



MARCH 23, 2017

***THE SENATE***  
**TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST REGULAR SESSION**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5th Day	Wednesday, March 29, 2017	10:30 a.m.
TINIAN COURTHOUSE, SAN JOSE, TINIAN		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

- A. ROLL CALL**
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)**
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-32:** March 22, 2017 – Assumption of Authority – Senate President Arnold I. Palacios Acting Governor.
  2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-33:** March 22, 2017 – Proclamation in honor of the Late Honorable Vicente M. Aldan former Mayor of the Northern Islands.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**
1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-04:** March 22, 2017 – OPM Director regarding Governor’s granting of Administrative Leave.
- G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE: (NONE)**

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Senate Comm. No. 20-36:** March 21, 2017 – Reassignment of Health and Welfare Committee Chairperson – Senator Teresita A. Santos effective April 1, 2017.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

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

1. **Senate Bill No 20-32:** To reserve fifty percent of the MPLT interest for homestead infrastructure developments on Tinian, Rota and Saipan; and for other purposes. (**SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 03/22/17**)
2. **Senate Bill No. 20-34:** To amend 4 CMC § 2308(a) to clarify that the Fuel Adjustment Clause (FAC) Rate Subsidy is intended for residential customers only; to amend Section 302(a) of PL 19-75 to mandate CUC to immediately apply the subsidy upon the transfer of funds to CUC; and for other purposes. (**SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 03/22/17**)
3. **Senate Bill No. 20-35:** To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 35 years for a total 75 years; to authorize existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 75 years; and for other purposes. (**SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 03/22/17**)

[**Note: S.B. No. 20-33 was introduced on the floor on March 22, 2017 Session.**]

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

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FIRST READING**

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

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>S.B. No. 20-02, SD1</b>	To establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-47:** March 17, 2017 – AG’s comments on H.B. No. 20-43 – To clarify and define the Attorney General’s duties and responsibilities in the promulgation of rules and regulations, in reviewing contracts and in representing the commonwealth government or its executive departments, and for other purposes.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-48:** March 22, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-08 - To enable the CNMI to participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Professional Student Exchange Program; and for other purposes.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT.**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>SLB 20-01</b>	To establish the Medical Subsistence Allowance Program for the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Appearance</b>

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