



November 17, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
8 th Day	Tuesday, November 21, 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:

1. **SJ 20-18** - 3rd Special, Second Regular- 09/16/17
2. **SJ 20-19** - 5th Day, Second Regular-09/20/17
3. **SJ 20-20** - 6th Day, Second Regular-09/26/17

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-170:** October 19, 2017 – From Acting Governor Arnold I. Palacios Press Release regarding CNMI Youth Takeover Day.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-171:** October 24, 2017 – Appointment of Ms. Agida T. Quitugua to serve as a member of the MVA to represent Rota.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-172:** November 01, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-66 – To amend 1 CMC §8602(b), Law Enforcement Mandatory Drug Testing to eliminate the condition that testing is subject to the availability of funds, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-24**.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-173:** November 01, 2017 – Signed into law 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, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-25**.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-174:** November 01, 2017 – Signed into law S.B. No. 20-15, SD1 – To establish a Regent Nominating Committee Process in the Selection and Appointment of Regents to the NMC Board of Regents; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-26**.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-175:** November 02, 2017 – **Vetoed** H.B. No. 2-63, HS1 – To require test firing of all firearms as a prerequisite for registration of a firearm.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-176:** October 21, 2017 – EO 2017-10 – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency – CUC.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-177:** October 25, 2017 – Signed into local law, HLB 20-15 – To repeal Chapter 4 of Title 6 of the Saipan Municipal Code and to establish the Saipan Bingo Act of 2017; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-16**.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-178:** November 01, 2017 – Signed into local law HLB 20-41 – To appropriate \$9,336.00 specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under PL 18-30, as amended; and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-06**.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-179:** November 02, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Richard S. Villagomez – Financial Management Advisor, DPL to receive \$52,000.00.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-180:** November 09, 2017 – Nomination of Ms. Patricia S. Mareham to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing Carolinian for the Third Senatorial District.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-181:** November 02, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-34 – To repeal in part Section 3 of PL 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-27**.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-182:** November 14, 2017 – Requesting appointment of Senate member to serve on the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB).
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-183:** November 14, 2017 – Nomination of Ms. Proserpina “Pina” M. Deleon Guerrero to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-184:** November 14, 2017 – Signed into local law, HLB 20-33, D2 – To appropriate up to One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine US Dollars (\$116,469.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes, becomes **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-07**.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-185:** November 17, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interests, police clearance, drug test receipt and results of Ms. Patricia S. Mareham nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-48:** Oct. 19, 2017 – OPM regarding FY 2018 Supplemental Budget request.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-49:** Nov. 01, 2017 – OMB 4th Quarter Report for FY 2017.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-128:** October 25, 2017 – Speaker Rafael S. Demapan off-island notice.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-129:** October 25, 2017 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-14 – Honoring the CHC Volunteers Association.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-130:** October 25, 2017 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-15 – Mrs. Ursula Lifofoi-Aldan.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-131:** October 25, 2017 – Certified copy of H.Comm. Res. No. 20-14 – The Late Allegre Twelbang Magofna.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-122:** Oct. 20, 2017 – Senator Igisomar to CUC requesting documents pertaining to CUC Agreements and Accounts.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-123:** Oct. 20, 2017 – Senator Igisomar to DPW requesting for an update status presentation report.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-124:** Oct. 24, 2017 – Official referral of Ms. Agida T. Quitugua to serve as a member of MVA representing Rota.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-125:** Oct. 24, 2017 – Senator Igisomar regarding the rescheduling of the Health and Welfare Oversight on the Medical Referral Services.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-126:** Oct. 24, 2017 - Senate President Palacios off-island notice and delegation of authority.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-127:** Oct. 25, 2017 - Senator Francisco Borja off-island notice and delegation of authority.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-128:** Nov. 9, 2017 - Official referral to EAGI the appointment of Ms. Patricia S. Mareham to serve as a member of the CEC representing Carolinian for the Third Senatorial District.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-129:** Nov. 13, 2017 - Senator Hofschneider off-island notice.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-130:** Nov. 13, 2017 – Senator Cruz off-island and delegation of authority notice.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-131:** Nov. 14, 2017 – Senator Borja off-island and delegation of authority notice.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-132:** Nov. 15, 2017 – Official referral to EAGI Committee the appointment of Ms. Proserpina “Pina” M. Deleon Guerrero to serve as a member of the CEC representing the Third Senatorial District.
12. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-133:** Nov. 16, 2017 – Senate President to BECQ regarding the importation of pesticides fees.
13. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-134:** Nov. 16, 2017 – Senate President to appointment of Senator Sixto Igisomar to serve a two-year term to the State Workforce Development Board (SWDB) representing the Senate.

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 20-15:** To recognize and congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College graduate, Matthew Quiambao, on passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. (SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 10/26/17)
2. **Senate Resolution No. 20-16:** To recognize Mrs. Ursula Lifofoi-Aldan for her long-term length of service as a public servant, and to bestow distinguish honor for receiving the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Membership Award for 2017. (SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 11/09/17)
3. **Senate Bill No. 20-79:** To amend 1 CMC § 5103 to authorize the governor to appoint a qualified person subject to the advice and consent of the Senate when there is a vacancy in the office of the mayor and less than half of the term of the mayor remains; and for other purposes. (SEN. FRANCISCO M. BORJA – 11/13/17)

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-54:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting 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. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SD1]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-62:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 20-02, HD2 – To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE OF SD1]
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-63:** From the Committee on EAGI reporting on the appointment of Ms. Julia Victoria I. Benavente to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Labor.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. SR 20-15
2. SR 20-16

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 20-51, SD1 (See SCreport 20-54)	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
H.B. No. 20-131, HD1 (See HC 20-113)	To appropriate three million three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$3,375,000.00) from the Tobacco Control Fund, earmarked under 3 CMC § 2177, to support and supplement awareness, detection and prevention programs relating to cancer and other tobacco related illnesses
S.B. No. 20-72	To amend 8 CMC §1421(a); and for other purposes [Guardianship]
H.B. No. 20-2, HD2, SD1 (See SCreport 20-62)	To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 20-9 (See SCreport 20-14)	To require all scuba dive shop operators to impose a \$10.00 surcharge per tank usage to purchase, install, operate, and maintain decompression chambers in the CNMI; and for other purposes

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-197:** Oct. 13, 2017 – CHCC invitation to the National Diabetes Awareness walking initiative #We Walk CNMI – See scheduled listed.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-198:** Oct. 12, 2017 – Micronesian Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) request for an additional supplemental funding.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-199:** Oct. 19, 2017 – Select Care regarding the proposed fee increases at CHCC.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-200:** Oct. 23, 2017 – MVA’s 3rd Quarter report.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-201:** September, 2017 – MVA Tourism Insights for the month of September 2017.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-202:** November 13, 2017 – TALD Res. No. 20-3 – Late Silvestre Cepeda Palacios.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-203:** November 13, 2017 – AG’s comments on SB 20-71 – Nursing School Professional Scholarship and HB 20-96/88.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-204:** Gasetan Lancheros Volume 1, Issue 2 & 3 Newsletter.

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.