



AMENDED
February 22, 2018

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day	Thursday, February 22, 2018 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:34 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL** – Eight present and Sen Manglona – excused
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Two (2) presented comments.
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
1. **SJ 20-25** - 1st Special, Third Regular – 01/18/18 - ADOPTED
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-231:** Feb. 2, 2018 – Re-appointment of Mr. Ignacio L. Perez to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Development Authority to represent the 2nd Senatorial District.
 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-232:** Feb. 2, 2018 – Nomination of Mr. Jesus M. Tudela to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents.
 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-233:** Feb. 2, 2018 - – Appointment of Mr. Joaquin H. Borja to serve as a member of the MVA to represent Tinian.
 4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-234:** Feb. 2, 2018 – Nomination of Mr. Benjamin Huk Lunag Borja to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to represent the Second Senatorial District.
 5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-235:** Feb. 2, 2018 – Re-nominate Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to represent the Third Senatorial District.
 6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-236:** Feb. 12, 2018 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results of Mr. Ignacio L. Perez, to serve another term on the CDA Board of Directors.

7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-237:** Feb. 16, 2018 – PROCLAMATION – US/CNMI Flags Half-Staff for Victims of the Tragedy in Florida.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-238:** Feb. 16, 2018 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-135, SD4 – To amend PL 20-11, FY 2018 Appropriations Act to reflect the revised Fiscal Year 2018 Operations Budget for CUC, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-41.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-75:** DPL regarding FY 2016 remittance to Bank of Guam - \$866,339.00.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-172:** Feb. 12, 2018 – Speaker Demapan regarding the organizational meeting of the Second Marianas Political Status Commissions set for March 1, 2018.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-173:** Feb. 13, 2018 – Representative Igitol on the PTI Lease issue.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-174:** Feb. 18, 2018 – Rep. Vinnie F. Sablan name change.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-153:** Feb. 5, 2018 – Official referral to EAGI Committee the appointment of Mr. Ignacio L. Perez to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Development Authority to represent the 2nd Senatorial District.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-154:** Feb. 5, 2018 - Official referral to EAGI Committee the appointment of Mr. Mr. Jesus M. Tudela to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-155:** Feb. 5, 2018 - Official referral to EAGI Committee appointment of Mr. Joaquin H. Borja to serve as a member of the MVA to represent Tinian.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-156:** Feb. 5, 2018 - Official referral to EAGI Committee Appointment of Mr. Benjamin Huk Lunag Borja to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to represent the Second Senatorial District.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-157:** Feb. 5, 2018 - Official referral to EAGI Committee Appointment of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission to represent the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-158:** Feb. 13, 2018 - Official referral to EAGI Committee Appointment of Mr. Ignacio L. Perez other documents such as resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test results.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Senate Bill No. 20-95:** To amend 4 CMC § 5611 to exempt businesses engaged in residential home rentals from purchasing one general business license for each property or location of residential home rental in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. [SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 02/14/18]
2. **Senate Resolution No. 20-24:** Conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable Jose Santos Rios and to memorialize his outstanding contributions and public service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA- 02/15/18]

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. SR 20-25
2. SLB 20-05

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (ADOPTED)

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-75:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs reporting on H.B. No. 20-83 –To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the MVA to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SS1]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-76:** From the Committee on Gaming reporting on S.B. No. 20-87 - To amend 4 CMC § 2313(b) to increase the number of casino commissioners to seven and make 1 CMC § 2901 applicable to the commission; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SS1]

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. SR 20-24 – Adopted
2. SR 20-25 – Adp[ted

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 20-93, HD1, SD1 (See SCommR 20-72)	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
H.B. No. 20-83, SS1 (See SCReport 20-75)	To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the MVA to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes
PASSED S.B. No. 20-83 PASSED	To empower and define the authority of Community Supervision Officers and Compliance Officers in treatment courts; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-87, SS1 (See SCReport 20-76)	To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 2313(c)(6) to make 1 CMC § 2901 applicable to the Commonwealth Casino Commission; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 20-128 (See HC 20-127)	To amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes
PASSED H.B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2 PASSED	To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs
H.B. No. 20-53 (See HC 20-54)	To establish and clearly define the authority of the Department of Public Works to promulgate rules and regulations within the Rights of Way (ROW); and for other purposes
PASSED	

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-243:** Feb. 05, 2018 – PSS BOE regarding 25% owed to PSS and current payments to CUC.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-244:** (Received 02/5/18) – Deloitte audit report of NMHC year ended September 30, 2016.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-245:** Feb. 06, 2018 – Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) comments on S.B. No. 20-87 – To amend 4 CMC §2313(b) to increase the number of casino commissioners to seven and to make 1 CMC §2901 applicable to the commission; and for other purposes.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-246:** (Received 2/8/18) – Gasetan Lancheros.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-247:** Feb. 7, 2018 – LB Youth Congress regarding OES and YAP visit on February 26, 2018.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-248:** Feb. 7, 2018 – MPLT Trust Officers.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-249:** Feb. 12, 2018 – Don Farrell Consulting regarding Senate Committee on Casino Gaming and NMI Archives.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-250:** (Rec'd on 2/9/18) 2018 Irensia Cultural Dance Troupe Event.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-251:** Feb. 9, 2018 – HANMI comments on S.B. No. 20-35, SD3 - 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.
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-252:** Feb. 5, 2018 – Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council – Status of 2016 Fisheries annual report available online at www.wpcouncil.org.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-253:** Feb. 15, 2018 – Association of Pacific Islands Public Auditors (APIPA)-CNMI's Office of the Public Auditor report.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:****T. ADJOURNMENT at 12:15 noon.**

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
SLB 20-05	To designate all real property on the island of Tinian in which the Commonwealth Ports Authority holds title or interest as commercial property; and for other purposes. 1 st Appearance

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.