



AMENDED
July 11, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIFTH SPECIAL SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Tuesday, July 11, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL** – Nine (9) present
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Four (4) presented comments.
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
- SJ 20-08:** 1ST Day, Third Special Session – 6/09/17 - Adopted
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
- Gov. Msg. No. 20-79:** June 21, 2017 – Nomination of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan.
 - Gov. Msg. No. 20-80:** June 26, 2017– Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-4, S1, D1 – To re-appropriate the unused funds under Business Unit No. 1605 (of S LL 19-06); and for other purposes, becomes SLL. No. 20-03.
 - Gov. Msg. No. 20-81:** June 26, 2017 - Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-16 – To re-appropriate Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$10,759.92) allotted under SLL 19-08; and One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under SLL 19-23; and for other purposes, becomes SLL. No. 20-04.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 20-06:** June 16, 2017 – Grants Administrative Office regarding request for completion of underwriting and forward submission of CNMI Government's USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan Application.
2. **Jud. Comm. No. 20-07:** June 26, 2017 – Supreme Court re: Status of the CNMI Government's application for the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Direct Loan.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :
(NONE)****G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-34:** June 28, 2017 – Rejected the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-15, HD1, SD2 – To amend 4 CMC §2308 by adding new subsection covering NMC, NMTI, payment of land claim settlements, and other money judgments and settlements against the CNMI government, retirees death benefits, the First Senatorial District, the Second Senatorial District, the Third Senatorial District and establishing a special account.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-35:** June 28, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 20-5 - To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-17-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M17-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S17-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-36:** June 29, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-10 – To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-37:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-18 – To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a)(10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-38:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-20, HD1 – To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 to provide veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee; and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-39:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-41, HD1 – To establish requirements for vehicle rental businesses; and for other purposes.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-40:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-42 – To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-41:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-52, HD1 – To require all sales and purchases to be made by credit or debit card as one of the methods for making payments.

9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-42:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-57 – To authorize the Department of Labor to enforce the criminal penalties and provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act Section 274 relating to assisting the illegal entry of certain aliens into the CNMI.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-43:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-74 – To amend Title 4 Section 5523 of the Commonwealth’s Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-44:** June 29, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-75, HD1 – To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court’s Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes.
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-45:** July 6, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.J.R. No. 20-04 – Honorable Froilan Cruz Tenorio.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-47:** To amend 6 CMC § 2253, to limit the number of shooting gallery and shooting range; and for other purposes.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-84:** June 22, 2017 – Official referral to EAGI of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of PUC. [GM 20-79]

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)****K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:****L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. S.R. 20-04 - To Recognize and Congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduates: Gemmilie Eugenio, Lovely Lopez, Mika Sablan, and YuGeun Oh, on Passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. (SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA & COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 07/11/17)
2. S.R. No. 20-05 - To respectfully request that Secretary Ryan Zinke, U.S. Department of the Interior and Secretary Wilbur Ross, U.S. Department of Commerce, restore fishing and mineral resource extraction rights to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) that were taken through the proclamation establishing the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument; to recommend that the fishery management within the Marianas Trench National Marine Monument be returned to the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council as authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act while mineral resource extraction be treated as other submerged lands found in the CNMI;

- and to convey disapproval of the establishment of any National Marine Sanctuary in the CNMI. (SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS, SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR, SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA, SEN. FRANCISCO M. BORJA, SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ, SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER, SEN. STEVE K. MESNGON AND SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS)
3. S.L.I. NO. 20-01 - To amend Article III, section 20(b) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize reemployment of retirees as classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals without losing their pension benefits for an unlimited period of time. (SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 07/11/17)
 4. S.B. No. 20-51 - To amend 1 CMC § 8602 by establishing a zero tolerance one strike rule for any law enforcement in the Commonwealth who test positive for drug use; and for other purposes. (SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER – 07/11/17)
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M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-20:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-22:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Weston Thomas A. Deleon Guerrero to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors. (ADOPTED)
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-23:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Charles V. Cepeda to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. (ADOPTED)
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-24:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas to serve as a member of the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents. (ADOPTED)

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. S.R. No. 20-04 – ADOPTED
2. S.R. No. 20-05 – ADOPTED with Senator Paul Manglona voting “NO”

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
SLI 20-01 PASSED	To amend Article III, section 20(b) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize reemployment of retirees as classroom teachers, doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals without losing their pension benefits for an unlimited period of time
S.B. No. 20-14, HD1 PASSED	To amend 6 CMC § 2253, to limit the number of shooting gallery and shooting range; and for other purposes

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-124:** June 05, 2017 – NCSL dues for FY 2017.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-125:** June 13, 2017 – Council of State Government West upcoming committee sessions.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

T. ADJOURNMENT at 3:58 P.M.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

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