

BELIZE

No. HR40/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, 12th November 2024

10:00 AM

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SUPPLEMENTARY (1)

ORDERS OF THE DAY

6. Paper.

No. HR277A/1/13 - Public Utilities Commission
(Request for Proposals) Regulations,
2024.

*(The Honourable Minister of Public Utilities, Logistics, and E-
Governance)*

7. Presentation of Report from Select Committee.

No. HR285A/1/13 - Report from the Finance and
Economic Development Committee
on the Stamp Duties (Amendment)
Bill, 2024.

*(The Honourable Chairperson of the Finance and Economic Development
Committee)*

10. Statements by Ministers.

12. Introduction of Bills.

1. Social Security (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Bill for an Act to amend the Social Security Act, Chapter
44 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition
2020; to allow for the retroactive appointment of a General
Manager of the Authority and a Chair of the National
Health Insurance Committee; and to provide for matters
connected therewith or incidental thereto.

2. National Health Insurance (Validation) Bill, 2024.

Bill for an Act to validate the acts, decisions or omissions
taken in relation to the implementation of the National
Health Insurance Scheme; and to provide for matters
connected therewith or incidental thereto.

*(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic
Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)*

3. **Senior Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Senior Courts Act, Act No. 27 of 2022; to provide for notices and documents required to be served in relation to appeals from inferior courts to be served by public advertisement; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Culture, Science, and Technology)

4. **The People's Constitution Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to amend the People's Constitution Commission Act, Act No. 28 of 2022; to retroactively extend the term of appointment of Commissioners and the term of the establishment of the Commission; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Public Service, Constitutional and Political Reform, and Religious Affairs)

5. **Disaster Preparedness and Response (Amendment) Bill, 2024.**

Bill for an Act to amend the Disaster Preparedness and Response Act, Chapter 145 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, to expand the definition of disaster emergency to include Orders made under the Belize Agricultural Health Authority Act in relation quarantine pests and notifiable pests of potential or substantial national economic; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of The Blue Economy and Disaster Risk Management)

14. **Public Business.**

A. **Government Business**

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

1. Resolution Authorizing Request for Affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Motion, 2024.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)

II BILL FOR SECOND READING

1. Stamp Duties (Amendment) Bill, 2024.

Bill for an Act to amend the Stamp Duties Act, Chapter 64 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020; to exempt certain instruments from stamp duty; to make clarifying amendments; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING

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

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

M O T I O N

1. Resolution Authorizing Request for Affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Motion, 2024.

Notice given on 7th November 2024.

WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Union was established in 1889 and is the international organization of the Parliaments of sovereign States;

AND WHEREAS, the Inter-Parliamentary Union facilitates diplomacy and empowers parliaments and parliamentarians to promote peace, democracy and sustainable development around the world;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly of Belize subscribes to the noble values advocated by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and to its work for the promotion of peace and security, democracy and human rights, the rule of law and sustainable development;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly of Belize recognizes that the existence of the Inter-Parliamentary Union, as the global organization of national parliaments, clearly attests to the willingness of nations to build strong ties of inter-parliamentary dialogue and cooperation, with a view to better meeting the needs and expectations of citizens for a safer and more equitable world;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly of Belize also recognizes that interparliamentary contacts and cooperation, including on the South-South level, can in large measure help strengthen our institution and lead to stronger engagement at the regional and international levels;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly of Belize is aware of the importance of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in terms of bridging the democracy gap in international relations and forging a parliamentary component to the work of the United Nations;

AND WHEREAS, the National Assembly of Belize is desirous of becoming a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

AND WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Statutes of the Inter-Parliamentary Union provides for every parliament constituted in conformity with the laws of a sovereign State whose population it represents and on whose territory it functions, to request affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Honourable House authorizes the Speaker of the National Assembly to, in a sovereign and formal manner, request affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union and entrusts the Speaker of the National Assembly to convey this resolution to the Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Cabinet's recommendation to be signified.

(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)