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*The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Fourth Day, Second Regular Session on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 1:48 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 nineteen members were present; Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz was absent and excused.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. Let the record reflect that Representative Francisco Dela Cruz is hereby excused. So with 19 members present this session will now move forward. Let me – Floor Leader do we have any?

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Yes, Mr. Speaker we do. With that, I would like to go ahead and make a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) so that the House amends its agenda to include unnumbered bills, resolutions and communications not filed within 72 hours of the given notice. So move.

*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 to call the roll.*

*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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) hereby carries. Thank you, members. Now moving down to item II, Public Comments. Pursuant to the Open Government Act and the Official Rules of the House of Representatives, public notice and agenda was posted 72 hours in advance. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting pertaining to any items that are on today’s agenda, otherwise may submit their comments in writing to the Speaker of the House on or before the meeting date. Please for the record please state your name and you may do so if you are going to speak and proceed over to the podium.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

One individual made comments pertaining to the following:

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-64: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-35, SD3, entitled, To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 15 years for a total 55 years; to authorize certain existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years; to amend 1 CMC § 2807 to authorize DPL to negotiate a new public land lease with certain existing public land lessees under new terms and consideration without publishing an RFP; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

**S. C. R. NO. 20-61:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-81, entitled: “To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-81 in its current form.*

Ms. Patricia Rasa, letter read on behalf of Secretary Marian Teregeyo, Department of Public Lands

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: State your privilege Representative Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Can we ask Ms. Rasa to provide the Sergeant-at-Arms her letter from DPL so we can have it as a communication?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Ms. Rasa, I would appreciate if you could provide us a copy of that letter. Thank you. Any other member that wishes to comment? Appears to be none.

*The Chair directed the members to item IV, Introduction of Bills and recognized Representative Propst.*

## ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

*None*

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

### *House Bills:*

*Representative Edwin K. Propst officially introduced the following House Bill:*

#### **H. B. 20-122**

To amend Title 9 of the Commonwealth Code to allow the Bureau of Motor Vehicles to suspend the expiration of a driver's license for military personnel and their spouses while on deployment.

**REP. EDWIN K. PROPST**, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

*The Chair referred House Bill 20-122 to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and recognized Representative John Paul P. Sablan for the next introduction.*

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

#### **H. B. 20-123**

To limit the excise tax exemption to tobacco products and alcoholic beverages to items brought in by individuals arriving at the airport and sea port.

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

*The Chair announced that he will refer the House Bill 20-123 on a later date.*

***House Local Bills: None***

***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 as a Committee of the Whole and to place the resolution on the Resolution Calendar:*

#### **H. RES. NO. 20-13**

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality and character of a true dignitary for his country, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

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

*Several members voiced “no objection”.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Chairman. Without any objection, House Resolution 20-13 is introduced as a Committee of the Whole.

***House Joint Resolutions: None***

***House Commemorative Resolutions: None***

***House Concurrent Resolutions: None***

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

## **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

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

#### **H. RES. NO. 20-13**

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality and character of a true dignitary for his country, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Resolution 20-13 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Members, before we go further we are going to go into recess and during that recess, we are going to present a resolution to the family of Mr. de Brum and another resolution to Mr. Bob White. Short recess.

*The House recessed at 2:05 p.m.*

**RECESS**

*The House reconvened at 2:23 p.m.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Back from our recess. Again, we extend our condolences to Mr. Tony de Brum and again congratulations to Mr. White. Let me direct the members to item VI, Messages from the Governor. Appears to be none. Item VII, Senate Communications, Floor Leader.

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

None

**SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Floor Leader made a motion to accept Senate Communication 20-68 so that it may become property of the House.*

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-63: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-22, entitled, to amend 1 CMC §§ 8459(a) and 8460(a) to require employers to contribute 4 percent of an employee's compensation if an employee contributes at least 4 percent to the employee's Defined Contribution Plan individual account; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-64: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-35, SD3, entitled, To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 15 years for a total 55 years; to authorize certain existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years; to amend 1 CMC § 2807 to authorize DPL to negotiate a new public land lease with certain existing public land lessees under new terms and consideration without publishing an RFP; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-65: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-58, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2836 to remove the payment requirement by CHCC to the Commonwealth government; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-66: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-59, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2824, to establish a claims and clinical data warehouse at CHCC and to improve accountability for how health insurance premiums are spent by requiring health insurance insurers and health care providers to submit reports on claims and clinical data to the insurance commissioner; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-68: (8/31/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-116, entitled, “To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015”, which was passed by the Senate, with amendments on August 31, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-116, SD2**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communication 20-68 so that it may become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

*The Chair referred the following accordingly:*

*Senate Communication 20-63 referred to Judiciary and Governmental Operations*

*Senate Communication 20-64 referred to Natural Resources*

*Senate Communication 20-65 referred to Ways and Means*

*Senate Communication 20-66 referred to Health*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the proper motion on Senate Communication 20-68.*

*The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 and to place House Bill 20-116, SD2 on the Bill Calendar for action.*

## **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 House Bill 20-116, SD2 on the Bill Calendar for action was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

*The Chair directed the members to item VIII, House Communication and recognized the Floor Leader.*

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under House Communications and pursuant to Rule X, Section 7 of our rules, which is the motion to recall. Mr. Speaker, at this time I hereby offer a motion to recall from the Governor, House Bill 20-108, HD1 which was transmitted on August 22, 2017 and reason being is that so we can make the necessary amendments specifying the funding source for the appropriation. So move.

*The motion was seconded.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Floor Leader. Your motion to recall House Bill 20-108, HD1 has been seconded. Discussion on that motion?

*Several members voiced "ready".*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Clerk for the roll call.

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion to recall House Bill 20-108, House Draft 1 from the Office of the Governor 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted "yes."

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-108, HD1 is therefore recalled from the Governor.

*No discussion made for the following House Communications:*

HSE. COMM. 20-66: (8/28/17) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from August 29, 2017 to September 2, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during

his absence. Furthermore, Representative Guerrero officially authorizes the Speaker to introduce his legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-67: (8/29/17) From Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters, August 31, 2017 to September 8, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

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

**S. C. R. NO. 20-56:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-13, entitled: “To designate and establish Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland as “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park” for the purpose of and in accordance with this Act.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-13 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

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

Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is for our good Chairwoman, Representative Igitol. During our committee meeting we talk about – there was a survey done to get a grasp of our people feel about this designation and I did request to see that copy of the survey being blank or filled in to the – attached to this committee report. I was informed that it would be done at a later time. I don’t see it in my package. Would there be a copy distributed?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Minority Leader. If I may, I would like to respond to that. My office and Representative John Paul, we did conduct a survey. We even went to the extent of going to high schools – Marianas High School and get their thoughts on the proposed



measure. I do not have the survey with me now, but I can furnish a copy to you and to the members. Overwhelmingly, they are in support of this project. Thank you.

*There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-56 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. 20-57:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-67, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 1402 for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-67 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-57 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. 20-58:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-69, entitled: “To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-69, HSI.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-58 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. 20-59:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-65, entitled: “To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-65 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-59 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. 20-60:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-73, entitled: “To amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-73 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-60 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. 20-61:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-81, entitled: “To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-81 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-61 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. 20-62:** Reporting on H. Res. No. 20-2, entitled: “To respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to preserve and designate 30,000 square meters of feasible public land on the island of Saipan for the future site of the Indigenous Cultural Center.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House adopt H. Res. No. 20-2 in its current form.*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-62 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

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

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **BILL CALENDAR**

*The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.*

### **RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS**

#### **Section 9. First Reading of Bills and Resolutions**

(a) When a bill or resolution is read in the House the first time, the Clerk shall report the bill by title, unless a majority orders it read in full, or by such subdivisions as the motion to read may indicate. The House shall then proceed to debate the measure, and amendments shall be in order. At the conclusion of a debate the House shall vote on passing the measure on First Reading after affording an opportunity for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. If the Measure passes with amendments, the Clerk shall engross such amendments and cause the measure, or any page thereof, to be reprinted as provided in Sections 4 and 6 of this Rule. *[Note: Rule IX, Section 9, amended by H. RES. 20-4]*

(b) The First Reading of a bill without amendment shall be the only and final reading, and upon its passage, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

(c) If a bill passes First Reading with amendment, the Clerk shall place it on the Bill Calendar for Second Reading the next legislative day.

(d) First Reading of a resolution shall be the only and final reading, and upon its passage, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

#### **Section 10. Second Reading of Bills**

(a) When a bill is read in the House a second time, it shall be considered in the same manner as for First Reading, except that no further amendments shall be in order. *[Note: Rule IX, Section 10, amended by H. RES. 20-4]*

(b) Second Reading of a bill shall be the final reading, and upon its passage, which shall be by Call of the Roll, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 9 and 10 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

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

**H. B. NO. 20-116, SD2**

To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-116, Senate Draft 2 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-116, SD2 hereby passes the House. Can we have a short recess.

*The House recessed at 2:41 p.m.*

**RECESS**

*The House reconvened at 3:13 p.m.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. We are back in session. Prior to our recess, we just passed House Bill 20-116, SD2 and that bill proposes “To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014

and FY 2015.” *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, members for your support on that bill. Now let me recognize the Floor Leader.

*The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.*

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(b) Second Reading of a bill shall be the final reading, and upon its passage, which shall be by Call of the Roll, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 9 and 10 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

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

**H. B. No. 20-86, HD1**

A Bill for an Act to establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-48]*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-86, 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-86, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-25, HD1**

A Bill for an Act to prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-49]*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-25, 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. The affirmative of 19 members voting, House Bill 20-25, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-85**

A Bill for an Act to establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occurs within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-50]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-85 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-85 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-83**

A Bill for an Act 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. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-51]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-83 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-83 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**S. B. NO. 20-7, SD1**

A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC §4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC §4435(h); and for other purposes. *See* [SEN. COMM. 20-16]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of Senate Bill 20-7, Senate 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, Senate Bill 20-7, SD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**S. B. No. 20-3, SS1, HD1**

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-55]*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of Senate Bill 20-3, SS1, HD1 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, Senate Bill 20-3, SS1, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-96**

A Bill for an Act 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. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-54]

*The motion was seconded.*

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

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a clarification question to the mover. When we say committee meetings this is committee separate from the full Board of Education?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Recognize Chairman Lee.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In reference to Representative Demapan that is correct. The board has multiple committee meetings and they have meetings consistently almost on a weekly basis and sometimes it goes beyond the timeline of half a day and it becomes a whole day and they continue on to the next day and they’re not getting a fair compensation for that. If that is the concern of Representative Demapan. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman. You still have the floor Representative Angel.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you to the mover for that clarification. I am just trying to calculate that the board would have enough funds for their additional compensation. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Can I quickly ask this? Is this just for PSS, Chairman?

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Correct, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Very accurate answer. Ready? Clerk.

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-96 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-96 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-93, HD1**

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §8250(e) by including the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) to be exempted from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act as amended. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-52]*

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-93, 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-93, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Next we have House Bill 20-13, “A Bill for an Act to designate and establish Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland at Susupe Lake Wildlife Park for the purpose of and in accordance with this act.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Floor sorry to interject, if I may there are still some information that I would like to have that information to be a part of this material. Can you withdraw that motion and proceed to the other one?

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: With that Mr. Speaker, I would like to withdraw the motion for the passage of House 20-13.

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

**H. B. No. 20-67**

To amend 1 CMC § 1402 for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 20-57]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-67 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-67 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. NO. 20-69, HS1**

To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes. [*See S. C. R. No. 20-58*]

*The motion was seconded.*

*There was no discussion, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-69, 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-69, HS1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

**H. B. No. 20-65**

To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits. [*See S. C. R. No. 20-59*]

*The motion was seconded.*

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize the author of the bill.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to offer a floor amendment that I provided to Legal Counsel and Clerk to put up on ELMO. This is the last piece of legislation that I worked with the late Richard Seman in his capacity as DLNR Secretary just within a week from his passing. So today I would like to pay homage to the late Richard Seman by offering an amendment to change the short title of the bill to be “The Richard B. Seman Bioprospecting Act of 2017.” So offered.

*The motion was seconded.*

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Back to the main motion. Ready? Clerk.

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-65, 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	absent ( <i>excused</i> )
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	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-65, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Mr. Speaker, that bill will take care of our Bill Calendar. With respect to the committee chairs that have requested additional time to further review the bills that are pending before us. I so noted and allow the respective chair to go ahead and further review the bills before us.

*There was no action taken for the following legislations:*

**H. B. NO. 20-71, HSI**

A Bill for an Act to make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-47]

**H. B. NO. 20-28**

A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §§§ 2306, 2307 and 2308 (Public Law No. 18-56) to authorize, establish, and fund a Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account and CNMI Retiree Future Generation Pension Plan.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: So it appears to me that would take care of the Bill Calendar. We will go ahead and go down to item XVII, Miscellaneous Business. Minority Leader.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you. I just want to – I know the Chairman is not here but any update on the cell phone bill regarding no driving while texting.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Let me check members of that committee, but to my understanding I think we did talk about it on our two previous session and that is for the committee to do its due diligence, but let me allow Chairman Lee to respond to your question.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Chair, we are going to review again the intent of the bill because there were some concerns. There was no further instruction from the Chair so until his return I would bring it up to his attention.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman Lee. *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Minority Leader. Further? Appears to be none. Announcement? Recognize Representative Deleon Guerrero, Larry.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. My good colleague Representative Frank Aguon and I, invite all members to join us in the grand opening of the Kagman People’s Park, which includes a double basketball court brand new and a children’s playground located at the Kagman Community Center and it’s going to be this coming Thursday

at 11 a.m. and we're happy – my colleague and myself are happy to invite all members and anybody from the staff of the LB if they would choose to come and join us celebrate the opening of the Kagman People's Park. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Representative Deleon Guerrero. Chairman Blanco, did I see your hand?

Representative Ivan A. Blanco: Yes, thank you Speaker. Just to share with everybody that we are holding the Chairman and Chairwoman of SNILD, Tourism, Health and JGO, we're holding public hearing on blighted and abandoned properties with the author Representative Larry Deleon Guerrero, 9:45 a.m. tomorrow. If you have time, please join us. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Place of venue, Chairman. Here in the chamber? Any further? I thought I'd reiterate it, Senate might – I know it's in their agenda the budget bill so be expecting a session early next week to tackle on the budget and one other bill that we just recalled from the Governor. So those are the two bills hopefully for early next week. Recognize the Vice Speaker.

Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In line of Chairman Representative Blanco, I ask the members of the SNILD Health and Welfare Committee to please attend tomorrow's hearing. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Vice Speaker. Further? Appears to be none. Floor Leader.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: On that note Mr. Speaker, I wish to 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 3:43 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia S. Rosario  
House Journal Clerk



### APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 20-39: To amend Saipan Local Law 19-4 to restrict adult gambling machine businesses to certain areas; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 20-37: To establish and mandate the use of a centralized reburial location for the treatment of human remains. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGTOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on August 18, 2017.

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on August 30, 2017:*

H. B. NO. 20-113: To establish a criminal provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications.

H. B. NO. 20-114: To establish provisions that would require new and existing business establishments to provide for proper parking lot lighting; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-115: To repeal and reenact 6 CMC §§ 9201-9219 by changing the funding sources of the Criminal Justice Information System; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 20-116: To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017 and moved to the Bill Calendar.

H. B. NO. 20-117: To appropriate Five Hundred Forty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred Twenty-Three US Dollars (\$543,223.00) of the Solid Waste Management Revolving Account collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Secretary of Finance as available for appropriations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-118: To generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration and licenses and establishing a Temporary Operator’s License category; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Donald C. Barcinas) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 20-119: To establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Landlord and Tenant Rental Act of 2017; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-120: To provide for the payment of the salary increases suspended by the Financial Austerity Measures. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, and Angel A. Demapan) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-121: To amend 6 CMC Section 2301(a)(9) to allow individuals to import used tires for personal use. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Jose I. Itibus, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on August 30, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-39: To amend Saipan Local Law 19-4 to restrict adult gambling machine businesses to certain areas; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017.

C. RES. NO. 20-9: To commemorate our cultural uniqueness by dedicating the month of September to celebrate the cultural legacy of our Chamorro and Carolinian cultures within our great Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 30, 2017; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override: None*