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The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Second Day, Third Regular Session on Wednesday, January 26, 2018 at 1:53 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; Representative Angel A. Demapan arrived at 1:58 p.m. and Representatives Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero and Vinson F. Sablan were absent and excused.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 4. Format of Bills and Resolutions

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

The motion was seconded.

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

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

Representative Francisco C. Aguon

yes

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

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 17 members present, motion to amend the agenda hereby carries. Thank you. Now the podium is open for any member who wanted to comment on any of the items you may do so. The podium is right up front. I also ask that you identify yourself for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals made comments pertaining to the following:

S. C. R. NO. 20-100: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-140, entitled: “To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; 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. 20-140, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-94: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, entitled: “To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. NO. 20-21, SS1, SD1, in its current form.*

Ms. Pamela Sablan, Executive Director for the CNMI Council on the Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Robert Hunter, Secretary of the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs

Mr. Ross Manglona, Director of Workforce Development at the Northern Marianas Trade Institute

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero officially introduced the following House Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. No. 20-151

To amend 9 CMC §2104 to increase the fees for heavy equipment vehicles and certain other vehicles set forth in the specified statute; and for other purposes.

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

The Chair referred House Bill 20-151 to the Committee on Ways and Means and recognized Representative Donald C. Barcinas for the next introduction.

Representative Donald C. Barcinas officially introduced the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 20-152

To authorize and empower the Governor to request that the Secretary of the Interior transfer administration of the American Memorial Park to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-152 to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs and recognized Representative Ivan A. Blanco for the next introduction.

Representative Ivan A. Blanco officially introduced the following House Bill:

H. B. No. 20-153

To amend 2 CMC §4433 to authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to promulgate regulations on procurement, travel, and personnel matters; and for other purposes.

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: The bill will be referred on a later date. We move on to item (b) House Local Bills. Recognize Representative Angel A. Demapan.

House Local Bills:

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Local Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. L. B. No. 20-56

To re-appropriate Fourteen Thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) in B. U. 3389I, allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-04; Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eleven Dollars (\$16,311.00) in B. U. 3374F, allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-09; Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven dollars (\$5,287.00) in B. U. 3399H, allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-07; Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-Two dollars

(\$10,262.00) in B. U. 3400N, allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-24; One Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Five dollars (\$1,335.00) in B. U. 3700H, allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-27; and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four dollars (\$28,764.00) in B. U. 3710D, allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-03; and for other purposes.

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

House Legislative Initiatives: None

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

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions: None

House Joint Resolutions: None

House Commemorative Resolutions: None

House Concurrent Resolutions: None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk announced the following Messages from the Governor:

GOV. COMM. 20-154: (1/19/18) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Richard Pickett, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$61,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-155: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-44, S1, (“To re-appropriate \$1,270,779.89 from Section 2(a) of Tinian Local Law 20-3; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-9** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-156: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-40, SD1, (“To amend 9 CMC §2116 to provide for the identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-37** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-157: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-72, (“To amend 8 CMC §1421(a) [Guardianship]; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-38** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-158: (1/26/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-118, HD1, (“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.”). Became **Public Law 20-39** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-159: (1/26/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-101, HD1, (“To amend 1 CMC §8364, as amended by public law 15-70, to allow annuitants to enroll in the commonwealth government health insurance program; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-40** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-160: (1/31/18) Informing the House that the CNMI and Guam Leaders will be convening the working group’s inaugural business meeting on February 1-2, 2018 at the Royal Taga Ball Room in World Resort from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and he is inviting all House members to attend.

The Chair recognized Representative Edwin P. Aldan.

Representative Edwin P. Aldan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Informing the Governor to express our sincere thank you for signing into law House Local Bill 20-44 becoming Tinian Local Law 20-9. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Aldan. Any other member? Recognize Representative Aguon.

Representative Francisco C. Aguon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just giving thanks to the Governor on signing House Bill 20-118 to generate funds for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways and this House Bill became Public Law 20-39. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Aguon. Recognize Representative Dela Cruz.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would also like to thank the Governor for signing into law House Bill 20-101, House Draft 1 that became Public Law 20-40. On behalf of myself and my lone coauthor Congressman Barcinas, we thank the Governor for turning this legislation into public law. At the same time, I wish to address the viewing public most especially the retirees who did not take advantage of the government health care program in the past. This is an opportunity for them to enroll or reenroll back into the government health care program. With that said again, Mr. Speaker we thank the Governor for signing this into law. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Representative Dela Cruz. Recognize Representative Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And just the same, I want to thank the Governor for signing Senate Bill 20-40 into Public Law 20-37 to provide for the identification of the disabled veterans on their vehicle license plates, pursuant to Governor’s Communication 20-156. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Any other member? Also, it is important also to take note that although the Governor did concur and acknowledge bills to become laws. I am very appreciative also on us the legislators making sure that legislation gets to the Governor for his blessings. So, with that, thank you all for your support.

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

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

There was no discussion on the following House Communication; the Chair directed the members to item IX, Communications from the Judicial Branch and recognized the Clerk.

HSE. COMM. 20-93: (2/2/18) From the Speaker informing all House members that he is rescinding the special committee established by the last House session's Acting Speaker Maratita, which was reformed to deliberate on House Bill 20-149, and instead redirecting the bill to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and the Committee on Health. [For info]

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Clerk announced the following Communications from the Judicial Branch:

JUD. BR. COMM. 20-2: (12/22/17) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, CNMI Supreme Court re: *Appointment of Director of Courts*. [For info]

JUD. BR. COMM. 20-3: (12/22/17) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, CNMI Supreme Court re: *Appointment of Chief Marshal*. [For info]

There was no discussion, the Chair directed the members to item XI, Miscellaneous Communications and recognized the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communication:

MISC. COMM. 20-6: (1/24/18) From the Youth Congress Clerk, transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Bill No. 16-2, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC §1610 (a); and for other purposes.," which was passed by the 16th Youth Congress on January 20, 2018. [For disposition]

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-93: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-29, entitled: “To appropriate Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-29, HDI.*

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Motion by the Floor Leader has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Ready? Recognize Representative Angel Demapan.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the benefit of our viewers and the stakeholders that are here. Because the bill originated as a \$500,000.00 appropriation since being embedded in the Committee on Ways and Means, the bill is now up to \$931,340.00 resulting from a combination of Cancer Fund monies from two fiscal years – what was left of FY17 and what has been collected so far in FY18 that resulted in the increase of \$431,000.00, but the provision remains the same it’s just some addition for the – the original provisions remain and then the additional resources resulted in the addition of \$281,340.00 for the CNMI Medical Referral stipends for patients and escorts on medical referrals outside the Commonwealth. We furthermore provided \$100,000.00 for the Rota and Tinian interisland Medical Referral patients lodging and accommodations. \$50,000.00 for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Betelnut Cessation Program. These were added to the original provisions, which still exists namely the \$150,000.00 for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, Division of Public Health Services Dental Clinic Program and the \$350,000.00 to the Commonwealth Cancer Association to support its patients support services provided that the additional provisions also call for a \$50,000.00 of the \$350,000 will go to the First Senatorial District and \$50,000.00 shall be allocated for services in the Second Senatorial District. As Chair of the Committee Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take this opportunity to enlighten the general public on the changes that have been undertaken in the Committee on Ways and Means. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman Demapan. Any other comment?

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-93 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. 20-94: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, entitled: “To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. NO. 20-21, SS1, SD1, in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-94 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. 20-95: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-3, SD1, entitled: “To amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20- 3, SD1, in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-95 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-97: Reporting on S. B. NO. 20-34, SS1, entitled: “To amend Section 302(a) of PL 19-75 to mandate CUC to immediately apply the subsidy to residential customer accounts upon the transfer of funds to CUC; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends that the House file S. B. NO. 20-34, SS1.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to file Standing Committee Report 20-97 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. 20-96: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-123, entitled: “To limit the excise tax exemption to tobacco products and alcoholic beverages to items brought in by individuals arriving at the airport and seaport.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 20-123 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-96 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. 20-98: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-124, entitled: “To authorize and establish expedited partner therapy for certain sexually transmitted infections.” *Your Committee on Health recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-124, HDI.***

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-98 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. 20-99: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-49, entitled: “To amend the Commonwealth Museum Act under Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 8, Article 6 of the Commonwealth Code to include representatives from the Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, and the Marianas Visitors Authority to be included in the Museum Board of Governors; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-49** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-99 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. 20-100: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-140, entitled: “To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; 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. 20-140, HDI.***

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-100 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. 20-101: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-24, SD1, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC § 50143(a) to provide immunity for minors assisting in tobacco control undercover investigations; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. NO. 20-24, SD1 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-101 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. 20-102: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-65, SD1, entitled: “To establish a license suspension program for non-custodial parents who are in non-compliance with an order of support; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. NO. 20-65, SD1 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-102 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. 20-103: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-143, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 8265 (c) Public Employment definition of “Immediate Family Member.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 20-143, HDI.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-103 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 20-104: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-144, entitled: “To amend Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 3 by adding a new § 439 naming the Rota Fire Station 8 the “Robert O. Hocog Fire Station”; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee*

*on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass **H. B. NO. 20-144** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to recommit Standing Committee Report 20-104 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 the following House Joint Resolution:

H. J. R. NO. 20-8

A House Joint Resolution to support the passage of S.2325, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Work Force Act, introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski in the Senate of the United States Congress.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Can I just briefly ask the mover on this joint resolution just for the benefit our viewing public. Recognize Representative Demapan.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. House Joint Resolution 20-8 is supporting the passage of United States Senate Bill 2325 otherwise known as the Northern Mariana Islands U. S. Work Force Act, which has been introduced by United States Senator Lisa Murkowski. This joint resolution is time sensitive because the Senate Committee on Energy chaired by the mover herself has calendared a public hearing in the United States Congress on February 6. Part of the reason is this bill is a product of a working group that receive feedback from Governor Torres Administration and the members of the Northern Marianas Business Alliance Corporation and other members of Congress. Part of the feedback and the recommendation after putting this bill together was the need to expedite action on the Senate Bill 2325 in light of the approaching April deadline of when renewals open up for FY 2019. So, if this bill is not acted on by Congress and eventually by the White House by April the USCIS will be forced to implement the second round of reduction by 5,000 CW slots so therefore bring us drastically below the current 9,000 level that we're at after the first round of reduction. So, in light of the severe labor shortage that we are foreseeing based on communications that Marianas businesses have started contacting to our CNMI Department of Labor, there is a significant need of expedited action on Senate Bill 2325 and while we are certainly grateful that Chairwoman

Murkowski has expeditiously scheduled a public hearing for next week, one of the recommendations and one of the actions that we usually take in significant legislation like this is to provide a united front from the leadership of the Commonwealth and so the Legislature having not been a participant to the working group can by way of this joint resolution provide its comments and its support to Senate Bill 2325. Our colleagues in the CNMI Senate are aware of this joint resolution and have scheduled a session for this coming Friday to concur with House Joint Resolution 20-8. In that spirit of cooperation and collaboration and for the benefit of the Commonwealth Mr. Speaker, I ask the indulgence of all our colleagues in this chamber to approve House Joint Resolution 20-8 today. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Representative Demapan. Further discussion? Recognize Representative Dela Cruz.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I noticed that there are eight signatures on the bill itself and I wonder whether the mover is amenable to introducing this under the full body and if there's no objection with the author. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Dela Cruz. Mover any comment or thought on that?

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In response to our colleague Chairman Dela Cruz, this joint resolution is laying on today's agenda and calendar from the previous session and in our last session we have already made – taken the action to introduce this joint resolution under Committee of the Whole. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Again, the House Joint Resolution has been introduced as a Committee of the Whole. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt House Joint Resolution 20-8 with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 voting in the affirmative, House Joint Resolution 20-8 hereby passes the House. Thank you. Now moving down to item XVI, Bill Calendar. Before we proceed, Floor, I understand House Bill 20-71, HS1 is still in the calendar. We will go ahead and allow it for one more calendar appearance because of the new information that will be provided by the mover. I think the mover is not present today so let’s go ahead and keep putting this on the calendar until the next session. Now you may proceed Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Thank you. Before we act on any bill on the Bill Calendar Mr. Speaker. May I request a short recess.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Short recess.

The House recessed at 2:56 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:14 p.m.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Back from our recess. We will now go ahead and begin and move down to our next Order of Business, which is the Bill Calendar. Let me now recognize the Floor Leader for the first motion.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I understand that there’s an amendment to be offered by I believe Chairman Joe Guerrero. First Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a motion that we suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10, which refers to the passage of the bill on first and final reading. So move.

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.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Your motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize Representative Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to House Bill 20-113, HD1, during our leadership meeting we had discussed for those unclear about the bill. The bill in the title establishes criminal provisions for jaywalking basically, but it does not set forth any jail time. I believe our Legal Counsels recommended that a technical amendment can be made if there's no objection from the members just to clarify the title so that to remove the criminal provision and make it an infraction to be consistent with the amendments that are provided in the actual bill. So I will not be providing a specific amendment rather if we can agree that the Clerk and the Legal Counsel can just make it a technical amendment to remove "criminal" and instead use the word "infraction". Counsel any?

Legal Counsel John Cool: Yes, we can substitute the word "criminal provision" and put in "infraction".

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Can we consider it as a technical.

Legal Counsel John Cool: Yes.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you.

Legal Counsel John Cool: The bill itself when you read it, it establishes an infraction.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman Deleon Guerrero. So, without any objection considering and changing "criminal" to "infraction" we consider it as a technical. Ready? I guess the motion is the motion to suspend and that still stands. Further discussion on that? Ready?

Several members voiced "ready."

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Floor Leader for the motion.

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

H. B. No. 20-113, HD1

A Bill for an Act to establish a criminal provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes. See [S. C. R. NO. 20-78]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Discussion on the motion by the Floor Leader? Note, without any objection this House Bill 20-113, HD1 to reflect to “establish an infraction” rather than “criminal” doing it as a technical. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-113, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With 16 members voting “yes,” House Bill 20-113, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-19

A Bill for an Act to amend 6 CMC §3156 (b) by requiring a hotel or resort attached to a golf course to have a minimum of eighteen (18) holes in order to be eligible to conduct electronic gaming activities as defined in 6 CMC §3156(a)(6). See [S. C. R. NO. 20-92]

The motion was seconded.

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

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I have a floor amendment to propose and since I only have one copy, I will turn it over to our Legal Counsel so he can use ELMO for our members to see.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero offered the following floor amendment:

FLOOR AMENDMENT TO H. B. NO. 20-19

H. B. No. 20-19 is amended as follows:

1. Page 2, lines 1 to 5, are amended to read:

~~“attached to a golf course.~~

(1) A hotel or resort with fewer than 100 rooms shall also be exempt provided such hotel or resort is attached to an operational golf course with a minimum of eighteen (18) holes and provided that such hotel or resort has an ownership or leasehold interest in such golf course.”

2. Page 2, line 6, a new Section 3 is added as follows:

“Section 3. Amendment. Title 4, Section 1503 is amended by adding the following new subsection:

“(x) The provisions 6 CMC §3156 (b) (1) shall not apply to the renewal or new license issued pursuant to 4 CMC §1503(a)(6) (or license issued pursuant to regulations covering 4 CMC §1503(a)(6)) to a person holding a license issued pursuant to 4 CMC §1503(a)(6) in existence on the effective date of this amendment.”

Consistent with the intent of the forgoing amendment(s), I hereby also move to allow the Legal Counsel together with the House Clerk to make further non-substantive technical amendments that are strictly necessary to effectuate the intent of this floor amendment prior to transmittal.

Date: February 18, 2018

Offered by: /s/ Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:

/s/ Legal Counsel John Cool

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*. The floor amendment has been seconded. Discussion on the floor amendment? Recognize Representative Dela Cruz.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So, with this amendment that is offered. I pose a question as to whether this establishment in Chalan Laulau next to the McDonald's restaurant would be exempt from this eighteen-hole provision in the legislation?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Mover you may respond.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Chairman Dela Cruz. Yes, it would. They have already secured the license to operate. This provision or this amendment would ensure that it would not apply to those that have already been issued licenses for renewal purposes. John, did you want to add to that?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Recognize Counsel.

Legal Counsel John Cool: Yes, this would apply to any existing licensing including the – as long as they have an existing license they can renew that license without having to apply with a provision with having an eighteen-hole golf course.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Counsel, can I ask this question just to put more clarity. Let's say for example there are a hundred machines there and those hundred machines are being licensed and next year I wanted to increase to hundred and fifty, the additional fifty will that be licensed? Yes or no?

Legal Counsel John Cool: This one actually picks up the licensing provisions that are under the regulations that's the facilities license, but in respect to adding new licenses – new machines that are no licensed currently they would have to comply with the current law.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Counsel. Representative Dela Cruz further?

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And so, John what you're saying is if this legislation becomes the current law then this establishment would have to satisfy the eighteen-hole golf course provision?

Legal Counsel John Cool: In order to get any license that they currently do not have they would have to comply with the current requirement.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: So, I guess your answer is no?

Legal Counsel John Cool: To licenses yes.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: For the new machines?

Legal Counsel John Cool: Correct. And there's some provision in the Department of Finance regulations that relate to the license that they created administratively that could apply, but that was a difficult interact in this amendment because the Finance regulations have not been published because Finance has failed to file a proper notice of adoption but licenses are being issued by Finance. Anyway, the regulation has not been properly adopted.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: So, again just clarify this particular establishment if their license is up for renewal and they wish to add an additional number of machines. If this legislation becomes law then it would prohibit that establishment from having more machines based on the number of holes that they have which is nine and they cannot expand any further than nine because of the limited area of the land.

Legal Counsel John Cool: That's correct because the purpose of this legislation or the amendment was to add the requirement of eighteen-holes to any licensee or particularly the new licensee – existing licensees would be covered by the contract laws of the constitution so it wouldn't apply to the existing license, but it would apply to a new license. So, this would be a new license either by an existing licensee or a new license by an entirely new individual or company. So, the only way to make it so that they would not have to comply with license requirements in the future would simply be not to adopt the provision in the first place.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Chairman Blanco recognized.

Representative Ivan A. Blanco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to reiterate the concerns from my Precinct 3 colleagues. This bill will affect and it would seem that will affect a particular business in our district so that's why we're asking these questions. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Blanco. Representative Dela Cruz satisfied?

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Actually not Mr. Speaker, but that is the Legal Counsels opinion. It appears that with the activities that are going on with that establishment they are building hotel rooms. Now the hotel rooms they can probably satisfy the hundred rooms that's not a problem. The problem that we have is that we have very limited property and this particular golf course to me is a historical landmark. It's been the first golf course of the CNMI, I think when I was little I used to cabby there for a couple of bucks a day and now we're setting up to failure. We're setting it up so it closes in the near future and I don't want to be a part most especially when this establishment is situated within this area here that we represent and with that thank you Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Short recess.

The House recessed at 3:31 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:46 p.m.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Back to our plenary session. Prior to our recess there was an amendment provided by Representative Deleon Guerrero. You may proceed.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, if there's no objection from the members, I would like to withdraw my floor amendment to allow for more review on this technical issue that has come up and also to allow the mover of the author to chime in on the discussion.

Several members voiced "no objection."

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Deleon Guerrero. So again, without any objection, floor amendment has been withdrawn. Now recognize the Floor Leader for the withdrawal of the main motion.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Mr. Speaker. And consistent with the statement made by Chairman Joe Guerrero. I hereby make a motion that I withdraw the passage of House Bill 20-19 and place it on the calendar for further review. So move.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to withdraw the passage of House Bill 20-19 and to leave on the Bill Calendar was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Floor Leader you may proceed.

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

H. B. NO. 20-146

A Bill for an Act to apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers.

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-146 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. With all members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-146 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-150

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §1402(a) for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes.

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-150 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Again, with all 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-150 hereby 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, SD1

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* [SEN. COMM. 20-119]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-96, 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	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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Alice S. Igitol	no
Representative Jose I. Itibus	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	no
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With 16 members voting “yes” and 2 voting “no,” House Bill 20-96, SD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

S. B. NO. 20-21, SS1, SD1

To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-94**]

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 for the passage of Senate Bill 20-21, Senate Substitute 1, 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	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	absent (<i>excused</i>)

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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, members for your support. Again with 18 members voting in the affirmative, Senate Bill 20-21, SS1, SD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-29, HD1

To appropriate Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs. [S. C. R. NO. 20-93]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-29, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. Again with 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-29, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. No. 20-49

To amend the Commonwealth Museum Act under Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 8, Article 6 of the Commonwealth Code to include representatives from the Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, and the Marianas Visitors Authority to be included in the Museum Board of Governors; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-99]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-49 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members voted “yes,” 2 members voted “no” and 1 abstention.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Clerk. Again, with 15 members voting “yes,” 2 voting “no,” 1 “abstain,” House Bill 20-49 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-143, HD1

To amend 1 CMC § 8265 (c) Public Employment definition of “Immediate Family Member”. [S. C. R. NO. 20-103]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-143, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-143, 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- 3, SD1

To amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-95]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-3, 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	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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-3, SD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 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 seaport. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-96**]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-123 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Clerk. 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-123 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-124, HD1

To authorize and establish expedited partner therapy for certain sexually transmitted infections. [S. C. R. NO. 20-98]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-124, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-124, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

H. B. NO. 20-140, HD1

To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-100]

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 for the passage of House Bill 20-140, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

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

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with all 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-140, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

S. B. NO. 20-24, SD1

To amend 4 CMC § 50143(a) to provide immunity for minors assisting in tobacco control undercover investigations; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-101**]

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 for the passage of Senate Bill 20-24, 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	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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with 18 members voting in the affirmative, Senate Bill 20-24, SD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

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

S. B. NO. 20-65, SD1

To establish a license suspension program for non-custodial parents who are in non-compliance with an order of support; and for other purposes. [**S. C. R. NO. 20-102**]

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 for the passage of Senate Bill 20-65, 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	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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
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	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative, Senate Bill 20-65, SD1 passes the House. Thank you members, I think that takes care of our Bill Calendar. Moving down to item XVII, Miscellaneous Business. Recognize Representative Blanco.

No action take for the following legislation:

H. B. NO. 20-71, HS1

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. 20-35, HD1

A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact 1 CMC §§ 8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-83]

H. B. No. 20-36, HD1

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-84]

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Representative Ivan A. Blanco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to clarify your member H. B. 20-149, you're committing it to JGO and the Committee on Health and Welfare. I just wanted to clarify whether you're including Chairman Frank Aguon who's committing on this bill?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: I believe my letter is very specific and it goes to JGO and Health and Welfare. I apologize that would be the three, I stand to be corrected Social.

Representative Ivan A. Blanco: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Can I make a correction on that. That House Bill 20-149 will only go to two committees and that is JGO and Health. Thank you, Representative Blanco. Further? With that we'll go down to item XVIII, Announcement. Recognize Representative Aldan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Edwin P. Aldan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to open invitation for everybody for this weekend Santa Lourdes and following weekend for Pika Festival on Tinian. Everybody is invited.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: The Santa Lourdes?

Representative Edwin P. Aldan: This weekend.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Tinian?

Representative Edwin P. Aldan: Tinian. Santa Lourdes in Tinian and Pika Festival the following week.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Noted, Representative Aldan. Thank you for the notice and the invitation, accommodation as well. Further? None? Recognize the Floor Leader for the adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: At this time, I move that we adjourn subject to your call. So move.

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

The House adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia S. Rosario
House Journal Clerk

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on January 26, 2018:

H. B. No. 20-148: To prohibit the operation of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 4,000 pounds between 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM from the Beach Road and Micro Beach Road Intersection to the Beach Road and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road Intersection. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan on behalf of Rep. Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018; subsequently referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 20-149: To abolish the Commonwealth Health Corporation and return its functions to the Department of Public Health. Introduced by Rep. Janet U. Maratita of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on January 26, 2018; subsequently referred to the Special Committee on H. B. No. 20-149.

H. B. No. 20-150: To amend 1 CMC §1402(a) for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018; placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. L. B. No. 20-54: To appropriate \$75,000 from the funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56 to fund the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation extension office in Rota; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-55: To appropriate \$1,402,811 specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018.

H. J. R. No. 20-8: A House Joint Resolution to support the passage of S.2325, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Work Force Act, introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski in the Senate of the United States Congress. Introduced by Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 26, 2018; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

GOV. COMM. 20-135: (12/11/17) Informing the House that he vetoed 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.). [**Deadline: 2/9/18**]