

BELIZE

No. HR41/1/13

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, 13th December 2024

10:00 AM

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ORDERS OF THE DAY

1. **Prayers.**
2. Oath of Allegiance of a New Member.
3. **Announcements by the Speaker.**
4. **Bill brought from the Senate.**
 1. **Designated Processing Areas (Amendment) Bill, 2024.**
(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)
5. Petitions.
6. **Paper.**
 - No. HR294/1/13 - The Annual Report from the Development Finance Corporation for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.
(The Honourable Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Investment, Civil Aviation, and Immigration)
7. **Presentation of Reports from Select Committee.**
 - No. HR295/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Senior Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024.
 - No. HR296/1/13 - Report from the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee on the Resolution Authorizing Request for Affiliation to the Inter-Parliamentary Union Motion, 2024.
(The Honourable Chairperson of the Constitution and Foreign Affairs Committee)
8. Questions to Ministers
9. Requests for leave to move the adjournment of the House on definite matters of urgent public importance.
10. Statement by Ministers.
11. Personal Explanations.

12. Introduction of Bill.

1. Trade Licensing (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2024.

Bill for an Act to amend the Trade Licensing Act, Act No. 19 of 2024; to change the date of commencement of the Act to allow for further public sensitisation of the scope and nature of the Act; and to provide for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto.

(The Honourable Minister of Rural Transformation, Community Development, Labour and Local Government)

13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the House.

14. Public Business.

A. Government Business

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

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

(referred 12th November 2024.)

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

II BILL FOR SECOND READING

1. 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)

III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE ON BILLS

IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING



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NOTICE OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS

MOTION

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

(referred 12th 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.

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