



AMENDED
March 08, 2018

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4 th Day	Thursday, March 08, 2018 TINIAN COURTHOUSE, TINIAN	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL** – Six (6) members are present and three (3) absent excused
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
1. SJ 20-26 - 1st Day, Third Regular 02/02/18 - **ADOPTED**
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-242:** February 27, 2018 – Re-nomination of Ms. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan to serve as a member of Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) to represent women and the Island of Saipan.
 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-243:** February 27, 2018 – Re-nomination of Mr. Martin B. Ada to serve as a member of Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) to represent the Island of Saipan.
 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-244:** March 01, 2018 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-147, HS1, HD1, SD4 - To appropriate twenty-four million, twenty-six thousand, fifty-six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$24,026,056.35) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-42.**
 4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-245:** March 05, 2018 – Proclamation – CNMI and US Flags Half-Staff in respect to the passing of Bishop Emeritus Tomas Aguon Camacho.
 5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-246:** March 05, 2018 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-140, HD1, SD1 –To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4 Art 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 programs, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-43.**

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-247:** March 05, 2018 – Signed into law local law H.L.B. No. 20-22 –To name the unnamed coral surfaced roads that turn off from Isa Drive in the As-Mahetog and Capitol Hill areas, just north of the Vestcor Village; becomes SAIPAN LAW NO. 20-20.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-248:** March 02, 2018 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Nicole Babauta, Administrator at Dept. of Commerce to receive \$53,000.00 per annum.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud.Comm. No. 20-15:** March 1, 2018 – Chief Justice Alexandro Castro submitting the Proposed Rules for In Forma Pauperis. *[60 days deadline]*

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-76:** Jan. 24, 2018 – DPL to Rep. Alicia Igitol on Pacific Telecom, Inc.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-184:** February 28, 2018 – Returning without amendments, S.B. No. 20-83 – To empower and define the authority of Community Supervision Officers and Compliance Officers in treatment courts; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY – GOING TO GOVERNOR]**
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-185:** February 28, 2018 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-83, SS1 - 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. **[INFO. ONLY]**
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-186:** February 28, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-24, HD1 – To prohibit cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-187:** February 28, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-35, HD2 – To repeal and reenact 1 CMC §§ 8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-188:** February 28, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-36, HD1 – To amend 1 CMC § 8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-189:** February 28, 2018 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-141 – To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-190:** March 01, 2018 – Certified copy of H.Comm.Res .20-16 – Late Honorable Jose Santos Rios.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Senate Comm. No. 20-161:** Feb. 27, 2018 – Senate Conferees to H.B. No. 20-102, HD1, SS1 – To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-162:** Feb. 28, 2018 – Senator Borja regarding DPL letter on PTI Lease issues.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-163:** March 01, 2018 – Senate President referral to EAGI letter withdrawing Mr. Joaquin H. Borja to serve as a member of MVA Board.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-164:** March 01, 2018 – Senator Igisomar off-island notice.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE:

1. **Wash. Del. Comm No. 20-05:** March 2, 2018 – Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-05:** Approving the Northern Mariana Islands Proposed Rules for *In Forma Pauperis* of the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS 03/05/18]
2. **Senate Resolution No. 20-26:** To Recognize and Congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduate, Maria Louise Gabriela Marinas Atrero, on Passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 3/05/18]

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

1. SR No. 20-27 – Late Bishop Emeritus Tomas A. Camacho
2. SB No. 20-96 – Casino Commissioners terms
3. SB No. 20-97 - Interstate Medical Licensue Compact

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)****O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **H.J.R. No. 20-1 (See HC 20-07) - ADOPTED**
2. **S.J.R. No. 20-05 - ADOPTED**
3. **S.R. No. 20-26 – ADOPTED**
4. **S.R. No. 20-27 – ADOPTED**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 20-42 (See HC 20-40) PASSED	To amend 4 CMC § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture
H.B. No. 20-19, HD1 (See HC 20-177) Deferred	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)
H.B. No. 20-141, SD1 PASSED	To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-258:** Feb. 2, 2018 – San Vicente Catholic Church 25th Year Anniversary on April 22, 2018.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-259:** Feb. 16, 2018 – CNMI Women’s Association observing March as CNMI Women’s Month.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-260:** Feb. 16, 2018 – NMTI on PL 20-41.

4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-261:** Feb. 23, 2018 – CDA FY 2019 Budget submission.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-262:** Feb. 23, 2018 – Consular Office of Japan invitation to “Sake Tasting Event, March 15, 2018.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-263:** Feb. 23, 2018 – Commonwealth Casino Commission re FY 2019 Budget request.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-264:** Feb. 27, 2018 – MVA’S General Membership meeting, March 15, 2018.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

T. ADJOURNMENT at 10:47 a.m.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 20-05	To designate all real property on the island of Tinian in which the CPA holds title or interest as commercial property; and for other purposes 3rd 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.