

**BELIZE**

**No.37/1/14**

## **SENATE**

**Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025**

**9:00 A.M.**

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### **ORDERS OF THE DAY**

**1. Prayers.**

**2. Oath of Allegiance of a new Senator.**

**3. Announcement by the President.**

**4. Bills brought from the House of Representatives.**

1. *Senior Courts (Amendment) Bill, 2024; and*
2. *Trade Licensing (Amendment) (No.2) Bill, 2024.*

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**6. Papers.**

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| No. 93/1/14 | - | The Annual Report from the Development Finance Corporation for the Year Ended December 31, 2023.                         |
| No. 94/1/14 | - | Belize Government Lotteries Limited – Financial Statements for the Period from Inception to 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2024. |
| No. 95/1/14 | - | General Sales Tax (Amendment of Schedule) Order, 2024.   |
| No. 96/1/14 | - | Public Utilities Commission (Request for Proposals) (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.                                       |
| No. 97/1/14 | - | Electricity Licensing and Consent (Amendment) Regulations, 2024.   |

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**13. Motions relating to the Business or Sitzings of the Senate.**

**14. Public Business.**

#### **A. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS**

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

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

2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Framework Agreement for Grant Aid Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Korea Motion, 2025.
3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Republic of Korea Concerning Loans from the Economic Cooperation Fund Motion, 2025.
4. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Amendments to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992 Motion, 2025.

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**II BILLS FOR SECOND READING**

**III COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SENATE ON MOTIONS AND BILLS**

**IV BILLS FOR THIRD READING**



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### **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS AND MOTIONS**

#### **MOTIONS**

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

**2. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Framework Agreement for Grant Aid Between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Korea Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize signed an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, relating to the Framework Agreement for Grant Aid between both Parties;

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Agreement is to promote poverty reduction and the sustainable economic and social development of Belize through grant aid, and to further strengthen the existing friendly relations between the two countries;

**AND WHEREAS**, on the basis of this Agreement, Parties shall carry out grant aid programs agreed upon by parties and, if necessary, may conclude subsidiary arrangements;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 9;

**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 ratification of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify to the Framework Agreement for Grant Aid between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Korea.

**3. Resolution Authorizing the Ratification by Belize to the Agreement between the Government of Belize and the Republic of Korea Concerning Loans from the Economic Cooperation Fund Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize signed an Agreement with the Government of the Republic of Korea on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024, relating to the Economic Development Cooperation Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “ECDF”);

**AND WHEREAS**, the purpose of this Agreement is to promote economic development of Belize and to promote cooperation between both countries;

**AND WHEREAS**, the financing arrangements are to be concluded between the Borrower and the Export-Import Bank of Korea;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of ratifying to the Agreement pursuant to Article 14;

**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 ratification of any treaty by the Government of Belize;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to ratify to the Agreement relating to the Economic Development Cooperation Fund between the Government of Belize and the Government of the Republic of Korea.

**4. Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of the Amendments to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992 Motion, 2025.**

**WHEREAS**, Belize acceded to the International Sugar Agreement on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1994;

**AND WHEREAS**, member states of the International Sugar Organization approved the amendments of articles 1, 23(1), 25, 32, 33 and 34 of the International Sugare Agreement, 1992, on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Belize is desirous of accepting the amendments to the Agreement pursuant of article 44 of the International Sugar Agreement;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that this Senate authorizes the Government of Belize to accept the amendments to the International Sugar Agreement, 1992.

*(Leader of Government Business)*

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