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The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Second Day, First Special Session on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1:51 p.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and eighteen members were present; Representatives Alice S. Igitol and Janet U. Maratita were absent and excused.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d).

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 4. Format of Bills and Resolutions

(d) Bills and resolutions for introduction may be pre-filed with the House Clerk for formal introduction at the next session, provided that it is pre-filed in sufficient time to appear on the session agenda as required under Rule III. The 72-hour notice and agenda requirements may be dispensed with for Special Emergency Sessions and Sessions called by the Governor in accordance with Rule III.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	absent (<i>during voting</i>)
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	absent (<i>during voting</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 16 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 16 members present and voting in the affirmative, motion to amend the agenda hereby carries. Moving down to item II, Public Comments. Anyone who wishes to comment you may proceed to the podium. I also ask that you state your name for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One individual made comments pertaining to the following:

Gov. Comm. 20-177: (3/16/18) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-96, SD1, (To amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System.). [*Deadline: 5/15/18*]

SEN. COMM. 20-164: (4/27/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-164, HD3, entitled, “To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on April 27, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-164, HD3, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

Mr. Herman Guerrero

Ms. Sonia Camacho

The Chair directed the members to item IV, Introduction of Bills and recognized Representative John Paul P. Sablan.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills: None

House Local Bills:

Representative John Paul P. Sablan officially introduced the following House Local Bill:

H. L. B. NO. 20-66

To amend Section 406(e) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by adding a new subsection (1) to allow for mobile homes to be situated on Beach Road upon compliance with the statutes set forth in the Building Safety Code.

REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*)

House Legislative Initiatives: None

The Chair directed the members to item V, Introduction of Resolutions and recognized Representative Angel A. Demapan.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions:

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Resolution and request that the resolution be introduced by the Committee of the Whole:

H. RES. NO. 20-26

To support the change of designation of use of public domain lands exclusively to construct, develop, and maintain a Palauan “Abai”.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

Several members voiced “no objection.”

The Chair placed House Resolution 20-26 on the Resolution Calendar.

House Joint Resolutions: None

House Commemorative Resolutions: None

House Concurrent Resolutions: None

The Chair directed the members to item VI, Messages from the Governor and recognized the Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-198: (4/24/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 20-141, SD1, (“To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees.”). Became **Public Law 20-57** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-199: (4/24/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 20-59, D1, (“Appropriate \$81,000 Local License Fees-collected from the Second Senatorial District Poker & Pachinko Slot Machines.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-10** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-200: (4/27/18) Executive Order No. 2018-04: Granting of Administrative Leave to active military personnel and reservist of the United States Armed Forces. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-201: (4/27/18) Executive Order No. 2018-05: Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-202: (4/30/18) Informing the House of the re-nomination for Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan.

There was no discussion, the Chair directed the members to item VII, Senate Communications and recognized the Floor Leader.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Floor Leader made a motion to accept Senate Communication 20-164 to become property of the House.

SEN. COMM. 20-164: (4/27/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-164, HD3, entitled, “To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on April 27, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-164, HD3, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

The motion was seconded.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Point of clarification Mr. Speaker. I believe that 20-164, House Draft 3 is it? Corrections?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: That is correct under Senate Communication 20-164.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: House Draft 3?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: House Draft 3, SD1.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you for that clarification. Recognize Representative Sablan.

Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan: Just to inform the Clerk and the members for the record that I'm present.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Duly noted.

There was no further discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communication 20-164 to become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 so they may place Senate Communication 20-164 pertaining to House Bill 20-164, HD3, SD1 on the Bill Calendar.

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 8. Referral of Bills and Resolutions

(a) Bills and resolutions shall be read by title upon introduction and (except as provided in subsection (b), the Speaker shall refer such measures to an appropriate committee or to more than one committee, jointly or sequentially. The Clerk shall endorse such reference on the measure before duplication and shall enter such reference upon the Journal. In the case of error of reference, correction may be made by the House, with debate, immediately after the reading and approval of the Journal, by unanimous consent, or upon motion of either committee claiming jurisdiction or the committee to which the measure has been erroneously referred.

(b) The Speaker may place a resolution directly on the Resolution Calendar, rather than refer it to a committee, subject to appeal to the House.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 and to place Senate Communication 20-164 pertaining to House Bill 20-164, HD3, SD1 on the Bill Calendar was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Before we move on let me also recognize the presence of Representative Edwin Propst.

The Chair directed the members to item XII, Reports of Standing Committees and recognized the Floor Leader.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Floor Leader made a motion to recommit the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-117: Reporting on the appointment of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as member of the Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan. *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends confirmation of Mr. Benavente's appointment.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to recommit Standing Committee Report 20-117 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-118: Reporting on the appointment of Mr. Benjamin Huk L. Borja to serve as member of the Public Utilities Commission representing Tinian. *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends confirmation of Mr. Borja's appointment.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-118 with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)

Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative and for the confirmation of Mr. Benjamin Huk L. Borja is hereby duly confirmed by this House.

The Chair directed the members to item XV, Resolution Calendar and recognized the Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Resolution:

H. RES. NO. 20-26

To support the change of designation of use of public domain lands exclusively to construct, develop, and maintain a Palauan “Abai”.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Again your motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize Representative Angel Demapan.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to let the record reflect in the early 2006 I believe, a part of public land was already designated for the Palauan “Abai” in Navy Hill and since then there has not been any construction activity, however there has been negotiations between DCCA who the land was designated to and the Palauan community discussing the desire to relocate the designation of land. DCCA as the designee has drafted an agreement with DPL to relocate this property up here to Capitol Hill next to the former Retirement Fund building. Because of that they’re now in the process where it’s a inter-governmental designation between DPL and DCCA and this resolution is simply to support the

desires of the parties involved for DPL to approve and execute the new designation that would pave the way for the construction of the Abai house up here on Capitol Hill. Having said that Mr. Speaker, I would like to direct the members to ELMO to make a floor amendment on page 3, beginning on line 2 to insert the words “His excellency Tommy E. Remengesau, Jr. President of the Republic of Palau.” So move, Mr. Speaker.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Representative Demapan. Motion has been seconded on the proposed floor amendment. Discussion?

Several members voiced “ready.”

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the oral floor amendment offered by Representative Angel A. Demapan was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt House Resolution 20-26, House Draft 1 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Moving down to item XVI, under Bill Calendar. Before we move on, I will ask the Floor Leader to initiate first the communication from the Senate, which is Senate Communication 20-164 before I recognize the Floor Leader, any objection if I appoint Floor Leader Pro Tem Representative Lee Pan Guerrero as Floor Leader Pro Tem. The appointment is only to make a motion on Senate Communication 20-164. Floor Leader Pro Tem you may proceed.

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader Pro Tem Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero made a motion to reject Senate amendments to House Bill 20-164, HD3, SD1 and move to conferee.

H. B. NO. 20-164, HD3, SD1

To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308. **[SEN. COMM. 20-164]**

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Floor Leader Pro Tem. Your motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize Representative Angel Demapan.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Members of the judiciary are here led by the Chief Justice and Judge Kim Tenorio and obviously the action we’re about to take is going to send this bill to conference committee and prolong the process of addressing the issue we have down at the judicial branch. However, I would just like for the judiciary to know that the portion of the funding appropriation for the judiciary is untouched in this bill. However, because there is a significant change to other subsections of the bill and it requires that the conferees of both the House and the Senate iron out these differences before we can move this legislation

forward. So, we continue to ask the patience from the judiciary, but most of all the community who have to access the judicial services on a daily basis and continue to access these services from other temporary locations. Having said that Mr. Speaker, it is my hope that the conference committee will act expeditiously to reach a compromise on this particular legislation. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Representative Angel. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to reject House Bill 20-164, House Draft 3, Senate Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	no
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	no
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, 16 members voted “yes” and 2 members voted “no.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. Again, with 16 members voting in the affirmative to reject House Bill 20-164 hereby passes the House. Thank you, members. I am now for the sake of expeditiously acting on the action taken by the House just a few minutes ago. I am now appointing three members to serve as the conferee. Let me now appoint Representative John Paul P. Sablan to be the Chair on this team. Representative Joe Deleon Guerrero will also be a part of it and Representative BJ Attao. And the reason why I allow the Vice Chairman on Ways and Means to take the lead as we all know Chairman Angel is the Chairman for Ways and Means – we want him to focus on the upcoming budget. We don’t want to prolong this any further and this is why I am appointing Representative John Paul to head this team so that they expeditiously work on this proposed legislation will reach the Governor’s office. So with that thank you members. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following House Bill on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-153, HD1

A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC § 4433 to authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation and the Commonwealth Development Authority to promulgate regulations on procurement, travel, and personnel matters; and for other purposes. *See [S. C. R. No. 20-114]*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-153, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-153, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following House Bill on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-100, HS1

A Bill for an Act to establish a reserve fund to be used to meet the future needs of the Commonwealth. *See [S. C. R. No. 20-111]*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-100, House Substitute 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-100, HS1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following House Bill on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-144

A Bill for an Act to amend Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 3 by adding a new § 439 naming the Rota Fire Station 8 the “Robert O. Hocog Fire Station”; and for other purposes. *See* [S. C. R. No. 20-109]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-144 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes

Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-144 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following House Bill on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-80, HD1

A Bill for an Act to provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified ex-offenders. *See [S. C. R. No. 20-112]*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-80, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinnie Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-80, HD1 passes the House. That takes care of our Bill Calendar.

Moving down to item XVII, Miscellaneous Business. Appears to be none. XVIII, Announcement. Recognize Representative Aldan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Edwin P. Aldan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a congratulatory to the Tinian JROTC Stallion Battalion for winning the national drill competition in California. Kudos to them. Congratulations. And the other note is this weekend our parish is inviting all the general public to join us in celebrating our annual San Jose Fiesta. We will be having entertainments, fishing derby I believe on Saturday and cockfight on Friday. Come one, come all. Join us. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Chairman Lee Pan.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Marianas Visitor Authority today's proclamation is May is considered tourism month and with that as Chairman for Commerce and Tourism, MVA is scheduled to start of with their annual Taste of the Marianas this Saturday and every other Saturday. I am glad that the venue has been changed and it's back at the American Memorial Park as it should be. Like Representative Barcinas said we should take it back for that reason. I am inviting everybody to bring the family down for exotic taste for good food and beer garden. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Chairman, I didn't –

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Six o'clock.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: The venue again, I didn't get what you –

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: American Memorial Park.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Further. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Mr. Speaker, just point of clarification. Are we having a session on Tinian and when would that be tentatively.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: We would certainly love to have a session on Tinian when the conferee product is finished and then we'll do one on Tinian after that. Further. Floor Leader for the motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: With that being said Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn subject to your call. So move.

*The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.
The House adjourned at 2:25 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia S. Rosario
House Journal Clerk

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 20-61: To adopt and enact the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989 as approved and adopted by the CNMI Superior Court in *CNMI v. Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission, et al.*, Civil Action No. 91-690 (Aug. 18, 1993); To further Amend the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989; To Repeal Tinian Local Laws 14-01, 18-05, 19-12, and 20-05; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin P. Aldan of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 16, 2018.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on April 24, 2018:

H. B. No. 20-163: To reduce the time period for the Mayor to comment on local legislation to 15 days. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, and Angel A. Demapan) on April 24, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-164: To appropriate fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308. Introduced by Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and John Paul P. Sablan) on April 24, 2018; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. L. B. No. 20-63

To re-appropriate Sixteen Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty dollars and Twenty-Four cents (\$16,830.24) from BU 4961M and BU 4962R; Fifty-Seven Thousand, Seven Hundred and Six dollars and Ninety-Five cents (\$57,706.95) from BU 7176D and BU 3754; and Thirty-Seven Thousand, Four Hundred Sixty-Two dollars and Eighty-One cents (\$37,462.81) from BU 3753G; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Janet U. Maratita of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.) on April 24, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-64: To appropriate \$79,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin P. Aldan of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on April 24, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-65: To appropriate \$3,300,000 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended for Fiscal Year 2018; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 24, 2018.

H. Res. No. 20-25: To honor and commend Justis “Cuki” F. Alvarez for his numerous accomplishments while representing the CNMI in various sporting events. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Edwin K. Propst of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 24, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. C. R. No. 20-2: To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2019, beginning October 1, 2018, and ending on September 30, 2019. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 24, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

Gov. Comm. 20-177: (3/16/18) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-96, SD1, (To amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System.). [**Deadline: 5/15/18**]

Gov. Comm. 20-178: (3/16/18 received 3/19/18) Informing the House that he vetoed S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, (To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.). [**Deadline: 5/15/18**]