



August 22, 2017

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Special	Thursday, August 24, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	9:30 a.m.

***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. 20-98:** August 10, 2017 – Appointment of Ms. Jovita Paulino to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors representing Tinian.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-99:** August 10, 2017 – Appointment of Ms. Miranda V. Manglona to serve on the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) Board of Directors representing Rota.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-100:** [Received 8/14/17] – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Epiphanio E. Cabrera, Jr. Grants Management & State Clearinghouse Office at the Governor's Office to receive \$60,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-101:** August 15, 2017 – Certification of annual salary in excess of \$50,000.00 to Ms. Debra Kay Roth, Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation Program to receive \$55, 000.00 per annum.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-102:** August 15, 2017 - Certification of annual salary in excess of \$50,000.00 to Ms. Frances T. Demapan, Assistant Attorney General to receive \$54, 000.00 per annum.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-103:** August 16, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-103, HS1 – To appropriate payment for the outstanding judgment and interest in land compensation cases, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-04.

7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-104:** August 15, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the PUC.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-105:** August 18, 2017 – Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing Saipan.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-106:** August 18, 2017 – Certification of annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Gilbert Birnbrich, Legal Counsel to the Governor to receive \$75,000.00.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-107:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-34, D1 – To appropriate Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under PL 18-56; and for other purposes, becomes TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-03.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-108:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-26, D1 – To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 in the amount of Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$30,749.00 USD); and for other purposes, becomes ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 20-03.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-109:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-11, D1 – To appropriate up to \$88,469.75 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the First Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes, becomes ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 20-04.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-110:** August 21, 2017 – Executive Order No. 2017-08 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-111:** August 21, 2017 – Signed into law S.B. No. 20-08, SD1 – To enable the CNMI to participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Professional Student Exchange Program; and for other purposes, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-08.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-112:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into law S.B. No. 20-12, SD1 –To amend 2 CMC §§ 4308 and 4335(e), to authorize the Department of Public Lands to waive requirement that the homesteader must construct a home on the homestead upon a showing that the construction permit cannot be obtained because of the lack of power, water, or waste water infrastructure; and for other purposes, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-05.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-113:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-92 –To amend section 302 (f) (9), to authorize reprogramming to fund the Early Head Start and Head Start Centers; and for other purposes, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-06.
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-114:** August 19, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-45, HD1 –To establish 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, becomes PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-07.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-32:** August 09, 2017 – Indigenous Affairs Resident Director Tudela regarding H.B. No. 20-105, HD2 – FY 2018 Budget for the CNMI.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-33:** August 15, 2017 – DPW to include Building Safety Code Administrative Fee in the amendment of H.B. No. 20-32- To amend the Developer Infrastructure Tax to bear the cost of the new and additional infrastructure needed to meet the growing demands of our economy; and for other purposes.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-34:** August 15, 2017 – OPM regarding salary conversion per PL 19-83.
4. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-35:** August 17, 2017 – Department of Finance Secretary Larson on the implementation of PL 19-85.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-75:** August 17, 2017 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 20-6 – Davis v. CNMI Election Commission et al.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-76:** August 22, 2017 – Informing the Senate that S.B. No. 20-28 – To amend 4 CMC §5555, to extend the sale of alcohol from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.; and for other purposes, *failed to pass* during its 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Second Regular Session on August 18, 2017.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-77:** August 21, 2017 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-4, HD2, SD2 – To remove the limitation on the amount of funds from the MVA Trust Fund that may be distributed to the Municipalities of Saipan, Tinian and Rota; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY]**
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-78:** August 21, 2017 - Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-16, SD1 – To amend 7 CMC §3101(a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY]**
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-79:** August 21, 2017 – Returning *with amendments* S.B. No. 20-02, SD3, HD1 – To establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes. **[Senate Action on HD1]**
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-80:** August 21, 2017 – Returning *with amendments* S.B.No. 20-45, HD2 – 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. **[Senate Action on HD2]**
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-81:** August 21, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-09 – To amend 1 CMC Section 8117(i); and for other purposes. **[Ready to go to Governor]**
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-82:** August 21, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-10, SD2 – To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 13, to add section 50225 to suspend the Qualifying Certificate program in Saipan; and for other purposes. **[Ready to go to Governor]**
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-83:** August 21, 2017 – Returning without amendments 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. **[Ready to go to Governor]**

10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-84:** August 21, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-54 – To mandate all government corporations, autonomous agencies and regulatory agencies to submit their annual budget to the office of the Governor which shall be included in the Governor’s annual budget proposal; to establish a penalty provision for the failure of such government entities to timely submit their annual budget to the office of the Governor; and for other purposes. . **[Ready to go to Governor]**
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-85:** August 21, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B.No. 20-88, HD1 – To repeal and re-enact “The Education Act of 1988” as amended and as codified as 3 CMC § 1101 through § 1193; and for other purposes.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-104:** August 14, 2017 – Referral to EAGI the Governor’s nominations of Ms. Jovita Paulino – Tinian and Mrs. Miranda V. Manglona – Rota to serve on the CUC Board of Directors.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-105:** August 14, 2017 – Senator Igisomar, Vice Chair of Health & Welfare Committee postponement on the CNMI Medical Referral Services Oversight Hearing.

**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:****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>
<p><b>H.B. No. 20-99</b>  (See Hse. Comm. 20-63)</p>	<p>To amend 4 CMC §2308 to clarify that the casino gross revenue tax funds are separate from the general fund; and for other purposes</p>

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-165:** July 19, 2017 – Dept. of Navy regarding a supplement to the 2015 Final Mariana Islands Training and Testing MITT.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-166:** August 04, 2017 – Office of Public Auditor’s comment on S.B. No. 20-51 – Zero Tolerance.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-167:** August 08, 2017 – Commonwealth Casino Commission comments on H.B. No. 20-38 – To transfer the licensing and regulatory functions of the DOF in respect to poker, pachinko, and electronic gaming machines to the Commonwealth Casino Commission.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-168:** August 07, 2017 – NM Humanities Council invitation to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Marianas History Conference on September 1 – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-169:** August 16, 2017 – Imperial Pacific International, (CNMI), LLC on the Conditional Permit status.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-170:** August 14, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-01 – To establish a Dept. of Revenue and Taxation.

- 7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-171:** August 14, 2017 – AG’s comments on 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.
- 8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-172:** August 16, 2017 – CPA’s proposes to revise the airport fees and charges on domestic and international air carriers on all CNMI airports.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT.**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

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

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