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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Arnold I. Palacios, issued a session call on July 27, 2017, that the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene this open and public session. The notice, the official session call, and the session agenda was filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk; released to the media; and posted at the Entrance Halls of the Office of the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives, posted on the Commonwealth Legislature's website at www.cnmileg.gov.mp.

The Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its 1st Day, Second Regular Session, on August 03, 2017, at 1:00 p.m., in Senate Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Arnold I. Palacios, President of the Senate, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll, eight (8) members present and one (1) absent.

President Palacios: With eight members present we have established a quorum for today's session. We go down to agenda Item B. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Before we proceed to agenda Item B, I think we have a resolution to present this morning and if there is no objection from the members, I think we have the main author to present the resolution this morning.

There being no objection raised.

President Palacios: There being no objection. Senator Quitugua, please proceed.

Senator Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, I am very honored to read Senate Resolution 20-04 in summation due to its lengthy content on behalf of the 20th Senate members. This Resolution was introduced by the Committee of the Whole, and adopted on July 11, 2017 during the Senate's 5th Special Session; and certified by the Senate President and the Senate Legislative Secretary. Senate Resolution 20-04 is "To recognize and congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduates namely Gemmie Eugenio, Lovely Lopez, and Mika Sablan in passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. This legislative body is proud to recognize residents of the CNMI such as you 3 young nurses that strive for excellence in your future endeavors

while giving back to the community that laid the foundation of your career and goals. Ms. Eugenio, Lopez, and Sablan you have chosen a stable career path with high respect for human life and compassion for the suffering as you encounter the needs of your patient's that ranges from mild to severe cases. On Behalf of the members of this body, CONGRATULATIONS Ms. Eugenio, Ms. Lopez, and Ms. Sablan. And now, Mr. President, the Senate is ready to present the aforementioned Resolution. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you, Senator Quitugua. The Chair would like to call for a short recess for the presentation.

The Senate recessed at 1:15 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 1:18 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. Before I proceed any further, I would like at this time, to sincerely my honor and I'm sure an honor for all of us here in the Senate to recognize the presence of the Mayor and Mrs. Attao, welcome to the Senate, and NMC President, Fernandez, welcome to the Senate. Thank you for joining us this afternoon. With that, we move on to agenda Item B, Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Palacios: The floor will now be open for any members of the public to receive comment on any of the agenda items appearing in today's Order of Business. Please state your name and the organization that you represent.

Mr. Brian Sers Nicolas: Good afternoon your excellency the President and the honorable Senators, good afternoon. My name is Brian Sers Nicolas; I've been a defense lawyer in this beautiful Commonwealth for the last 28 years going on 29 years. There is an item on your agenda and I recognize that your agenda is quite long so mine will be very short, my comment. There is a House Bill 20-16, Senate Draft 1, this is a bill to amend the jury right, a right to a jury trial in the Commonwealth, and as you all know right now any accused, an accused has a right to a jury trial, he or she faces punishment of five years or more two thousand dollars or more or both. The bill before you attempt to make it very clean, five years or more meaning, you start from five, not five plus one or five plus two, two thousand or more equally important the bill the contains provision that mandates. Right now the system we have in place is, if you are accused of criminal offenses, and let us say, you are accused of let us say, "felony charges" or the jury count, where the jury gets to listen, you will also most necessary would be accused of lesser offenses, offenses that does not entitled you to a jury trial, those are reserved for the trial judge. We refer to them commonly as either the bench count or court count. So right now, when you are in a jury trial, the juries get to decide the criminal offenses entitling a jury decision the trial judge gets to decide the non-jury trial. The bill attempts to make it mandatory that all criminal charges against an accused who is entitled to a jury trial be heard by the jury so we

don't have inconsistencies and I sit before this honorable body and having participating two criminal cases, where the jury comes out and tells my client, you are not guilty, the judge comes out and says, you are guilty on the non-jury trial. It is not a pleasant feeling trying to explain to a defendant why the jury goes one way the trial judge goes the other way. This bill will clarify it, there will be no additional expenses to the Commonwealth you already have emplace a jury trial. It just needs to be very clear that, I know that we have very limited time, but in criminal cases, you know something happens and then based on what happens you can charge jury count and in the trial both the judge and the jury gets to listen, you don't have separate trial, everything is happening all at the same times so both the jury and the judge are listening to the same evidence. They are both serving "trial facts" so it doesn't make any sense that six jurors get to see the facts one way and the single judge sees. By the way, just so I don't make myself into trouble when we get sworn in as lawyers and your counsel can tell you that we not only get sworn in as attorneys at law, we are also sworn in as officers of the court. So in that capacity, I really want to see our criminal system fine tune, get it smooth running so you know the accused can know that if I go to trial this is what I'm facing not the judge or the jury but just the jury. I respectfully urge this honorable body to consider it and pass it. I think it's good for the Commonwealth and it's good for everybody because it is all set and done. The jury system is nothing more than recognizing that it is the people that really runs the show and regardless how educated and how good looking or what not you are still have a voice and that is the beauty about this bill. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you, Mr. Sers Nicolas. Are there any other members? Please state your name and the organization you represent.

Rep. Joseph Lee "Pan" Guerrero: Thank you, Senate President. Even though you didn't recognize me, I will not forget it. But anyways, my name is Joseph Lee Pan Guerrero, I am here as a member of this community, Mr. President and members of the Senate, I am here actually to seek the Senate approval for the confirmation of Mr. Vincent Attao, for the position of the Department of Correction. Mr. President, I highly urge the Senate to expedite his confirmation because the absence of a Commissioner to oversee the function of the Department of Correction would impede its ability to move forward with its program. I will keep it short because I have other meetings to attend to but with that, Mr. President, I urge this body to expedite the confirmation of Mr. Vincent Attao. Thank you, Mr. President. Now you can address me as Congressman Lee Pan.

President Palacios: Thank you, Congressman Lee Pan. Any other comment from the public?

Mr. Daniel Quitugua: *Buenas tadis, Mr. President, yan membron este i san hilo na Guma, i Senate. Dos na aktikulu, Mr. President, hu bisita hamyo pago na talo'ani, fine'ne'na malago-yo para baihu faisen i consideration i membron i Senate parahu na siguru este na patgon i para in konfitma pago na talo'ani, produkto este, produktun Saipan, na'ña si Vicent Sablan Attao. Ta' gef nisisita ayuduña para guato gi sagan presu, lao i kapasidatña ha riflelekta i tinigoña pot este na depatamento. Pues hu ape'pe'la ayudon-miyu para in konfitma este na kandidato para pago na talo'ani. Mr. President yan members i Senate, na'an-hu si Daniel Ogo Quitugua, i otro na asuntu hu bisita hamyo gaige gi calendarun-miyu pago na talo'ani eyu i House Communication No. 20-06, guiya enao, Mr. President, i petition para guato gi US Supreme Court. Sedi'ha yo, ya baihu dingu fino' Chamorro ya baihu taitai este i yoku prepared statement gi fino' English.* Mr. President

and members of this August Body, today I appear as the Acting Chairperson of the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation (NMDC) to take a stand and support proposed legislation calendared in your agenda for this afternoon's session. This legislation has direct and profound constitutional ramifications to the interests and rights of your fellow Northern Marianas Descents and citizens alike. On behalf of all Northern Marianas Descents, I like to express our sincerest appreciation to Congressman Angel Demapan for his sponsorship on House Joint Resolution 20-06. Mr. President and members of this body, it is the firm contention of the Northern Marianas Descent members that the decisions rendered by the local federal and Ninth circuit courts must be challenged and appeal. we should not take lightly any decisions which infringes upon our NEGOTIATED right to self-government. The constitution of our own adoption was the byproduct of a negotiated covenant that was ratified by 78.69% of the people of the Commonwealth, must be passionately and emphatically defended with or without the consent of the Attorney General. Protecting our negotiated right to self-government is fundamentally more important than the office of the Attorney General or any offices for that matter. Passing House Resolution 20-06 will exemplify unambiguously, the unified position of the Executive and Legislative branches of our government. Mr. President and members, this unified position is importantly critical in view of the fact that, while the Governor of the Commonwealth is exercising his inherent powers to protect the integrity of our own constitution with respect to Article XII, he is being undermined by the Attorney General whose legal duties are delineated. The judgement and action of the Governor of the commonwealth to protect and defend our constitution, while the Attorney General is seemingly more interested and focus in protecting biological territorial power, is tantamount to a deliberate obstruction to sabotage an appropriate exercise of constitutional duty. This type of subversive act must and should not be allowed to take place in our Commonwealth. We need to demonstrate to the supreme court Justices our collective judicious determination in defending our constitution, a by-product of our negotiated covenant that the US congress and President of the United States both legally sanctioned and memorialized. Harnessing legal strategy to assert our rights and protect the integrity of our constitution rather than pushing and claiming territorial turf, in our opinion, is more palatable to the will of, we the people. It's very disconcerting to think that peoples' constitutional rights are being played against some kind of power or supremacy claim. It is also our contention that the legislature has absolute power to do what it deems proper and legal with respect to making the institutions of our government more effective and efficient. Mr. President, I need not belabor the bone of contentions about the petition and the compelling interest that must be defended, because all of you are intimately familiar with the issues. Allow me however, to freely express my commentary with respect to a "disturbing appearance" of presumed lack of interest on the part of our legal defender to aggressively defend and protect our covenant and Constitution. The Northern Marianas Descent Corporation has been represented by a competent attorney, Mr. Joseph (Jed) Horey, who is not of Northern Marianas Decent pursuant to Article XII, Section 4, of in our constitution. Yet, he was so passionately making pointed and persuasive arguments to defend our negotiated right to self-government; and to challenge the decisions of both the District and the Ninth circuit court's rulings on the Davis vs. CNMI Board of Elections case, a matter that invalidated Article XII, Section 4, of our own constitution, without exhaustive debate on its infinite meaning and applications. Our attorney has no vested interest in protecting Northern Marianas Descents constitutional rights as explicitly and expressly provided. He has no constitutional protected interest or otherwise to gain in the matter other than his firm belief that our political relationship with the United States was not unilaterally conferred unto but judiciously and bilaterally negotiated and legally sanctioned. He is in the forefront of this decision to petition the US Supreme Court to hear our arguments and fight to

protect our negotiated right to self-government and the enforcement of our own Constitution. On the other hand, we have an elected Northern Marianas Decent legal defender of our Covenant and Constitution who refuses to take, not even a scintilla of possibility, to convince the Supreme Court to hear our case, even after a personal appeal for his intervention. These statements are not presumptive it is factually observable. This fact together with several other highly controversial Constitutional actions and decisions made by the legal defender of our Covenant and Constitution, force me to seriously question the practicality and organizational applicability of an elected Attorney General. We have in in our hands two powerful forces working in spite of; an elected Governor vs. an elected Attorney General with two different legal positions. Both are asserting the exercise of their constitutional mandates. The Governor's power is broadly expressed while the Attorney General is specifically delineated. This situation is heading toward a legal quagmire that I do not think anyone of us wish to bear. It is therefore the prayer of the members of the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation to respectfully plead the support of every member of this August Body to affirmatively and unanimously pass House Joint Resolution 20-06. Thank you, Mr. president and members.

President Palacios: Thank you, Mr. Quitugua. Are there any other members in the pubic that wish to make any comments? There being none, we move to agenda Items C.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

President Palacios: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adoption of Senate Journal 20-10.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: There's a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal 20-10, that motion has been second. Discussion? There being none. Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Senator Journal 20-10 please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. We move on to agenda Item D, Messages from the Governor.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk voiced Governors Communications Nos. 20-82 to 20-96.

President Palacios: Any member wants to comment on any of these communications from the Governor? There being none, we move to agenda Item E.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

None

President Palacios: There being none on E. We move to Communications from Heads of Executive Department. Clerk?

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEAD OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The Clerk voiced Department Communications Nos. 20-22 to 20-25.

President Palacios: Any member wants to make any statement or comment on any of the communications from Head of Executive Department's? There being none. We move to agenda Item G, Communications from the House.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

The Clerk voiced House Communications Nos. 20-46, 20-48 to 20-70.

President Palacios: Thank you. Comments, reflection, statements? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: I take this opportunity during the House Communication to make a request if attorney Sers Nicolas can stick around for the discussion on House Bill 20-16, a legislation that is placed on our Final Reading Calendar. I know that this legislation does not have a committee report but he raised some very good points. I just feel that if the Senate were to pass this today that we might have question, if he is still around, but if he is not then I guess when it comes to that legislation I have some questions, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. I'm not sure if Mr. Sers Nicolas is still here, but I am sure that some of the members will be able to deliberate on it. Senator Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to all the House members for supporting Senate Bill 20-12, SD1. This is a long overdue legislation and I am extending my heartfelt appreciation to them for their consideration of the passage of this legislation without amendments. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you, Senator Cruz. We move on to agenda Item H, Communications from the Senate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

The Clerk voiced Senate Communications Nos. 20-85 to 20-99.

President Palacios: Are there any comments or statements on those communications? There being none. Let me take a one-minute recess.

The Senate recessed at 1:41 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 1:42 p.m.

Senator Sixto K. Igisomar stepped-out during the recess.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. If there is no objection, I would like to ask the members that we skip agenda Items I, J, K, L and proceed to agenda Item M, Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Palacios: There being no objection. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. We do have several Standing Committee Reports, however, we will immediately act on one Standing Committee Report and then go back to the order of business. This is Standing Committee Report No. 20-20, from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the appointment of Mr. Vicente S. Attao, to serve as the Commissioner of Department of Correction, so move, Mr. President.

President Palacios: The motion is for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-20 and it has been seconded. The Committee Report is relative to the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Discussion on that motion? Senator Mesngon?

Senator Mesngon: Thank you, Mr. President and also the Chair for EAGI. Actually, I was not present during the Public Hearing of Mr. Attao, due to some family matters that I have to attend to. But this is an opportunity for me to also extent the nominee from the Governor and I thank, Mr. Vince Attao, for waited so long for us to convene this session and just to inform you that I also, one of the member on the EAGI, I fully support your packets when it came to my office and that I fully support an opportunity to extend this also for you. I really support your nomination to be the Commissioner of the Department of Correction to serve in the CNMI as a whole. And with that again, I just want to make on record that, yes, I fully support and I'm ready for the question, Mr. President. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Thank you. And thank you, Vice President, for your vote of confident. Mr. President, this is the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Vincent

S. Attao to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. Pursuant to Article III, Section 14 of the NMI Constitution, 1 CMC §2852, Mr. Vincent S. Attao was nominated by Governor Ralph DLG. Torres, on May 22, 2017, to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. The Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations recommends that the Senate give its advice and consent to the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. However, your committee has examined all pertinent documents submitted relating to Mr. Vincent S. Attao's overall credentials. In addition, your committee took into account all written and oral testimonies presented during the public hearing. After much deliberation and base on the overall assessment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao's credentials, experiences, testimonies and other relevant issues considered, your committee is convinced that Mr. Vincent S. Attao possesses the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections. In conclusion the committee concludes that the appointment of Mr. Vincent S. Attao meets all the necessary requirement pursuant to Article III, Section 14 of the NMI Constitution, I CMC §2852. Furthermore, Mr. Vincent S. Attao has submitted all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Senate Rules. Again, I ask the full member of this body to support Senate Committee Report No. 20-20. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you, Chairman Cruz. Any other member wants to give a statement or comment on the adoption motion? Are we ready for the question? Just to inform the public in the gallery that by adopting the Committee Report affirmatively, Mr. Attao's appointment will be confirmed. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Excused
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting "yes."

President Palacios: With seven members voting "yes" Mr. Attao's appointment is hereby confirmed by the Senate. Congratulations! [APPLAUSE] Just for information, Senator Igisomar had to leave on a family emergency. He wasn't able to vote for your confirmation and he wanted me to convey to you that he would have if he's being here voted and giving you his confidence. With that, let us take a short recess and congratulate the nominee, the new Commissioner of Corrections and his family.

The Senate recessed at 1:49 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:03 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. At this time, I would like to ask that we go back to agenda Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions.

PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Palacios: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. We do have several bills and resolutions on the calendar today. Senate Bill No.20-52 introduced by Senators Sixto K. Igisomar; Senate Bill No. 20-53 introduced by Senator Justo S. Quitugua; Senate Bill No. 20-54 introduced by Senator Justo S. Quitugua; Senate Resolution No. 20-06 also introduced by Senator Justo S. Quitugua; Senate Resolution No. 20-07 same author, Senator Justo S. Quitugua; Senate Resolution No. 20-08 introduced by Senator Teresita A. Santos; Senate Resolution No. 20-09, introduced by Senator Justo S. Quitugua; Senate Bill No. 20-55 introduced by Senator Sixto K. Igisomar; Senate Bill No. 20-56 introduced by Senator Sixto K. Igisomar; and Senate Bill No. 20-57 also introduced by Senator Sixto K. Igisomar. That is all under pre-filed bills and resolutions, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua, recognized.

Senator Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. On Senate Resolution No. 20-06 and Senate Resolution No. 20-09, if no objection from the members, these resolutions will be introduced as a Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

President Palacios: Is there any objection?

There being no objection raised.

President Palacios: There being no objection. Senator Santos, recognized.

Senator Santos: Thank you, Mr. President. In the same way also, if there is no objection from the members, I would like to move that Senate Resolution No. 20-08 be introduced as a whole. Thank you.

There being no objection raised.

President Palacios: There being no objection. Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Resolution No. 20-07, if any of the members would like to co-author this resolution you're very much welcome. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Clerk, please have the record reflect that those resolutions are reflected as introduced by the Committed of the Whole. We are down to agenda Item L. I guess there are still some items on agenda Item L.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Palacios: Recognized, Senator Cruz.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. I wish to introduce an unnumbered Senate Bill, “To establish the Hunting Act of 2017 for the Commonwealth; and for the purposes.” The other unnumbered is, “To amend 4 CMC §50144 (b) to increase the penalty of business establishment that gives sales or permits to be given or sold any tobacco products to an individual under the age of 18; and for the purposes.” Thank you, Mr. President. If the members wish to co-author I wanted to see your signature on my bill. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua, recognized.

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase, Mr. President.* Mr. President, I’m officially introducing Senate Bill No. 20-60 and also Senate Resolution No. 20-10. This resolution is to congratulate another graduate from NMC who just passed the NCLEX for registered nurses. If no objection, I request that this resolution be introduced by the Committee of the Whole. Further, Mr. President, if the Floor Leader can make the appropriate motion, so that this resolution will be placed on today’s Resolution Calendar for adoption. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Anymore resolutions or legislations to introduce? There being none. We proceed to agenda Item M.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Palacios: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. We do have several standing committee reports for adoption today. Standing Committee Report No. 20-25 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on House Bill No. 20-8, HS1, to restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes,” so move for its adoption.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion offered has been seconded, discussion? Ready for the question? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 20-25 please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-27 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on Senate Bill No. 20-45, “To provide a limited exemption to register right-hand drive vehicle after it is converted to left-hand drive and passes safety inspection; and for the purpose,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion on Standing Committee Report No. 20-27 has been offered and seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 20-27 please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-28 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on House Bill No. 20-45, HD1, “To establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kannat Tabla on the island of Saipan; and for the purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion on Standing Committee Report No. 20-28 has been move and seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-29 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on House Joint Resolution No. 20-2, “Respectfully requesting the Secretary of Department of Public Works, to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP); and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion on Standing Committee Report No. 20-29 it’s been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion Carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption Standing Committee Report No. 20-30 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on House Joint Resolution No. 20-3, “Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Laulau Bay Drive under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP); and for other purposes,” so move.

President Palacios: Adoption motion has been second for the adoption of Standing Committee Report 20-30, discussion?

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President?

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: I am just curious, maybe a question to the Chairman because we are going to adopt now two resolutions, House Joint Resolution for highways and asking the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan that they be included. In the first legislation it was a House Bill and in the second and third, what is the proper procedure? I know this is still the Standing Committee Report, but I just wanted to know so, is that something that we should care whether it's a House Joint Resolution or a House Bill? It's just a general question. Thank you.

President Palacios: Your Chair of the Committee is not present, but I would assume that this is the Territorial Plan requesting that this be put in to a joint resolution. I guess the house bill that establishing the two public highways is just that to established them as highways and the Joint Resolution individually request the Department of Public Works to go ahead and include them in the Territorial Plan.

Senator Mangloña: I just wanted to clarify that so that we are aware of the process. I just wanted the Committee next time to just question this, how do we do it? Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Are we ready for a question? Those in favor of the adoption motion offered please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-31 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on Senate Bill No, 20-49, “To establish regulations for the use of airspace of the Commonwealth and related activities; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is offered for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-31, it has been seconded, discussion? Ready for a question? Those in favor of the motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-32 from the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on Senate Bill No. 20-50, "To amend 1 CMC § 2122 to authorize the Commonwealth Ports Authority to develop and expand the air service to the Commonwealth; and for other purposes," so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion offered on Standing Committee Report No. 20-32 has been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the adoption please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Mr. President, we do have one more Standing Committee Report, however, it is not on the Calendar, so, I move to suspend all pertinent Rules to include Standing Committee Report No. 20-33 on today's Standing Committee Report Calendar for adoption.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: There is a motion on the floor to suspend Rules so we can place Standing Committee Report No. 20-33 on today's order business and it has been seconded. Discussion on the suspension motion?

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President, I am sorry, on Standing Committee Report No. 20-32 we just passed that, if there is no objection, Mr. President, I include in that motion to reconsider. I just want to clarify one provision of the resolution. I am going to ask the member so that it's clear that for the airport on Rota, the International Airport, actually, to clarify one of the task that we're asking them to study, the CPA, because it does not include I am afraid the discussion that we had with some board members regarding the Rota Airport that they actually look at the runway itself, as well as the departure and the arrival section of the airport. I just want to clarify that.

President Palacios: Perhaps, when we get to the Bill Calendar.

Senator Mangloña: I thought we passed that already.

President Palacios: We are on the Standing Committee Reports.

Senator Mangloña: Okay, so that is just on the Standing Committee?

President Palacios: Standing Committee.

Senator Mangloña: Alright, thank you.

President Palacios: We are back to the question and discussion on the suspension motion offered by the Floor Leader. Motion has been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of adopting the suspension motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. For the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 20-33 from your Committee on Resources, Economic Development, and Programs reporting and Senate Bill No. 20-10, "To amend Title 4 Division 5, Chapter 13, to add Section 15225 to suspend the qualifying certificate in the Third Senatorial District; and for other purpose," so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion for Standing Committee Report No. 20-33, it's been offered and seconded, discussion? There being no discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 20-33 please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are down to Resolution Calendar, before we proceed can we take one-minute recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:19 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:20 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. Floor Leader we are down to Resolution Calendar.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Floor Leader Borja: Before we proceed with the Resolution Calendar, I move to suspend all pertinent Rules to include Senate Resolution No. 20-10 in today's calendar for adoption.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: There is a suspension motion offered by the Floor Leader, it has been second, discussion? Those in favor of the suspension motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: I think it is in order now to move to place Senate Resolution No. 20-10 on today’s calendar for the adoption.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to place Senate Resolution No. 20-10 in today's Resolution Calendar it has been move and seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are still under Resolution Calendar.

Floor Leader Borja: Mr. President, I move to adopt Senate Resolution No. 20-06.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motions is to adopt Senate Resolution No. 20-06 has been made and seconded, discussion? Those in favor of that motion pleases say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-07, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motions for Senate Resolution No. 20-07, has been made and seconded, discussion? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries.

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-0 8, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Adoption motion for Senate Resolution No. 20-08, it has been made and seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-09, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-09 has been seconded, discussion? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries.

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 20-2, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 20-2 it’s been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 20-3, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of House Joint Resolution NO. 20-3 it’s been seconded, discussion? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 20-5, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 20-5 has been moved and seconded. Discussion on this motion? Senator Quitugua, you still want to discuss? No. Thank you. Ready for the question? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries.

Floor Leader Borja: For the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 20-10, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to adoption Senate Resolution No. 20-10 it been moved and seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. I like all these adoption motions. Let us take two-minute recess and take a look at the Bill Calendar.

The Senate recessed at 2:26 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:45 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. We are down to Bill Calendar.

BILL CALEDNAR

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President?

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña, recognized.

Senator Mangloña: Before we continue, I would like to recognize in the gallery the former Lieutenant Governor, Diego Benavente. Than you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you very much. If you’ve given me two-seconds, I was going to do that too. Welcome, Mr. Benavente. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. Under Bill Calendar, we do have about fifteen (15) bills on Final Reading; ten (10) Senate Bills and five (5) House Bills. For the passage of Senate Bill

No. 20-10, SD1 on Final Reading, “To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 13, to add section 50225 to suspend the Qualifying Certificate program in Saipan; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion has been offered for Senate Bill No. 20-10, Senate Draft 1, it has been seconded. Discussion? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: I support the bill because this is what the Delegation wish for our island here. I just wanted to ask the members if they can may be revisit this later on also because I am concern that there is a new industry or there's a new business that maybe we want to encourage that presently the investors we have on our island are not looking into and so the purpose of the qualifying certificate is actually to provide incentives for companies that we desire here to established and so my only worries is that by completely eliminating it for example if somebody were to come in here with new technology on production of groundbreaking solar panel or whatever in regards to the solar industry there will be no incentive for them to come in. That's maybe something that we can look forward in another amendment but I support the bill, 20-10. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua you are the author do you want to pacify or assure Senator Mangloña that – Recognized.

Senator Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, actually this one have two-folds; one is to encourage new investors to look at the First Senatorial and the Second Senatorial; and the other one is to provide our government the time, the opportunity to put its house together because we have seen the developments coming in so rapidly; and it's affecting our infrastructure and this is one vehicle to kind of slow down the development on Saipan, only Saipan, so that we will put together plans so that we can have an organized and coordinated development on the island of Saipan; and this does exclude Northern Islands and if any developers want to go to Northern Islands, they're welcome to go to the Northern Islands with the qualifying certificate still in place. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Further discussion? Senator Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Mr. President I have two sets of Senate Bill No. 20-10, SD1, I just want to clarify with the Clerk, which one here is the correct --?

President Palacios: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:53 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:54

President Palacios: We are back to our session. Further discussion? Ready for the question? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Excused
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With seven members voting, “yes” Senate Bill No. 20-10, Senate Draft 1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage on Final Reading Senate Bill No. 20-27, “To improve the developer infrastructure tax program by amending 4 CMC §§ 1932, 1935, 1936(a), 1939(a), and 1941; and for the purposes,” so move.

President Palacios: Passage motion Senate Bill 20-27, it’s been seconded, discussion? Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President. On page 2, line 26, I know that this legislation requires an infrastructure impact assessment, but it might be misunderstood, Mr. President, if you read the sentence here because its saying that you need to have your impact assessment verified by U.S. certified professional. My understanding when I read further on in the legislation on page 3, the certified professional engineered is the staff of the Department of Public Works, there is no intent I believe by this legislation unless I am mistaken that you don’t require actually the developed to hire a professional engineer to sign off on the impact assessment, rather the legislation simply requires that Public Works hired a certified engineer or the CUC that person would there for certified, that my understanding. So, if there is no objection, I would like to further amend line 28, and say, “by a certified professional engineer at the Department of Public Works or Commonwealth Utilities Corporation,” we should just clarify that.

President Palacios: Can we make that a technical amendment legal counsel or do we need to go ahead and make that amendment and put that on record? – Senator Mangloña do you want to offer that amendment?

Senator Mangloña: If there is no objection, I would like to offer an amendment that will read at the end of the sentence on line 28, “at the Department of Public Works or Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.”

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Amendment motion offered by Senator Mangloña, it's been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to amend Senate Bill No. 20-27 offered by Senator Mangloña please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are back to the main motion we're now discussing Senate Bill No. 20-27, SD1. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Excused
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting "yes."

President Palacios: With seven members voting, "yes" Senate Bill No. 20-27 SD1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-28 on Final Reading, "To amend 4 CMC § 5555, to extend the sale of alcohol from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.; and for other purpose," so move.

The motion has been seconded.

Senator Sixto K. Igisomar back in session at 2:55 p.m.

President Palacios: Passage motion for Senate Bill No. 20-28 has been made and seconded, discussion on the motion? Clerk, set the record to reflect that Senator Igisomar just joined us. Ready for the question? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	No

Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Abstain
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all six (6) members voting “yes,” one (1) “no,” one (1) abstention, and one (1) absent.

President Palacios: With six members voting “yes” Senate Bill No. 20-28, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-30 on Final Reading, “To reduce unemployment among resident workers by encouraging them to work under contracts for services to the Commonwealth Government or for capital improvement projects that pay the employees under such contracts at least the prevailing U.S. minimum wage; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for Senate Bill No. 20-30 it’s been made and seconded, discussion? Ready for the question? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” Senate Bill No. 20-30, hereby passes the Senate.

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-38 for First and Final Reading, “To present to the voters in the Commonwealth in the next general election the question: “Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?” So move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for Senate Bill No. 20-38 has been made and seconded, discussion? Senator Igisomar, recognized.

Senator Igisomar: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe if you don't mind, Mr. President, I wanted to request the Floor Leader and yourself, your honorable self, if we may withdraw this from the Calendar, Mr. President.

President Palacios: The author is requesting without objection to withdraw the motion, Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: Okay, Mr. President, I withdraw my motion for the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-38.

President Palacios: The Chair will now ask to refer this back to Committee on JGL. Can you please take note of that Chairman Mesngon?

Senator Mesngon: Certainly, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-45 on Final Reading, "To provide limited exemption to register a right-hand drive vehicle after it is converted to left-hand drive and passes safety inspection; and for the purposes," so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for Senate Bill No. 20-45 has been seconded, discussion? There being no discussion. Ready for the question? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting "yes."

President Palacios: With eight members voting "yes" Senate Bill No.20-45, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-48 on Final Reading, “To amend 3 CMC § 1506 to change the position of administrative librarian to public library director; and for the purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for Senate Bill No. 20-48 has been seconded, discussion? Senator Quitugua, no discussion? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” Senate Bill No.20-48, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage motion on Senate Bill No. 20-49, “To establish regulations for the use of airspace of the Commonwealth and related activities; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion has been seconded for passage of Senate Bill 20-49, discussion? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” Senate Bill No.20-49, hereby passes the Senate.

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-50 on Final Reading, “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,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-50, has been made and seconded, discussion? Senator Mangloña, recognized.

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President. Looking at the bill, it’s actually do not change anything except for Page 2, on line 22, and I have no problem with deleting that sentence. However, I think that in addition to deleting we should at least specify that the enumeration of the specific powers and duties in this section shall be priorities so that there is a purpose for this thing here, that's the priority. Rather than just deleting it and then not saying much about why we're listing it. So that part of my amendment to offer something that says that these are the priorities but the main amendment that I would like to offer, Mr. President, is to include in one of this enumeration the fact that the Rota International Airport actually needs a major expansion in that jumbo jets coming from international destination actually cannot land on the present runway discussion with the FAA the indicates that we have to lessen the capacity of the jet to sevety-five percent (75%) and so that's actually a major revenue loss for the airline coming in at seventy-five percent (75%) note and that is not to mention that there is still no fuel farm on the island so I just want to offer here a section that says they shall initiate the design and the financing to form the airport statute –

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña, can we take a short recess so we can finalize that with the legal counsel?

Senator Mangloña: Yes, I discussed with the legal counsel. Thank you.

President Palacios: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:04 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:15 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. We went on recess and Senator Mangloña was going to submit a formal amendment to the bill. Senator Mangloña, recognized.

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, President. The written amendment has been provided to the members and the amendment is on page 2, lines 22 and 23 and on Page 4, lines 15, 16, 17 as shown in your copies, I so move for the amendment.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Amendment motion offered by Senator Mangloña has been seconded, discussion on the amendment? Ready? Those in favor of the amendment motion offered please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are back to the main motion Senate Bill No. 20-50, SD1, further discussion? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Hunggan (Yes)
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” Senate Bill No. 20-50, SD1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of Senate Bill No. 20-54 on Final Reading “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 the purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion offered to pass of Senate Bill No. 20-54, has been seconded, discussion? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” Senate Bill 20-54, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of House Bill No. 20-103, HS1, “To appropriate payment for the outstanding judgment and interest now compensation case is strong passes motion for a house and interest in land compensation cases,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Passage motion for House Bill No. 20-103, House Substitute 1, motion has been seconded, discussion? Senator Mesngon?

Senator Mesngon: Thank you, Mr. President. I believe this is a House version that was passed couple of days ago. I just have a concern on this issue, Mr. President. The issue here is the passage of this most of the payment and I think this is the land compensation of one of which is the biggest debt that we're facing to some other cases. However, during the deliberation on the House, I did not see any and I just want to find out, Mr. President, there is no inclusion here also for Rota the twenty million that was passed from the House for land compensation. I believe there's no dedicated funds also for our Rota, and you know our Rota residents and families also are being long overdue, *bula eyu trabiha timan manana'i i yoniha* land compensation and our people also in Rota have been long a waited for funding. I just want to have to raise up on some of the issue, Mr. President, to look into issues also on other funding if we can also assist our people Rota and also Tinian for that matter. This really critical also that we touched our people in Rota, especially in Rota, I believe they have been the same long overdue with Saipan residents and Rota is excluded in this appropriation from the House. I am just little bit concern and I just want to ask the members if they have other funding to continue do the land compensation so we can pay all our land claimants. It is also equally to have compensation for the island of Rota and also in Tinian in that case, if they have our people also are subject to have this payment pending upon availability of funds. So this is the time now that we are seeing some funding and I ask the members to please support also in the event that we kind a have this appropriation go through or payments to our people especially for Rota resident. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Santos?

Senator Santos: Thank you, Mr. President. I share the same sentiments of that of Senator Mesngon. I just like to say for the records that I do support House Bill No. 20-103, HS1, and I commend the House for passing this piece of legislation to compensate those land compensation judgments. As we all know, the issue of land compensation affects all those, in the islands of Saipan, Tinian and especially Rota. On Rota for example, the issue of land compensation penetrates the hearts of those affected private land owners including their families and even their heirs whose private lands have been acquired by our CNMI government for a decades and you know they have not been compensated in any form be it monetary or land exchange and that their acquisition have been dated since way back in the early nineties and even their certification for the acquisition of their private lands also were dated at about the same period. Some of our affected private land owners even left us without any compensation. It is so sad because a lot of them are now left for their surviving heirs to settle these claims through proceedings in court which, again, you know, is economically difficult and even complicated. Some of our private land owners whose private lands have been taking to date have also threatened to close or even block highways or roads on Rota due to the lack of compensation. However, Mr. President, I would like to applaud and recognized you for taking the lead in coordinating with DPL, Finance, and the Attorney General Office during your acting as Governor. Again, coordinating with these offices to facilitate the review and the processing of payments for the land compensation for those affected private land owners in all three islands, Saipan, Rota and Tinian and of properties have already been certified by our government. I had the opportunity, Mr. President, to speak to Ray Salas at DPL land claims Director, who confirm that land compensation claimant packages are under review by DPL. Hopefully, after the review and all these documents are completed as they're all in place that payment will follow accordingly. According to Mr. Salas, this is not limited to only Saipan but including Rota. With this, Mr. President, I just hope that our land claimants for land compensation on Rota are compensated accordingly again because they have waited for decades and decades and it is just and fair that they also be compensated from that three million dollars that was appropriated for land compensation. Not necessarily for judgement but even those whose private lands were acquired and are certified for our CNMI Government. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. If it's not because of time, I would have asked that this bill be heldback so we can verify the dollar amount particularly on the estate of Muña. I would like to put it on record, Mr. President, and perhaps on the next land compensation appropriation, we can verify the correct figures and appropriate the balance of what is not been reflected on House Bill No. 20-103, HS1. According to the current balance from the attorney of at the estate of Muña, the bill is short of thirteen thousand five hundred sixty-four and forty-four cents (\$13,564.44) which shall be remitted to the families. In this bill, I hope and on the record that I am putting today, Mr. President, of the hope that the Legislature will take this in consideration because on this bill, on line 7, if we pass this bill it says, "the payment and full satisfaction" which is short of thirteen thousand five hundred sixty-four and forty-four cents (\$13,564.44) so if we pass this I hope that placing this on record we can come back on the next appropriation and appropriate the remaining balance that this owed to this family in accordance to the attorney that represented this case in court. So with that, Mr. President, I'd like to remind the Senators that the next appropriation, we can verify this information with Finance and the AG, the balance amount so that we can appropriated later on. Also, Mr. President, I would like to remind the members that House Legislative Initiative 18-12, which was overwhelmingly

approved by the people to provide PSS with the twenty-five percent (25%) of the general revenue. I hope that we will not forget that when it comes to appropriating the entire BGRT on the next appropriation. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Any other comment? Senator Borja?

Floor Leader Borja: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to echo my sentiment too. I will support this house bill because of the urgency and the outstanding payment that was ordered by the Court. However, I think on the next BGRT appropriation I will not support any measure that does not include Tinian's share on this BGRT. I think last year we forego the whole BGRT. Again, I know there are still some balance left for supplemental appropriation but, like I said, I will not support the next BGRT appropriation if Tinian is not included in the appropriation. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, Mr. President, I commend the House and the members of the Legislature and the Governor for recognizing this land compensation issue. I don't think we need to talk a lot about the sentiments of our people out in the community those that are affected for years, decades, several decades because the government took their land and build roads improve our transportation network in all the islands and these landowners have yet to be compensated. Fortunately, with this revenue coming in from the gross revenue tax of the casino we're seeing all this funding's. My biggest problem, Mr. President, is that the way we are managing our resources, here we are today, addressing the July 28, 2017, letter from the Governor, where he identified twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) of gross receipts tax revenue. The Legislature might as well close down and we'll just tell all the land owners out there, go find a lawyer, hire a lawyer and sue and let the judge tell the Legislature to appropriate. I don't think this is the correct way of managing our limited resources. I know that we have fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) or more of land compensation out there. Three million dollars (\$3,000,000) of which is for the island of Rota. How are we going to explain this to that person or the land owner Mr. President that we continuously tell them, please, please, please, understand that we are improving the road for the benefit of the community, we need this, but don't sue us. They have been patient with us and they haven't hire a lawyer, they haven't sued us, and yet their land has been taken and now what we're doing is those that went to court to sue are going to get paid first. So I am not saying that, I don't even know how long these lands were taken or who has the priority but I think our priority should not be just those that takes us to court. It should be everyone that we took their land and it should be based on who we took first, who we took first and are ready for payment. Because I know for fact that there's been many land owners out there whose lands have been taken and they're ready for payment but because they are not suing they are going to wait again at the end of the line, and this is my problem. This is not the first time we talk about this. We talk about this in Fiscal Affairs Committee. We discussed about how we were to take all the liabilities of this government, prioritize the payment and then we come up with a payment plan. So, let's say we pay all of this, tomorrow we have another lawsuit and then again another five million dollars' payment so we pass another bill on the remaining gross receipt tax and pay five million again, where is our priority? I know that we are paying interest to these lawsuits, to this judgement but, we are going to pay interest also to those people that have yet to be or maybe we are not going to pay, and is that justice? I really don't understand the action Mr. President that we are taking now. It is priority

that we should address this but we should also give justice to the other landowners. One landowner, Mr. Simeon Taisacan, the main road between the village to the airport, beach front nice property, they destroyed his land because the road goes in front of his property. He threatens to block the road but of course the court came in and disallowed that. Up until now, in the last appropriation they're only going to give him fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) yet his land has been used, has been paved for many years but because he never hired a lawyer to sue. I wish we had told him, sue way back. But we tell him, please be patient, we don't have money, once we have money we will pay you. Now, we have the money. But we are not paying the guy because they are prorating the three million dollars (\$3,000,000) that we gave last time, they're prorating that among the other land claimant. For me it's not justice that Mr. Taisacan and others have to wait because they did not go to court. I wish this bill could have been written in a way that says, twenty million dollars give to public land or to the attorney general or give the Governor or the Secretary of Finance and say have a policy because lawmakers, we don't have a policy. You have a policy and decide take into account all the judgements take all into account or that have already been resolved and we just need the money to pay, cut a check and say, you decide, prioritized, get a regulation, get a policy that way we don't have to be the one saying pay Commonwealth lot number 353, judgement case number 05019, I don't want to be doing that because in a way I am saying then that the Legislature don't have a better idea. We should just provide the money give it to somebody that knows what is the situation there let them make policies and then let them pay.

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña, can we wrap it up? I think we all agree.

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President, my point is, I think that this is urgent we should put this bill away now, go home and then come back tomorrow. Let us meet in the committee, let us meet with Public Land, I am surprise that public land do not have any input here. So we should call Public Land in here tomorrow, call the Attorney General, call the Finance and let us do this bill right because once we pay this is, there is no more money maybe for the others. And that is not to mention, Mr. President, PSS, and I would like to at this time offer a floor amendment, a copies, I hope the Sergeant-At-Arms can provide copies of this amendment. I will provide copies, it is actually to amend it so that we can give PSS, Mr. President, seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) which is the twenty-five percent (25%) requirement. So the amendment is to provide the amount of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to Public School System for it personnel and operations the expenditure authority shall be with the Commissioner of Public School system, and another seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for Commonwealth Health Care Corporation for personnel and operations expenditure shall be the CEO of the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation. Mr. President, I feel that we are obligated to give PSS and we are just obligated to address the situation at the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation. To accomplish this, the seven million dollars is already there, Mr. President, because the Governor in his letter on July 28, indicated that there are twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) available and these appropriation has only nineteen million dollars (\$19,000,000) so there is about eight or nine million dollars available that we're not appropriating and so I hope that with the understanding of the members we can give seven of that. The other seven million dollars, Mr. President, we don't have enough so what the amendment is doing is deducting across the board on the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, land claim judgement rate so it is across the board I believe somewhere plus or minus thirty percent (30%) maybe less across the board so we can accommodate the seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation.

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña, before I make that motion, I would like to take a five-minute recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:40 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

President Palacios: We are back to our session. Before we went on recess we're discussing House Bill No. 20-103, HS1. Senator Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. I know that we went over this bill but I just want to share on record that I share the other sentiments as the others especially for the island of Tinian. On the first appropriation we never get any of those supplemental budget, for this appropriation I was suspecting that the Senate and the House will come together and discuss of a matters even with Tinian, we have judgement. We even come to a settlement against U.S. Government and we the Delegation find ways to pay that judgement with our limited resources and I ask that maybe this Senate body in the House will come together in the next appropriation and address all matters. You know, Tinian also deserve a compensation for that matter. I hope you will assign members maybe Fiscal Affairs to discuss with Ways and Means and discuss all matters that is affecting the senatorial district. We deserve to have some of these funding for our senatorial district. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll for the passage of House Bill 20-103, HS1.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	No
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting “yes” one (1) “no.”

President Palacios: With seven members voting “yes” House Bill No. 20-103, House Substitute 1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For passage on Final Reading House Bill No. 20-44, HD2, “To amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for passage of House Bill No. 20-44, HD2, it’s been seconded? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” House Bill 20-44, HD2, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of House Bill No. 20-92 on Final Reading, “To amend Section 302 (f) (9) to authorize the reprogramming to fund the Early Head Star and Head Start centers; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for passage of House Bill No. 20-92, it’s been seconded, discussion? Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes

President Arnold I. Palacios

Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” House Bill 20-92, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage on Final Reading House Bill No. 20-8, House Substitute 1, Senate Draft 1,” To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for passage of House Bill No. 20-8, HS1, SD1, it’s been seconded, discussion? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting “yes.”

President Palacios: With eight members voting “yes” House Bill 20-8, HS1, SD1, hereby passes the Senate. For the last bill?

Floor Leader Borja: For the passage of House Bill No. 20-16 on Final Reading, “To amend 7 CMC § 3101(a) to mandate a jury when is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanor charges; and for other purposes,” so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for passage of House Bill No. 20-16, it’s been seconded, discussion? Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: Mr. President an amendment is just passed out in the form of SD1.

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President Palacios: So all members have that?

Senator Quitugua: So move on the amendment.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is to amendment House Bill No. 20-16 is offered in the form of SD1, it's been seconded, discussion? We are voting on the adoption of the amendment offered by Senator Quitugua. Those in favor of the amendment adoption please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: Motion carries. We are back to the main motion, we are now considering passage of House Bill No. 20-16, Senate Draft 1, discussion? Ready? Clerk?

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Excused
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Yes
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Steve K. Mesngon	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Yes
President Arnold I. Palacios	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight (8) members voting "yes."

President Palacios: With eight members voting "yes" House Bill 20-16, Senate Draft 1, hereby passes the Senate. Is that it Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Borja: That is it for today.

President Palacios: Thank you, Floor Leader? You know I must apologize to the members and I hope that, you know when we called the roll this earlier today, I know that Senator Jude U. Hofschneider was absent I forgot to excused him. So, for the record Senator Jude U. Hofschneider is hereby excused for today's session. We are down to Petition, Memorials and Miscellaneous Communications. Clerk?

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk voiced Miscellaneous Communications Nos. 20-126 to 20-147.

President Palacios: Are there any comments on those communications? Ready? Miscellaneous Business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Senator Mangloña: Mr. President?

President Palacios: Senator Mangloña?

Senator Mangloña: Yes. I just want to point out that actually offered a house floor amendment as House Bill No. 20-103, HS1, earlier and I believe we never withdrew that butt nonetheless, I just want to officially say that members have copies of this that I think in the next business gross tax revenue that we should choosily consider and we should have no hesitation in giving PSS their twenty-five percent 25%. The other one is the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation. It is in the paper today that even MPLT is having issues with the hospital and not to mention the other emergency needs down at the hospital. I am just sad then *na guaha este na salapi* again, there's this extra eight million dollars (\$8,000,000) and we chose to leave it on the table and wait for the House. I hope that the House do not procrastinate and they come to us next week as you stated that they are going to pass next week additional appropriation with the Gross Receipt Tax and I hope they do pass immediately. This would have been a perfect opportunity to give four million dollars (\$4,000,000) each at least to PSS and Commonwealth Health Care corporation. *Lao ta' nanga talo'*. I am just telling you, Mr. President, *este sa baihu na tungo hamyo pot hiemplo gi ospital bula equipment ti man kabalis ya guaho uno ekspirensiao este ha i dos simana taya makina eyu singkuenta-mit ha na makina kumo guaha guini Saipan maseha bula neni siha siña man 'ma ayuda. Pues hita pago gaigi ha i salapi gi menan sikos-ta lao titana sietbi. Guaha nuebi miyon gaigi-ha ya talo ha sangan-ha si Chairman gi iyoña Committee na guaha talo kuarenta miyon, hafa ta' nananga nai? Eyu gui Muña uyu, Mr. President, dispensa. Hafa ta' nananga? Gaigi ha' i salapi.*

President Palacios: Let me just say that everything will be on the table in the next inclusive –

Senator Mangloña: *I yokku point kao para ta' nanga i House? Sigi-ha para ta' nanga ya in the meantime, bula nisisidat-ta ni prisisu yan ti' hana'i hit ni House hulu eyu talo esta dos mesis, tres mesis. Pues eyu-ha talo estaki guaha koti, pudi talo taya humuyong koti na disision, judgement gi between pago yan hana'i hit ni House. Another ten million dollars siempre man malingo-ha todo iyota priority ya tana fona talo' i ten million dollars.*

President Palacios: Let me just -- We certainly have the opportunity today, the 2018 Budge that the House passed is a revenue expenditure plan. We have that opportunity it is in our hands. Next week, I understand the House will be having a session on some appropriation legislation. Everything will be on the table. I am glad that you brought this up, I am glad that you put this on the table, because I for one believe that regardless of where we put this whether we establish a special account for it. I believe that even the public law that establish this industry to which all these revenues being generated specifically single out Public School System and the Hospital. So in that regards, everything is on the table and the next round of funding, it is already on our table, the budget is with the Senate. We can

plug it in, it is in our court. I certainly appreciate the reminders we can do something about the Senate can do something about it is in our plate right now. The budget is to further address PSS and further address the Hospital. Senator Igisomar?

Senator Igisomar: Thank you very much, Mr. President. I would like to similarly, para baihu echo-ha si Senator Paul Mangloña, *hungan magahet na ta bota eyu i* House Bill No. 20-103, HS1, or House Communication 20-64, and I know that we didn't really deliberate much but we went into recess and we all have an understanding. But I just want to put my sentiments as well, Mr. President, to state that we really should count our blessings, our blessings in the money that we have. You know the 1856 and that BGR stated some priorities there was CHCC, PSS, FAC amongst others and I understand that as per what we've discussed maybe not necessarily on the floor but that I hope we all get our priorities together and to prioritize between the hospital and of course PSS automatically gets its share but also what we need for the retirees and the land compensation. But I wanted to further note that I would like to congratulate because sometimes we forget, I want to congratulate legislators of the Eighteen Legislature and all legislator's prior for advocating for alternative source of revenue, meaning IE the casino, to cure the debts for our CNMI government specifically for our retirees. Now, their efforts for expanding to cure the long awaited land compensation which includes the judgments. I believe we may have pending as we've discussed on and on and on approximately fourteen to twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) or as far as fifty million dollars (\$50,000,000) of land compensation we have yet to pay and I hope we don't wait until they get into judgment and exorbitantly rise. I hope we can all agree Mr. President with the House and our Senate colleagues to continue to pay off or pay down all land compensations and court judgments. I understand we have issues with CHCC and all the other department's but as with all stated even outside of this floor that people have died and gone on without receiving funds. I hope that with the balance of the BGR that is forthcoming we prioritize what we need for PSS and we prioritize our land compensation and judgments and I hope that will help us all to put our thought tougher. I am saying that, Mr. President, so that if people are listening and I know we've made comments separately, individually, that it doesn't mean we don't care for the others, it doesn't mean we don't care for PSS and CHCC. But at this time, again, we are all reluctantly approved this because of the court judgment but I hope that we all come together to make sure we get to share we need to passed out to what is really needed within our CNMI for Saipan, Tinian and Rota, and hopefully cure our land compensations and judgments right away. Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President. Thank you.

President Palacios: Thank you. Senator Quitugua?

Senator Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Mr. President, I hope that when the House sent us the next appropriation bill other than the FY'2018 that they pressure the Department of Finance to give us what has already been paid on the BGRT. We are in August already, August, September, October, and I know, Mr. President, that the twenty-eight million dollars (\$28,000,000) is probably just a third of what I am anticipating for our government to collect on the five percent (5%) BGRT. So I hope that the House finds out exactly how much we have, because we already have our record of how much we have so that we can satisfy all these obligations and some of the needs that our agencies desperately need in order to provide better services to our people so that we will not be fighting over a drop in the bucket money. Let us have all the money on the table and pay up what you need to pay

and give the department that really needs it so that services will improve to our people here in the CNMI. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Palacios: Thank you. Are there any other? I guess it is sometimes difficult when you don't have the resources so it's difficult to cut. But when you do have the resources and after you have so much obligations sometimes it's very hard to figure out where you going to pay. But in a nut shell it's a blessing and challenge at the same time. Are there any other announcements? Senator Cruz?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Cruz: Thank you. Jus to remind the members of tomorrow's Public Hearing at three o'clock. Mr. President, are we going to continue our session tomorrow?

President Palacios: No. I thought that we will not have time since we expeditiously acted on a lot of the legislations it will not be necessary to have a session tomorrow. Floor Leader, the Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Borja: Mr. President, I move to adjourn subject to your call.

The motion has been seconded.

President Palacios: Motion is for adjournment subject to the call of the Chair. Those in favor of the motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Palacios: The Senate stands adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

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