



**AMENDED**  
September 20, 2017

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5 <sup>th</sup> Day	Wednesday, September 20, 2017	10:00 a.m.
	ROTA MAYOR'S OFFICE CONF. ROOM	

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

- A. ROLL CALL** - Eight members are present and one absent Sen.Borja-excused.
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** (NONE)
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: Adopted**
1. SJ 20-14 - 3D, Second Regular 08/17/17
  2. SJ 20-15 - 1<sup>st</sup> Special, Second Regular 08/2/17
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-118:** August 30, 2017 – Signed into local law, S.L.B. No. 20-02, D1 – To establish “I Tano’-Mami” as the official anthem for the Municipality of Rota; and for other purposes, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 20-06**.
  2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-119:** August 30, 2017 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 20-17, D1 – To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under PL No. 18-30; and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-04**.
  3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-120:** September 07, 2017 – Appointment of Mr. Gordon Marciano to serve on the MVA Board of Directors representing the Island of Saipan.
  4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-121:** September 07, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Therese T. Ogumoro, Zoning Administrator to receive \$65,000.00 per annum.
  5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-122:** September 11, 2017 – Appointment of Mrs. Julia Victoria I. Benavente as the Secretary of Labor.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-123:** September 12, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-116, SD2 – To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-09**.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-124:** September 12, 2017 – Certification fo annual salary in excess of \$50,000.00 for Ms. Heather P. Barcinas, AAG to receive \$70,000.00 per annum.

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

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

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-39:** August 21, 2017 – Delegation of Authority to Mr. Isagani Salazar DPW Building Safety.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-40:** September 06, 2017 – DPL on the Revision of S.B. No. 20-35 regarding public land leases.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-41:** September 07, 2017 – DPL Compreshensive Public Land Use Plan.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-92:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-116, SD2 - To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015. **[INFO. ONLY]**
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-93:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-25, HD1 – To prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-94:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-65, HD1 – To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-95:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-67 – To amend 1 CMC § 1402 for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-96:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-69, HS1 – To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-97:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-83 – To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen

- qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-98:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-85 – To establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occur within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas.
  8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-99:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-86, HD1 – To establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017.
  9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-100:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-93, HD1 – To amend 1 CMC §8250(e) by including the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) to be exempted from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act as amended.
  10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-101:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Transmitting for **Senate action** H.B. No. 20-96 – To amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System.
  11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-102:** Sept. 06, 2017 – Speaker Rafael Demapan **recalling** from the Governor, H.B. No. 20-108, HD1 - To appropriate the amount of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) to pay for the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees whose wages were frozen – as authorized by Public Law 19-75.
  12. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-103:** Sept. 11, 2017 – Certified copy of HCommRes 20-9 – Chamorro and Carolinian Cultural Month.
  13. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-104:** Sept. 11, 2017 - Certified copy of HR 20-13 – Late Honorable Tony A. De Brum.
  14. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-105:** Sept. 11, 2017 –Rejection of the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-105, HD2, SD3 - 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, and also appointed members to the conference committee.
  15. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-106:** Sept. 15, 2017 – Informing the Senate on the adoption of Conference Committee No. 20-1 on H.B. No. 20-105, HD2, SD3, CCS1 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-112:** August 31, 2017 – Senator Santos off-island notice.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-113:** September 08, 2017 – Official referral of the appointment of Mr. Gordon Marciano to serve on the MVA Board of Directors.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-114:** September 05, 2017 - Joint courtesy visit of the Korean Congress with the Executive of Costa World Tour Corporation.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-115:** September 11, 2017 – Appointment of the Senate Conference Committee members on H.B. No. 20-105, HD2, SD3 – FY 2018 Budget.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-116:** September 13, 2017 – Official referral of the appointment of Mrs. Julia Victoria I. Benavente as Secretary of Labor.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **Senate Comm.Resolution No. 20-04:** To express heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable †Ricardo Songao Atalig and to memorialize his longstanding public service to the people of Rota and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (**SEN. STEVE K. MESNGON – 09/11/17**)
2. **Senate Resolution No. 20-13:** To recognize and acknowledge Juanet Apatang Camacho for her longstanding contributions and service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (**SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 09/15/17**)

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

1. S.B. No. 20-71 - To establish a Nursing School Professional Scholarship; and for other purposes.
2. S.B. NO. 20-72 - To amend 8 CMC §1421(a); and for other purposes. (Guardianship Income)
3. S.B. NO. 20-73 - To amend 4 CMC §§ 4103 and 4201, to place the Office of Registrar of Corporation under the Department of Commerce, provide the Registrar investigation power and authority to approve foreign corporations charter; and for other purposes.

**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. 20-40:** 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]**

3. **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. **(ADOPTED)**
4. **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] (ADOPTED)**
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-43:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-40 - To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for th identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes. **[RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SD1](ADOPTED)**

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: (ADOPTED)**

1. **S.Comm.Res. No. 20-04**
2. **S.R. No. 20-13**

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FIRST READING**

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

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>S.B. No. 20-21, SS1</b>  <b>(See SReport 20-38)</b>	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

<b>S.B. No. 20-43, SD1</b> <b>(See SCreport 20-40)</b>	To ensure that government contracts with businesses and individuals that have a good record of compliance with applicable CNMI laws; and for other purposes
<b>S.B. No. 20-44</b> <b>(See SCreport 20-41)</b> <b>PASSED</b>	To require certain public officials and vendors to file conflict of interest questionnaire; and for other purposes
<b>S.B. No. 20-46, SD1</b> <b>(See SCreport 20-42)</b> <b>PASSED</b>	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
<b>S.B. No. 20-53</b>	To repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 4972(b)(1) to allow the Public School System to hire foreign national workers as classroom teachers for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), special education and related services; and for other purposes
<b>S.B. No. 20-40, SD1</b> <b>PASSED</b>	To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes
<b>H.B. No. 20-10</b> <b>(See HC 20-36)</b>	To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account
<b>H.B. No. 20-34</b> <b>(See HC 20-27)</b> <b>PASSED</b>	To repeal in part Section 3 of PL 19-2 and revive former 6 CMC §2222(e) and its associated definitions
<b>H.B. No. 20-63, HS1</b> <b>(See HC 20-69)</b> <b>PASSED</b>	To require test firing of all firearms as a prerequisite for registration of a firearm
<b>H.B. No. 20-66</b> <b>(See HC 20-55)</b> <b>PASSED</b>	To amend 1 CMC §8602(b), Law Enforcement Mandatory Drug Testing to eliminate the condition that testing is subject to the availability of funds.

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-176:** August 21, 2017 – Okeanos Marianas sustainable sea transportation within the CNMI.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-177:** MVA Tourism Insights.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-178:** September 07, 2017 – Close Up Foundation CNMI Youth Summit on September 22, 2017 at SaipanWorld Resort.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-179:** September 12, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No. 20-64 – State Directory of New Hires.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-180:** September 12, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No. 20-60 – Off-Road vehicles including ATVS, SxS and UTVs.

- 6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-181:** September 11, 2017 – Mr. Mariano Taitano regarding NMIRF vs. Gerhard Sword and Express Electronics case.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT at 11:15 a.m.**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

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

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