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DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, THE AUDIO PORTION MALFUNCTIONED LEAVING ONLY THE VIDEO PORTION OF THE SESSION RECORDED. THEREFORE, THE TRANSCRIPTION BELOW WILL ONLY REFLECT THE HOUSE CLERK AND HOUSE JOURNAL CLERK NOTES.

The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Fifth Special Session on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 1:56 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 Edwin P. Aldan and Edmund S. Villagomez were absent and excused.

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.

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes” and two members are absent.

The Chair directed the members to item II, Public Comments and welcomed the public to comment on any of the items appearing on the day’s agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four individuals made comments pertaining to the following and two individuals were miscellaneous comments:

S. C. R. NO. 20-10, S1: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-43, entitled: “To clarify and define the Attorney General’s duties and responsibilities in the promulgation of rules and regulations, in reviewing contracts and in representing the commonwealth government or its executive departments; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-43, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-31: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-14, entitled: “To improve the justice system’s response to domestic violence, and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-14 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-39: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-68, entitled: “To enact provisions that will fund non-immigrant worker registration and work identification operations for the Department of Labor; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-68, HD1.*

H. B. NO. 20-15, HD1, SD2: A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §2308 by adding new subsection covering Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, payment of land claim settlements, and other money judgments and settlements against the CNMI government, retirees death benefits, the First Senatorial District, the Second Senatorial District, the Third Senatorial District and establishing a special account. *See SEN. COMM. 20-23*

S. C. R. NO. 20-28: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-42, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-42 in its current form.*

Ms. Lilian Tenorio
Ms. Annie Hayes

Mr. John Gonzales (*miscellaneous comments*)
 Mr. Daniel Quitugua
 Mr. Crispin Ogo
 Mr. Parker Yobei (*miscellaneous comments*)

The Chair directed the members to item III, Adoption of Journals and recognized the Floor Leader.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following journal:

First Day, Fourth Special Session Journal – June 6, 2017

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the First Day, Fourth Special Session Journal – June 6, 2017 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair directed the members to item IV, Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

The Chair recognized each member to officially introduce their bill. After each introduction, the Chair referred each bill accordingly.

H. B. NO. 20-89

To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 2307 to provide for an additional funding source to the Saipan Higher Educational Financial Assistance (SHEFA); and for other purposes.

REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

(Referred to the Committee on Gaming)

H. B. NO. 20-90

To restrict the removal of ancient human remains or other culturally significant artifacts from the CNMI.

REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angel A. Demapan, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan)

(Referred to the Committee on Natural Resources)

H. B. NO. 20-91

To exempt the residents of our neighboring island of Guam from the operator’s license requirements by amending Title 9, Subsection 2203 Operator’s License: Exemption from License.

REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

(Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations)

H. B. NO. 20-92

To amend section 302 (f)(9), to authorize reprogramming to fund the Early Head Start and Head Start centers; and for other purposes.

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

(Placed on the Bill Calendar for action)

House Local Bills:

All House Local Bills were officially introduced by each respective member.

H. L. B. NO. 20-18

To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 06 of 29, rezoning lots 141 E 02 and 141 E 05 from “Village Residential” to “Tourist Resort” Zoning District.

REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. L. B. NO. 20-25

To appropriate additional funds realized, specifically allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 as amended, for the CNMI Drug Court; and for other purposes.

REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, and Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao)

H. L. B. NO. 20-26

To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 in the amount of Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$30,749.00 USD); and for other purposes.

REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 20-27

To amend 10 CMC §3132 Gross Laden Weight Fee and §3136 Saipan Village and Secondary Road Fund; and for other purposes.

REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 20-28

To appropriate the amount of Sixty-nine Thousand Nine-hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$69,918.00 USD) from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*)

House Legislative Initiatives: None

The Chair directed the members to item V, Introduction of Resolutions.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions:

The Chair recognized each member to officially introduce their resolution. After each introduction, the Chair referred each resolution accordingly.

H. RES. NO. 20-9

To respectfully encourage the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to recognize and support the need to change the time period of authorized stay under the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program and respectfully encourage the Governor to petition the consideration and approval of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Donald C. Barcinas)

(Referred to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs)

H. RES. NO. 20-10

To support the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation's application to the 340B Drug Pricing Program under the Office of Pharmacy Affairs.

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

(Introduced as Committee of the Whole and referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare)

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

The Clerk announced the following Governor's Communications:

GOV. COMM. 20-36: (6/12/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-1, D3, (To appropriate up to \$463,279,000 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-37: (6/12/17) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. NO. 20-3, D2, (To appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for various projects and programs in the Third Senatorial District.). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-2 item vetoed** [*Deadline 8/11/17*]

GOV. COMM. 20-38: (6/12/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Henry S. Hofschneider, Special Assistant, at the Office of the Mayor to receive an annual salary of \$55,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-39: (6/15/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-56, (“Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park”). Became **Public Law 20-2** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-40: (6/21/17 received 6/22/17) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing Saipan. [*Deadline: 9/20/17*]

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 20-24 so that it may become property of the House.

SEN. COMM. 20-24: (6/12/17) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 20-4, entitled, “To recognize Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio for his exceptional accomplishments and distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.” which was adopted by the Senate on June 9, 2017. [*For action*]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communication 20-24 so that it may become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair referred Senate Communication 20-24 reference to Senate Joint Resolution 20-4 to the Resolution Calendar for action.

The Chair directed the members to item VIII, House Communications and recognized the Clerk.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM. 20-45: (6/13/17) From Representative Blanco, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Wednesday, June 14, 2017 and returning Monday, June 19, 2017; and on Friday, June 23, 2017 to Monday, July 3, 2017 he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-46: (6/21/17) From Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning Friday,

June 23, 2017 and will return on Monday, June 26, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-47: (6/22/17) From Representative Blanco, informing the Speaker that he has cancelled his official travel scheduled for Friday, June 23, 2017 to Monday, July 3, 2017. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-48: (6/22/17) From Minority Leader Representative Villagomez, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official matters beginning Friday, June 23, 2017 and returning Monday, July 3, 2017 and requests to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence. Furthermore, he designates Representative Attao Acting Minority Leader and given authorization to officially introduce his legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

There was no discussion; the Chair directed the members to item XII, Reports of Standing Committees and recognized the Floor Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chair called for a short recess by the request of the Floor Leader.

The House recessed at 2:38 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:50 p.m.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-10, S1: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-43, entitled: “To clarify and define the Attorney General’s duties and responsibilities in the promulgation of rules and regulations, in reviewing contracts and in representing the commonwealth government or its executive departments; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-43, HD1.*

The motion was seconded.

After the discussion made by Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz; the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-10, S1 was carried by voice vote. There were several nay votes.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-11, S1: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-18, entitled: “To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-18 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-11, S1 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. 20-22: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-52, entitled: “To require all sales and purchases to be made by credit or debit card as one of the methods for making payments.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-52, HD1.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-22 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. 20-23: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-74, entitled: “To amend Title 4 Section 5523 of the Commonwealth’s Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-74 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-23 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. 20-24: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-16, entitled: “To amend 7 CMC 3101(a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-16** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-24 was carried by voice vote. There were several nay votes.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-25: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-41, entitled: “To establish requirements for vehicle rental businesses; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-41, HDI.***

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-25 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. 20-26: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-14, entitled: “To amend 6 CMC §2253, to limit the number of shooting gallery and shooting range; amend section 2256(a)(10), shooting gallery and shooting range operation time; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **S. B. NO. 20-14, HDI.***

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-26 was carried by voice vote. There were several nay votes.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-27: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-20, entitled: “To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 to provide veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental*

*Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-20, HD1.***

The motion was seconded.

The Chair called for a short recess.

The House recessed at 3:08 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:12 p.m.

After recess the Floor Leader repeated the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-27 and it was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-27 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. 20-28: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-42, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-42** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-28 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. 20-29: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-75, entitled: “To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court’s Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-75** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-29 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. 20-30: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-10, entitled: “To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-10** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-30 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. 20-31: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-14, entitled: “To improve the justice system’s response to domestic violence, and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. No. 20-14** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-31 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. 20-32: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-7, entitled: “To amend 9 CMC §2107 to provide an extended time period before the vehicle registration late fee would apply; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-7, HD1**.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-32 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. 20-33: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-12, entitled: “To reform drug sentencing laws to effectuate the rehabilitation and treatment principles of evidence-based sentencing.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. No. 20-12** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-33 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. 20-34: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-57, entitled: “To authorize the Department of Labor to enforce the criminal penalties and provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 274 relating to assisting the illegal entry of certain aliens into the CNMI.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. No. 20-57** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-34 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. 20-35: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-53, entitled: “To establish and clearly define the authority of the Department of Public Works to promulgate rules and regulations within the Rights Of Way (ROW); and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. No. 20-53** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-35 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair called for a short recess.

The House recessed at 3:21 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:22 p.m.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to recommit the following Standing Committee Report by the request of the Chairman for Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee.

S. C. R. NO. 20-36: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-60, entitled: “To amend 9 CMC §5815 (c) and (d) of the Motor Vehicle Rental Safety and to add new subsections; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-60, HDI.*
(Recommit to Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee)

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to recommit Standing Committee Report 20-36 back to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations 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. 20-37: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-66, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §8602(b), Law Enforcement Mandatory Drug Testing to eliminate the condition that testing is subject to the availability of funds.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-66 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-37 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. 20-38: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-2, entitled: “To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-2, HDI.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-38 was carried by voice vote. There were several nay votes.

The Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-38 with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes

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

The Clerk announced fifteen members voting “yes” and three members voting “no”. The Chair directed recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-39: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-68, entitled: “To enact provisions that will fund non-immigrant worker registration and work identification operations for the Department of Labor; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-68, HDI.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-39 was carried by voice vote. There were several nay votes.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-40: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-77, entitled: “To establish a separate statute and penalty for individuals committing the act of vandalism; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-77, HDI.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-40 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

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 House Commemorative Resolution 20-7.

C. RES. NO. 20-7

A House Commemorative Resolution to convey our sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Juan “Juanbo” Blanco Camacho on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Commemorative Resolution 20-7 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt Senate Joint Resolution 20-4.

S. J. R. NO. 20-4

To recognize Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio for his exceptional accomplishments and distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. COMM. 20-24]

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 Senate Joint Resolution 20-4 with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt House Commemorative Resolution 20-6.

C. RES. NO. 20-6

A House Commemorative Resolution to recognize the outstanding achievements and services of Captain Guillermo T. Faller to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Commemorative Resolution 20-6 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt House Joint Resolution 20-5.

H. J. R. NO. 20-5

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-17-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M17-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S17-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

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 House Joint Resolution 20-5 with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair directed the members to item XVI, Bill Calendar and recognized the Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to reject the Senate amendments and move to conference committee for the following:

H. B. NO. 20-15, HD1, SD2

A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §2308 by adding new subsection covering Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, payment of land claim settlements, and other money judgments and settlements against the CNMI government, retirees death benefits, the First Senatorial District, the Second Senatorial District, the Third Senatorial District and establishing a special account. *See SEN. COMM. 20-23*

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 reject Senate amendments and move for a conference committee for House Bill 20-15, HD1, SD2 with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-42

To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-28**]

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 20-42 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-18

To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-11, S1]

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 20-18 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced seventeen members voting “yes” and one member “abstain”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-52, HD1

To require all sales and purchases to be made by credit or debit card as one of the methods for making payments. [S. C. R. NO. 20-22]

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 20-52, HD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-74

To amend Title 4 Section 5523 of the Commonwealth’s Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-23]

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 20-74 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
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	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes

Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	absent (<i>excused</i>)

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-41, HD1

To establish requirements for vehicle rental businesses; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-25]

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 20-41, HD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-20, HD1

To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 to provide veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-27]

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 20-20, HD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-75

To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court’s Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-29**]

The motion was seconded.

The Chair recognized Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz offered the following floor amendment:

Page 2, line 8: delete “Chief Justice” insert “Presiding Judge”

Page 2, line 9: delete “Supreme” insert “Superior”

Page 2, line 9: after the word “Court” insert “or his/her designee”

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

There was no discussion on the main motion to pass House Bill 20-75 in the form of House Draft 1; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-75, HD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-10

To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account. [S. C. R. NO. 20-30]

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 20-10 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-57

To authorize the Department of Labor to enforce the criminal penalties and provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 274 relating to assisting the illegal entry of certain aliens into the CNMI. [S. C. R. NO. 20-34]

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 20-57 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

The Clerk announced eighteen members voting “yes”.

No discussion or action taken for the following legislations:

H. B. NO. 20-92

To amend section 302 (f)(9), to authorize reprogramming to fund the Early Head Start and Head Start centers; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. NO. 20-43, HD1

To clarify and define the Attorney General's duties and responsibilities in the promulgation of rules and regulations, in reviewing contracts and in representing the commonwealth government or its executive departments; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-10, S1**]

H. B. No. 20-16

To amend 7 CMC 3101(a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes.” [**S. C. R. NO. 20-24**]

S. B. NO. 20-14, HD1

To amend 6 CMC §2253, to limit the number of shooting gallery and shooting range; amend section 2256(a)(10), shooting gallery and shooting range operation time; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-26**]

H. B. No. 20-14

To improve the justice system's response to domestic violence, and for other purposes.” [**S. C. R. NO. 20-31**]

H. B. NO. 20-7, HD1

To amend 9 CMC §2107 to provide an extended time period before the vehicle registration late fee would apply; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-32**]

H. B. No. 20-12

To reform drug sentencing laws to effectuate the rehabilitation and treatment principles of evidence-based sentencing. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-33**]

H. B. No. 20-53

To establish and clearly define the authority of the Department of Public Works to promulgate rules and regulations within the Rights Of Way (ROW); and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-35**]

H. B. No. 20-66

To amend 1 CMC §8602(b), Law Enforcement Mandatory Drug Testing to eliminate the condition that testing is subject to the availability of funds. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-37**]

H. B. NO. 20-2, HD1

To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-38**]

H. B. NO. 20-68, HD1

To enact provisions that will fund non-immigrant worker registration and work identification operations for the Department of Labor; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-39**]

H. B. NO. 20-77, HD1

To establish a separate statute and penalty for individuals committing the act of vandalism; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-40**]

The Chair directed the members to item XVII, Miscellaneous Business and recognized Representative Alice S. Igitol.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Representative Alice S. Igitol wanted to invite the members to her residence for the hosting of the 2017 Asian Pacific Middle East Regional Tournament dinner.

The Chair directed the members to item XVIII, Announcement.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair announced that there will be a House session scheduled for Monday, July 3, 2017.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

The Floor Leader made a motion to adjourn subject to the Call of the Chair.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The House adjourned at 4:28 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:

H. L. B. NO. 20-21: To increase the poker and pachinko machine license fee. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Angel A. Demapan, and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on June 6, 2017

H. L. B. NO. 20-22: To name the unnamed coral surfaced roads that turn off from Isa Drive in the As-Mahettog and Capitol Hill area, just north of the Vestcor Village. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 6, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-23: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOSE I. ITIBUS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on June 6, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 20-14: To require all property owners that hold blighted properties within the island of Saipan to be held accountable to secure and maintain abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on May 5, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-15: To repeal Chapter 4 of the Saipan Municipal Code and to establish the Saipan Bingo Act of 2017; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, and John Paul P. Sablan) on May 5, 2017.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session June 6, 2017:

H. B. NO. 20-82: To clarify the powers of the Commonwealth Casino Commission and to make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code given the unique regulatory oversight of the Casino Industry in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Joseph Lee pan T. Guerrero) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Gaming.

H. B. NO. 20-83: To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-84: To reduce the Commonwealth poker and pachinko machine license fee. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Angel A. Demapan, and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-85: To establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occurs within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-86: To establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

[Added – 6/6/17] H. B. NO. 20-87: To alleviate the Courts from expending significant resources and financial burden with debt collection cases, and to allow indigent persons an honest opportunity to recover and have a fresh start. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan and Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero) on June 6, 2017; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on June 9, 2017.

[Added – 6/6/17] H. B. NO. 20-88: To repeal and re-enact “The Education Act of 1988” as amended and as codified as 3 CMC § 1101 through § 1193; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, and John Paul P. Sablan) on June 6, 2017; referred to the Committee on Education on June 9, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-19: To appropriate the amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$36,000.00 USD) from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on June 6, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-20: To appropriate up to Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund under Business Unit 3730; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative John Paul P. Sablan) on June 6, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-21: To increase the poker and pachinko machine license fee. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Angel A. Demapan, and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on June 6, 2017

H. L. B. NO. 20-22: To name the unnamed coral surfaced roads that turn off from Isa Drive in the As-Mahettog and Capitol Hill area, just north of the Vestcor Village. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 6, 2017.

[Added – 6/6/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-23: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOSE I. ITIBUS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on June 6, 2017.

[Added – 6/6/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-24: To re-appropriate a portion of the funds from a completed project in Precinct V under Business Unit No. 3753F (of Saipan Local Law No. 19-18) for the infrastructure and lighting system upgrade of the Basketball court in Kagman II; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Angel A. Demapan, and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. RES. NO. 20-8: To respectfully request the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to request the United States Secretary of the Interior to transfer the administration of the American Memorial Park to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 6, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

[Added – 6/6/17] H. J. R. NO. 20-5: To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-17-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M17-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S17-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLANS of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for*

himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Ivan A. Blanco) on June 6, 2017; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means on June 9, 2017.

C. RES. NO. 20-7: To convey our sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Juan “Juanbo” Blanco Camacho on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on June 6, 2017.

House information on deadlines for override: None