



AMENDED
September 08, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4 th Day	Friday, September 08, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:45 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL** – Eight members are present and one absent (Sen Santos – excused)
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** 1) Dave Attao and Frankie Eliptico re: SB 20-21, SS1
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**
1. SJ 20-12 - 1D, 2nd Regular 08/03/17 - ADOPTED
 2. SJ 20-13 - 2D, 2nd Regular 08/10/17- ADOPTED
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-115:** August 22, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-28, D1 – To appropriate the amount of Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$69,918.00) from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes, becomes ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 20-05.
 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-116:** [Received on August 30, 2017] – Certification of Fund Availability of the Saipan Casino Operator’s Business Gross Revenue Tax.
 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-117:** August 28, 2017 – Administrative Leave for Labor Day events on September 01, 2017.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-36:** August 21, 2017 – Dept. of Commerce invitation for the upcoming Business Development Seminar on September 27, 2017.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-37:** August 21, 2017 – OPM regarding eligible retroactive lump sum payment of employees frozen on Step 12.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-38:** August 25, 2017 – DOF re Certification of Fund Availability PL 18-56 Saipan Casino

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-88:** August 30, 2017 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-99, SS1 - To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 2307; repeal and reenact 4 CMC §2308; to earmark the casino Gross Revenue Tax to supplement the payment of the 25 percent of all the retirees' pensions and to include NMC, NMTI as recipients of the funds generated from the Gross Revenue Tax; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY]**
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-89:** August 30, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-41, SD1 - 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. **[READY TO GO TO GOVERNOR]**

AMENDED TO INCLUDE AS FOLLOWS:

3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-90:** September 06, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-07, SD1 – To amend 2 CMC §4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC §4435(h); and for other purposes. **[READY TO GO TO GOVERNOR]**
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-91:** September 06, 2017 – Returning with amendments S.B. No. 20-03, SD1, HD1 - To amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262~~(e)~~, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes. **(ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS AND PASSED BY THE SENATE) [READY TO GO TO GOVERNOR]**

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-108:** August 22, 2017 – Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Gaming requesting for documents from the Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC).
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-109:** August 22, 2017 – Chairman, Senate Standing Committee on Gaming request for a Casino Business Gross Revenue Tax Fund status report.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-110:** August 25, 2017 – CPA presentation of proposed revised airport rates.

4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-111:** August 29, 2017 – Joint Presiding Officers granting Administrative Leave for the Legislative Bureau.

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. No. 20-12 – Joy Waldo and Joshua Tanghal NCLEX RN
2. SCRes No. 20-03 – Late Tony de Brum

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-38:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-21 – To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; to repeal PL 14-54 and PL 15-5; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SS1]**
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-39:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-33 – To enable the CNMI to participate I the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Professional Student Exchange Program; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS TO BE FILED] (ADOPTED TO FILE)**
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-40:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-43 - To ensure that government contracts with businesses and individuals that have a good record of compliance with applicable CNMI laws; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SD1]**
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-41:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-44 – To require certain public officials and vendors to file conflict of interest questionnaire; and for other purposes.
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-42:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. 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. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SD1]**

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

- 1. **S.R. No. 20-12 – ADOPTED**
- 2. **SCommRes. 20-03 - ADOPTED**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 20-21, SS1 (See SCreport 20-38)	To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-33 [To FILE] (See SCreport 20-39) PASSED TO FILE	To enable the CNMI to participate I the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Professional Student Exchange Program; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-43, SD1 (See SCreport 20-40)	To ensure that government contracts with businesses and individuals that have a good record of compliance with applicable CNMI laws; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-44 (See SCreport 20-41)	To require certain public officials and vendors to file conflict of interest questionnaire; and for other purposes

S.B. No. 20-46, SD1 (See SCreport 20-42)	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
H.B. No. 20-105, HD2, SD3 PASSED	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.
H.B. No. 20-75, HD1 (See HC 20-44) PASSED	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

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-174:** August 22, 2017 – AG's comments on H.B. No. 20-43, HD1 - 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. 20-175:** August 23, 2017 – LB Director regarding 2017 Labor Day Celebration on September 1, 2017.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

T. ADJOURNMENT at 12:25 p.m.

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.