



August 10, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day	Thursday, August 10, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	2:55 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL** – Seven members present two absent excused
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (Three (3) presented comments.
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
1. SJ No. 20-11 - 1st Day, 5th Special Session – 07/11/17 - Adopted
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-97:** August 2, 2017 – Informing the Legislature that \$1.4 million is available for appropriation to pay the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**
1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-26:** July 21, 2017 – Acting Secretary of Dept. of Labor comment on 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.
 2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-27:** July 21, 2017 – Commissioner, DFEMS comment on S.B. No. 20-51.
 3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-28:** July 28, 2017 - Acting Cief Parole comment on S.B. No. 20-51.
 4. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-29:** July 24, 2017 – Division of Customs Service comment on S.B. No. 20-51.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-71:** August 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-105, HD2 – To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2018; and for other purposes.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-72:** July 31, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-79 - To protect coral reefs through recovery of monetary damages resulting from vessel groundings and anchoring-related injuries, destructive fishing practices, and non-permitted taking of threatened species.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-100:** July 21, 2017 – Senator Hofschneider off-island notice.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-101:** August 3, 2017 – Appointment of Senator Justo S. Quitugua as Acting Chairman of the Committee on Fiscal Affairs.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-102:** July 27, 2017 – Senator Quitugua off-island notice.

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 20-11:** Respectfully requesting the United States Postal Service to provide additional service windows in the Chalan Kanoa post office. (SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 08/07/17)
2. **Senate Bill No. 20-62:** To Regulate Cannabis in the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 08/03/17)

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

1. SB 20-58
2. SB 20-59
3. SB 20-60
4. SB 20-64
5. SB 20-65

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-26:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 20-04, HD2 – To remove the limitation on the amount of funds from MVA Trust Fund that may be distributed to the Municipalities of Tinian and Rota. (ADOPTED)
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-34:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Wesley M. Bogdan to serve as an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (ADOPTED)
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-35:** From the Committee on Resources Economic Development and Programs reporting 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. [Recommended passage in the form of S.B. No. 20-35, SD1, attached] (WITHDRAWN AND REFERRED BACK TO REDP COMMITTEE)
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-36:** : From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-41 - To repeal and reenact Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 5, Articles 1 through 3, and Title 8, Section 1580 of the Commonwealth Code; to establish the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and for other purposes. (ADOPTED)

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: (ADOPTED)

1. **H.J.R. No. 20-6** – To support the Petition for Certiorari and the appeal of the Ninth Circuit decision in *Davis v. CNMI Election Commission et al*, and support the notion that the term “NMD” as used by CNMI Constitution Article XII and Article XVIII is a political as opposed to a racial term.
2. **S.R. No. 20-11**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 20-35, SD1 (See SCR 20-35) WITHDRAWN	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 existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years; to amend 1 CMC § 2807(b)(1) to authorize DPL to negotiate a new public land lease with existing public land lessees under new terms and consideration; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 20-4, HD2, SD2 (See SCR 20-26) PASSED	To remove the limitation on the amount of funds from the MVA Trust Fund that may be distributed to the Municipalities of Tinian and Rota; to allocate two percent of the funds for the Municipality of Saipan; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 20-45, HD1 (See SCR 20-28) PASSED	To establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kanat Tabla on the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-41, SD1 PASSED	To repeal and reenact Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 5, Articles 1 through 3, and Title 8, Section 1580 of the Commonwealth Code; to establish the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and for other purposes.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-148:** July 25, 2017 – Mayor of Saipan comments on 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.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-149:** July 25, 2017 – CPA comments on S.B. No. 20-51.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-150:** August 03, 2017 – Legislative Bureau and CNMI Youth Congress Expenditure Report for the Third Quarter Ended June 30, 2017.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-151:** August 03, 2017 – Mayor of Saipan FY 2017 Third Quarter Reports.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-152:** August 02, 2017 – Mayor of Rota comments on S.B. No. 20-51.

- 6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-153:** August 01, 2017 – PSS Expenditure Report for the Third Quarter ending June 30, 2017.
- 7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-154:** August 03, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No. 20-48 - To amend 3 CMC § 1506 to change the position of administrative librarian to public library director; and for other purposes.
- 8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-155:** August 03, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-49 –To establish regulations for the use of airspace of the Commonwealth and related activities; and for other purposes.
- 9. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-156:** August 03, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-50 – To amend 2 CMC § 2122 to authorize the Commonwealth Ports Authority to develop and expand the air service to the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
- 10. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-157:** August 03, 2017 – AG’s comments on 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.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

T. ADJOURNMENT at 4:15 p.m.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	NONE

TWENTIETH SENATE

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