

A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

I MOTIONS *(For Text of Motions see Notice Papers attached)*

1. Inter-American Development Bank - IDB - CLIMA - Strengthening Marine Ecosystem Resilience by Enhancing Wastewater Infrastructure in Caye Caulker (US\$12.25 Million) – Loan and Guarantee Motion, 2026.
2. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by Belize of the Amendment to Article VI of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Motion, 2026.
3. Resolution Approving the Re-Appointment of Members of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2026.
4. Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Contractor General Motion, 2026.

(Leader of Government Business)

II BILLS FOR SECOND READING

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.

(Leader of Government Business)

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS AND BILLS

1. Judges Salaries and Pensions Bill, 2025.

Bill for an Act to provide for the salaries, pensions and other conditions of service of Judges of the High Court of Judicature and the Court of Appeal.

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IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING



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NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTIONS

1. **Inter-American Development Bank - IDB - CLIMA - Strengthening Marine Ecosystem Resilience by Enhancing Wastewater Infrastructure in Caye Caulker (US\$12.25 Million) – Loan and Guarantee Motion, 2026.**

WHEREAS, Belize, as a member country of the Inter-American Development Bank (the “Bank”), is eligible to receive development assistance from the Bank in the form of loans, grants, and technical cooperation, on such terms and conditions as may be agreed between the Government of Belize and the Bank from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the Belize Water Services Limited (BWSL) is a state-owned water and sewage utility responsible for the provision of water supply and sewage services in Belize, with a mandate to deliver safe, reliable, cost-effective and sustainable high-quality water and wastewater services, in an environmentally and socially responsible manner;

AND WHEREAS, on 22nd October 2026, the Bank’s Board of Executive Directors approved financing to BWSL, in the amount of US\$12,250,000, to support the implementation of a Program to strengthen marine ecosystem resilience by enhancing wastewater infrastructure in Caye Caulker (hereinafter referred to as the “Program”);

AND WHEREAS, the Program comprises two components with the following objectives: (i) to increase access to safely managed sanitization services in prioritized areas of Caye Caulker through the construction and commissioning of a sewage system and wastewater treatment plant for the village; and (ii) to strengthen BWSL’s institutional capacity to design sanitization and water projects that incorporate climate and nature-related risks, and to monitor, report and verify climate and biodiversity impacts;

AND WHEREAS, the approved financing will be provided through (a) an IDB Direct Investment Loan to the BWSL up to the amount of US\$10,000,000; and (b) a non-reimbursable investment financing contribution of US\$2.25 million from the Global Environmental Facility (GEF) Trust Fund, administered by the Bank;

AND WHEREAS, a condition to the Bank’s financing is that the Loan to BWSL shall be guaranteed by the Government of Belize, consistent with the Bank’s policy requirements on guarantees for such operations;

AND WHEREAS, section 7(6) of the Finance and Audit (Reform) Act (No. 12 of 2005), provides that before the Government offers any guarantee or some other form of security in support of any loan made directly to a private sector entity or statutory body by any public or private bank, financial institution or capital market in or outside Belize, the Government shall seek the approval of the National Assembly;

AND WHEREAS, BWSL, as Borrower, shall be responsible for the execution of the Program, acting as the Executing Agency;

AND WHEREAS, the Loan is being offered to the BWSL from the Bank's Ordinary Capital Resources under the following terms and conditions:

Loan Principal Amount:	US\$10,000,000;
Disbursement Schedule:	Over a period of five (5) years from the effective date of the Loan Contract but may be extended subject to the consent of the Government of Belize and IDB;
Loan Term:	Twenty-five (25) Years inclusive of a sixty-six (66)-month grace period on principal repayments;
Repayment Period:	39 approximately equal, semi-annual, and consecutive installments of approximately US\$256,410.25;
Purpose:	To enhance coastal water quality in Caye Caulker and to strengthen BWSL's institutional capacity to integrate climate and nature-related risk into its governance, planning and operations;
Interest Rate:	Interest shall accrue on the daily outstanding balance of the loan at the SOFR-based interest rate plus the applicable lending spread for the Bank's Ordinary Capital loans;
Credit Fee:	A Credit Fee will be charged on the undisbursed loan balance at a percentage to be established by the Bank on a periodic basis, not exceeding 0.75% per annum;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House, being satisfied that the Loan proceeds will contribute to enhanced coastal water quality in Caye Caulker, benefiting tourism and strengthening the adaptive capacity of vulnerable coastal marine ecosystems while facilitating access to green finance; (i) approves that the BWSL may borrow the said sum of US\$10.0 million from the IDB on the terms and conditions set out above, and authorizes the Board of Directors of the BWSL to execute and deliver the Loan Agreement and other associated documents; and (ii) approves and authorizes the Government of Belize to enter into and provide a Guarantee Agreement in favor of the Bank in respect of the obligations of BWSL under the Loan Agreement, on the terms and conditions set out above, and further authorizes the Minister of Finance to execute and deliver the said Guarantee Agreement and all documents associated therewith.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance by Belize of the Amendment to Article VI of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Motion, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) entered into force in July 1957;

AND WHEREAS, Belize became a Member State of the IAEA in 2006 and accepted the Statute;

AND WHEREAS, General Conference of the IAEA approved an amendment to Article IV of the Statute in October 1999;

AND WHEREAS, the purpose of the amendment to Article IV of the Statute is to expand the composition of the IAEA's Board of Governors, aimed at modernizing the Board's structure to reflect the Agency's evolving regional balance and improving equitable geographic representation;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Belize is desirous of accepting the amendment to Article IV of the Statute as adopted by Resolution GC (43)/RES/19;

AND WHEREAS, section 61(A)(2)(a) of the Belize Constitution, as amended by the Belize Constitution (Sixth Amendment) Act (No. 13 of 2008), provides that the Senate shall authorize the acceptance of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accept the amendment to Article VI of the Statute of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) as adopted by the General Conference in Resolution GC(43)/RES/19, a copy of which is hereto annexed.

3. Resolution Approving the Re-Appointment of Members of the Integrity Commission Motion, 2026.

WHEREAS, section 3(1) of the Prevention of Corruption Act provides for the establishment of a body to be known as the Integrity Commission, which shall consist of a Chairperson, who shall be an attorney-at-law with not less than five years standing, and six other members who shall be persons of integrity and high national standing;

AND WHEREAS, subsection (2) of the said section 3 further provides that two members of the Integrity Commission shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition, and the other members of the Integrity Commission including the Chairperson, shall be appointed by the Governor-General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition;

AND WHEREAS, in accordance with the above-cited provisions of the Prevention of Corruption Act, the Governor General, acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given with the concurrence of the Leader of the Opposition and acting in accordance with the advice of the Prime Minister given after consultation with the Leader of the Opposition, intends to appoint the following persons as members of the Integrity Commission for a period of **two (2) years with effect from 1st April 2026**:

(a)	Mrs. Andrea McSweaney-McKoy, Attorney-at-law	Chairperson
(b)	Ms. Katherine Meighan	Member
(c)	Mr. George Swift	Member
(d)	Mrs. Zoe Roberson-Zetina	Member
(e)	Mr. Ricardo Moguel	Member
(f)	Mr. Jaraad Ysaguirre	Member
(g)	Ms. Payal Ghanwani	Member

AND WHEREAS, section 61A(2)(c) and section 61A(4) of the Belize Constitution provide that the powers and functions of the Senate include approving the appointment of members of the Integrity Commission, which shall be exercised through a resolution supported by a simple majority of its members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, being satisfied that Mrs. Andrea McSweaney-McKoy is an attorney-at-law with not less than five years standing and is a person of integrity and high national standing, and being further satisfied that Ms. Katherine Meighan, Mr. George Swift, Mrs. Zoe Roberson-Zetina, Mr. Ricardo Moguel, Mr. Jaraad Ysaguirre, and Ms. Payal Ghanwani are persons of integrity and high national standing, approves their appointment as members of the Integrity Commission for a period of two (2) years with effect from **1st April 2026**.

4. **Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Contractor-General Motion, 2026.**

WHEREAS, section 3(2) of the Contractor- General Act, Chapter 6 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, provides that the Contractor-General shall be appointed by the Governor-General acting on the recommendations of both Houses of the National Assembly contained in resolutions passed in that behalf;

AND WHEREAS, both Houses of the National Assembly intend to advise the Governor-General to appoint **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** as Contractor-General for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st June 2026;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** is 41 years of age (date of birth 26th July 1984) and falls within the age limit prescribed by the Contractor-General Act;

AND WHEREAS, **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** fulfills the requirements for appointment to the office of Contractor-General as prescribed in the Contractor-General Act;

AND WHEREAS, sections 61A (2) (c) and (3) of the Belize Constitution provide that the Contractor-General can only be validly appointed with the prior approval of the Senate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable Senate, being satisfied that **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** is a fit and proper person to be appointed as Contractor-General, hereby approves that the said **MS. MARIA ARTHURS** be appointed as Contractor-General for a period of three (3) years with effect from 1st June 2026.

(Leader of Government Business)
