



June 06, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Friday, June 09, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	4:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. SJ 20-02 - 1D, 1R 02/15/17
2. SJ 20-03 - 2D, 1R 02/23/17
3. SJ 20-07 - 1D, 1S 05/10/17
4. SJ 20-08 - 1D, 2S 05/18/17

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-46:** May 12, 2017 – Nomination of Mr. Wesley M. Bogdan to serve as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the CNMI.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-47:** May 17, 2017 – Resume, financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez re-nominated to serve as a member of the CPA Board of Directors representing Saipan.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-48:** May 17, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000.00 to Mr. Hessel Yntema IV, AAG to receive \$55,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-49:** May 17, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000.00 to Mr. Matthew C. Baisley, AAG to receive \$77,000.00 per annum.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-50:** May 18, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt of Ms. Leticia D. Reyes to serve as a member of the CHCC Board of Trustees.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-51:** May 18, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test results of Mr. David Rosario to serve as a member of the CHCC Board of Trustees.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-52:** May 18, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt of Ms. Lauri B. Ogumoro to serve as a member of the CHCC Board of Trustees.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-53:** May 18, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and *drug test results* of Ms. Lauri B. Ogumoro to serve as a member of the CHCC Board of Trustees.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-54:** May 22, 2017 – Nomination of Mr. Anthony T. Benavente to the position of Secretary for the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-55:** May 22, 2017 – Nomination of Mr. Vincent S. Attao to the position of Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-56:** May 22, 2017 – Amended Executive Order No. 2017-05 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-57:** May 25, 2017 – Appointment of Mr. Matthew Holley to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-58:** May 25, 2017 – Appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-59:** May 25, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test results of Mr. Vincent S. Attao, nominated to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-60:** February 16, 2017 [received 06/01/17] Executive Order No. 2017-02 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-61:** March 16, 2017 [received 06/01/17] Executive Order No. 2017-03 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-62:** April 16, 2017 [received 06/01/17] Executive Order No. 2017-04 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
18. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-63:** May 16, 2017 [received 06/01/17] Executive Order No. 2017-05 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-15:** May 13, 2017 – OPM to NMHC regarding outstanding retroactive lump sum to eligible employees per PL 19-75.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-16:** May 15, 2017 – OPM to NMHC response to April 27, 2017 letter in reference to the PL 19-75 – Outstanding retroactive lump sum to eligible employees.

3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-17:** June 05, 2017 – DLNR ground breaking ceremony on the paving of Garapan Fishing Base parking lot on Friday, June 09, 2017 at 2 p.m.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-32:** May 3, 2017 – Certified copy of Hse.Comm. Res. 20-5 – Late Kevin T. Atalig.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-33:** May 11, 2017 - Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-7 – Appreciation of Bridge Capital, LLC.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-63:** May 15, 2017 – Officially transmitting to EAGI Committee to review the Governor’s nomination of Mr. Wesley M. Bogdan to serve as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the NMI. [*See GM 20-46*]
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-64:** May 16, 2017 – Senator Cruz off-island and delegation of authority notice.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-65:** May 10, 2017 – FA Chairman Hofschneider report on payment of judgments and settlements.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-66:** May 19, 2017 – Medical Referral Services on Guam trip report – April 23-25, 2017.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-67:** May 23, 2017 - Officially transmitting to EAGI Committee to review the Governor’s nominations of Mr. Vicente S. Attao – Commissioner of the Department of Corrections of NMI, Mr. Anthony T. Benavente – Secretary of DLNR and Ms. Lauri B. Ogumoro to serve as a member of CHCC Board of Trustees. [*See GM 20-45, 54 and 55*]
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-68:** May 17, 2017 – Senator Hofschneider’s off-island notice.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-69:** May 19, 2017 – Senator Hofschneider’s letter to Commissioner of Education regarding reprogramming funds.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-70:** May 30, 2017 - Officially transmitting to EAGI Committee to review the Governor’s nomination of Mr. Matthew Holley and Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero to serve on the CUC Board of Directors. [*See GM 20-57 and 58*]
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-71:** May 24, 2017 – Senator Hofschneider’s extension of off-island notice.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-72:** May 25, 2017 – Chairman of Education & Youth Affairs Committee presenting committee meeting journal of February 13 and 16, 2017.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-73:** May 31, 2017 – Senator Igisomar on the proposed Neighborhood Convenience Centers for Kagman and As Gonno joint meeting.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Local Bill No. 20-04:** To conserve and protect plant and agricultural resources including hot pepper known as “donni Sali” and nigas plants in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. (SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 05/19/17)
2. **Senate Bill No. 20-43:** To ensure that government contracts with businesses and individuals that has a good record of compliance with applicable CNMI laws; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 05/24/17)
3. **Senate Bill No. 20-44:** To require certain public officials and vendors to file conflict of interest questionnaire; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 05/24/17)
4. **Senate Bill No. 20-45:** To provide a limited exemption to register a right-hand drive vehicle after it is converted to left-hand drive and passes safety inspection; and for other purposes. (SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 05/25/17)
5. **Senate Bill No. 20-46:** To Repeal and Re-Enact 2 CMC § 7142, Relative to Adopting the International Building Code as the official building code of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 05/30/17)
6. **Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-04:** To recognize Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio for his exceptional accomplishments and distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA, SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 06/06/17)

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-15:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications reporting on the investigation into CUC-RFP-17-001.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-16:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Leticia Reyes to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-17:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. David Rosario to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.

4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-18:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Lauri B. Ogumoro to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-19:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the re-appointment of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority representing the Third Senatorial District.

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>
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.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-95:** May 05, 2017 – Jesus Taisague’s comments on S.B. No. 20-36 – To regulate real estate transactions and brokers and agents in the CNMI.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-96:** March 13, 2017 – NMC proposed FY 2018 Budget.

3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-97:** May 8, 2017 – 29th Pacific Islands Environmental Conference, June 13-15, 2017.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-98:** May 15, 2017 – Pacific Century Fellows (PCF) Program presentation on Infrastructure/Environment set for May 31, 2017.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-99:** May 15, 2017 – LB regarding network system issues.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-100:** May 16, 2017 – Commonwealth Casino Commission updated version of the proposed House Bill – To clarify the powers of the CCC and to make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code given the unique regulatory oversight of the casino industry in the CNMI.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-101:** May 19, 2017 – PSS request for reprogramming funds for the Early Head Start and Head Start Program.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-102:** May 11, 2017 – Saipan Chamber of Commerce comments on S.B. 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.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-103:** May 17, 2017 – AG’s comments on H.B. No. 20-26 - To amend 6 CMC §2143 by adding a new subsection (c) to establish a penalty for businesses who engage in drug-related activities; and for other purposes.
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-104:** May 17, 2017 – AG’s comments on H.B. No. 20-34 - To repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-105:** May 17, 2017 – AG’s comments on H.B. No. 20-37 - To prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.
12. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-106:** May 17, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-38 - To present to the voters in the Commonwealth in the next general election the question: “Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?”
13. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-107:** May 18, 2017 – Northern Islands Mayor comments on several House Local Bills. [HLB 20-6, 20-10, 20-05, 20-12 and 20-16]
14. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-108:** May 22, 2017 – Mayor of Rota comments on Route 100.
15. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-109:** May 04, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. 20-36 (CNMI Real Estate Act of 2017).
16. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-110:** May 19, 2017 – PSS annual audit report for 2016.
17. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-111:** May 25, 2017 – MVA Tourism insights for March-April 2017.
18. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-112:** May 26, 2017 – AG’s comments on SB 20-02 – Office of Planning & Development.
19. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-113:** May 26, 2017 – AG’s comment on SB 20-41 – To establish UIFSA.

- 20. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-114:** May 26, 2017 – AG’s comments on HB 20-17 – Timely payment of contractual obligations; HB 20-39 – To remove salary increase for elected officials and HB 20-49 – To amend the Commonwealth Museum Act.
- 21. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-115:** May 26, 2017 – AG’s comments on HB 20-72 – Compliance and Enforcement provisions, HB 20-75 – Drug Court Revolving Fund.
- 22. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-116:** May 30, 2017 – AG’s comment on HB 20-61 – DPL.
- 23. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-117:** May 30, 2017 – CNMI Bar Association evaluation of Judicial nominee Wesley M. Bogdan.
- 24. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-118:** May 31, 2017 – AG’s comment on HB 20-61 – To establish a Real Estate Code.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

T. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
SLB 20-03	To amend Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, entitled Rota Dog Control Act; and for other purposes 3rd Appearance
SLB 20-04	To conserve and protect plant and agricultural resources including hot pepper known as “donni Sali” and nigas plants in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes 1st 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.