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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Arnold I. Palacios, issued a session call on December 7, 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](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp).

The Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Fourth Special, Second Regular Session, on December 09, 2017, at 2:16 p.m. in the 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 members are "present" one "absent."

**President Palacios:** With eight (8) members "present" we've establish a quorum for today's session. Clerk, please have the record reflect that Senator Mangloña is hereby excused for today's session. We move down to Public Comment.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

**President Palacios:** Any Public Comment? There being none. We move to Reading and Approval of Journal, there being none. We move to agenda Item G, Messages from the Governor. Clerk?

### READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

None

### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk voiced Governor's Messages Nos. 20-186 to 20-191.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. Any member wish to make any comment on any of the communications submitted by the Governor? I have one. Please take note on Messages from the Governor, No. 5, Governor's Message No. 20-190 relative to the Certification of Fund Availability. I would like to ask that the Committee on Fiscal Affairs take a look at the proposals, because, I believe that the Governor has submitted his proposal on how to use some of these funding's. So, the Committee take a look at that and see if we can come up with our own proposals on how to use this funding?

**Senator Hofschneider:** Dully noted, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** I would like to ask the Committee to conduct a committee meeting on this? Senator Igisomar, recognized.

**Senator Igisomar:** Sorry and my apology. Thank you very much, Mr. President. I was going to make a comment on that, but, thank you for bringing that forward. I also like to highly recommend and request from our Chairman on Fiscal Affairs, I'm very happy that we received this letter from our honorable Governor. But, there's one item that I know we've been asking for in the Senate and if our Chairman can please beg the Secretary of Finance to provide over supplement that is to show every BGR deposited into the Casino Account, and as well as, every appropriation exiting from this account? So we can have an account record, a deed chart, a chart of accounts to show a plus and minus so we can be accountable on and how much is really in there and at what point of time is this sixteen million dollars (\$16,000,000.00) available from? Thank you very much, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. In that regard also, we are fortunate that the Chairman of the Gaming Committee also is the Vice Chairman of Fiscal Affairs so we can consolidate the information that has been provided to us by the Commonwealth Casino Commission or the Gaming Commission to verify the numbers that we are receiving. I would like to ask that the committee members of both Committees have a meeting and take a closer look at these proposals as well as the numbers that are coming out of the Department of Finance. Senator Quitugua, recognized.

**Senator Quitugua:** *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* That is noted. I have send two letters to the Secretary of Finance regarding this topic and I have yet to hear anything from the Secretary of Finance. I was just wondering whether I should send a third letter or I should send a subpoena letter to the Secretary of Finance so that we can get what we need. But, however, Mr. President, we will coordinate it with Chairman Jude Hofschneider, because the figures that is on this communication does not accurately reflect the figures from the Casino Commission. And also, we are already in the first quarter and there's no stopping the Legislature to appropriate also October, November BGRT if the Legislature so desire to do so. Thank you.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. Yes, and that is the reason why I recommend for a joint committee meeting so that we can maybe determine the next step of action after we take a look at the information that has been provided and the proposal that is being submitted. The Committee may in its deliberation decide to have either a close meeting or a public hearing on this particular issue and with the Secretary of Finance. So, I leave it to the Committee to do this on a timely manner.

**Senator Hofschneider:** Mr. President?

**President Palacios:** Recognize, Senator Hofschneider.

**Senator Hofschneider:** Thank you. First of all, I want to let you know that I've taken your assignment seriously with the Committee. I do however, want to note that over the last six months there are several appropriations that have come our way. Some of them, almost like a reactionary approach because there are some obligations that are being addressed primarily from the Settlement Trust to address some of the obligations based on the Settlement Agreement. Also, we've clarified the definition of the CGRT has not been a general fund, we know that. And we've also been receiving updates from the courts or we've all witness the presentation by the Settlement Trust, also Department of Finance on the numbers that have been publicly disclosed and to hear that the department has yet to submit those letters is kind of troubling. I know that there is another appropriation that is coming down that we may be ask to pass before the end of the year. It is a very important piece of legislation. I do however, want to ask the members that if there's no information we're going to have to meet with the Secretary of Finance to provide us all the information's that each one of us been asking. Because, here we are trying to dispose of, again, there's so many.

**President Palacios:** Exactly.

**Senator Hofschneider:** So, I just ask, Mr. President, that we meet with the Secretary of Finance and allow for her to articulate on some questions and some of the numbers that have been submitted over for appropriation and then we're going to act on another appropriation before the end of the year. So, I beg the indulgence of the members that we all have an understanding of that so that we don't get consumed with the urgency of another appropriation absent all these questions that is before us. Thank you.

**President Palacios:** That is exactly. So, to get back to my main point, that is to request that the two committees have a joint meeting and to determine what's the next step whether we're going to call in for more information and if need be the committee can decide whether to subpoena those documents or information's? But, I think the joint committee meeting would be in first order that we need to take. Thank you.

**Senator Hofschneider:** Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** Any more comments? Senator Cruz, recognized.

**Senator Cruz:** Thank you, Mr. President. On Governor's Messages No. 20-191, I believe some of the members are concerned about the withdrawal. I only received a letter of withdrawal but I know, on Tinian MVA Board of Directors nominee, cancelled for that particular Board of Director's position but as far as Mr. Gordon Marciano, as of this week, Thursday, I double check whether all required documents are submitted but none has been submitted. Remember, Senator Mangloña mentioned during our last session with regards to that nominee but as of today there is none have been submitted.

**President Palacios:** So, I guess the Governor is withdrawing that appointment completely.

**Senator Cruz:** I want to asked whether you receive any information with regards to this nominee?

**President Palacios:** No.

**Senator Cruz:** I was supposed to schedule a public hearing in Rota but since there is no submission of those required documents there is no particular date to schedule a public hearing. I want the members to acknowledge that. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. We move on to agenda Item F, Communications from Heads of Executive Department. Clerk?

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

None

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEAD OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

The Clerk voiced Department Messages Nos. 20-50 to 20-53

**President Palacios:** Any members? Senator Hofschneider?

**Senator Hofschneider:** Same context of issue as earlier discussed on No. 3, on Department Message No. 20-52.

**President Palacios:** Okay. Any other members on any of these Department Communications? I note that on Department Message No. 20-53, is another fifteen-years extension for land lease that has been submitted to the Legislature. I know we have two pending's in REDP. I am wondering, the Chair whether we can take a look at this and bundle the three, add this to the two others, if we can, if not then we might have to move on the two ones that are on the docket.

**Floor Leader Borja:** Thank you, Mr. President. On that Department's Message, I have send out a notice for a Joint Public Hearing and this is included for the Tuesday joint meeting with the House counterparts on Resources. So, three will be entertaining by the committee on this coming meeting.

**President Palacios:** Thank you for that clarification. We move on to agenda Item G, Communications from the House.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

The Clerk voiced House Communications Nos. 20-132 to 20-145.

**President Palacios:** Are there any comments on the House Communications? Senator Borja, recognized.

**Floor Leader Borja**: Thank you, Mr. President. House Communication No. 20-132 in reference to House Bill No. 20-135, at the request of the President and if there's no objection from the members, I move to place that on the calendar. This is just for the placement on the calendar.

**President Palacios**: Let me clarify, I requested the Floor Leader to do that so that one of the issue as some of you or all of us are aware, is that when CUC submitted its Budget for 2018 they under budgeted for fuel and it was supposedly an inadvertent oversight so the House had to act on it and to reflect the true estimate of expenditures that they're going to need for the current fiscal year. So, it is basically, an Amendment to their budget proposal. We are going to place it and I would like to have the Fiscal Affairs to take a closer look at it and see whether we can take it up in the next session. But we will place it on the calendar. Senator Sixto Igisomar, you are PUTC, what happened here?

**Senator Igisomar**: Thank you, Mr. President. But first, Mr. President, just for a clarification on the Floor Leaders request, is it 132 and 135 or just 132 that you wanted us to place it on the calendar? Okay. So, in line with your question, Mr. President, yes, I was also going to comment to request that we do just that and I guess you already took care of that. And, as Chairman for PUTC, it will be a great honor if we can put this on the calendar. I did hear from CUC, apparently, their CFO missed place the cost of fuel on the budget so that's why they needed this as you stated. Thank you very much. And, I think that this is his first Government Budget as a CFO.

**President Palacios**: Senator Quitugua?

**Senator Quitugua**: Thank you Mr. President. I already asked the Clerk to place this on our next session to take action because CUC never submitted their budget to the Governor to be placed on the 2018 Budget. They are in violation of the Budgeting Act and the legislation that the Senate initiated and passed by the House and signed into law which imposes fines for autonomous agencies that do not submit their proposed budget to the Governor for the fiscal year. So, that's why they're doing this because if they don't do it, they will be fined for not doing that. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Thank you for that information. Floor Leader, it is already in the calendar for the next session? Clerk? Okay. So we move on. Any other comments on the communications from the House? Senator Cruz, recognized.

**Senator Cruz**: Just to extend my appreciation to the House of Representatives for passing Senate Bill No. 20-40, SD1, this is, "To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of the Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes." Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Please note that House Communication No 20-139 reference to House Bill No. 20-129, House Draft 1, House Substitute 1, is on the calendar and will be deliberating and taking actions on that particular legislation this afternoon. Any other comments? There being none, we move to Communications from the Senate.

## COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

The Clerk voiced Senate Communications Nos. 20-135 to 20-138.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Comments? There being none, we move to agenda Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. Floor Leader?

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Floor Leader Borja**: Thank you, Mr. President. We do have three pre-filed Bills and one Senate Commemorative Resolution. At this time, the floor is open for the author to officially introduce their bill.

**President Palacios**: Let me ask Senator Cruz?

**Senator Cruz**: Thank you, Mr. President. Senate Bill No. 20-81, “To make the waiver under 2 CMC § 4335(e) retroactive to January 1, 2014; and for other purposes,” introducing that particular bill, Mr. President. Thank you.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Senator Quitugua?

**Senator Quitugua**: *Si Yu’us ma’ase, Mr. President.* Officially introducing Senate Bill No. 20-82. And, since this is just a three-word item on the bill, I would ask that we place this on the next session to be calendared for passage.

There was no objection raised.

**President Palacios**: Is there any objection from the Committee on Health and Welfare?

**Senator Santos**: No objection, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Is there any objection from the Committee on Fiscal Affairs?

**Senator Hofschneider**: No objection, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Clerk, please take note. Are we in order here to do that? Legal counsel, we can do that right? Thank you. We have one more resolution.

**Senator Quitugua:** *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Officially introducing Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 20-05, "To pay tribute to the life and memory of the late David Mareham Magofña for his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through his longstanding service in the United States Armed Forces." Mr. President, since the session was not scheduled prior to the funeral of the late David Mareham Magofña, and as the author of the resolution, I took the liberty to include all the Senate members as the author of this resolution. And also, Senator Sixto Igisomar and I, on behalf of all the Senators in the 20<sup>th</sup> Legislature presented the resolution yesterday to the family of the late David Mareham Magofña during his wake service. Thank you.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. Senator Quitugua and Senator Igisomar, thank you for doing that on behalf of your colleagues in the Senate. We all appreciated that and I don't think anybody has any objection to that resolution being introduced as a Committee of the Whole. Any more pre-filed? Introductions of Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions, there being none. We move on to agenda Item O, Resolution Calendar. Floor Leader?

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

## RESOLUTION CALENDAR

**Floor Leader Borja:** Thank you, Mr. President. We do have two resolutions for adoption. Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 20-05 for adoption so move.

The motion has been seconded.

**President Palacios:** Motion is for the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution 20-05, that motion has been seconded, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the adoption motion please say, "Aye." Apposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

**President Palacios:** Motion carries. Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 20-05 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader?

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

The motion has been seconded.

**President Palacios:** Motion is to adopt House Joint Resolution No. 20-07, that motion has been seconded, discussion? The Chair will take a few minute recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:41 p.m.

**RECESS**

The Senate reconvened at 2:46 p.m.

**President Palacios**: We are back to our session. We took a short recess under discussion of the adoption motion on House Joint Resolution No. 20-07, are there any discussions? Senator Igisomar?

**Senator Igisomar**: Thank you very much, Mr. President. First of all, I wanted to state that I fully support the resolution considering the current situation and predicament that we are in with respect to the impacts for the economy my vote for this resolution is highly favorable. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Senator Hofschneider, recognized.

**Senator Hofschneider**: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to also express my support for this important piece of joint resolution because of the direct impact that this may cost if there's no action has been done before expiration date. It is important that we have a unified position as to the issue with respect to our economic stability. I'm in full support of this. I do want to take note that we need to continuously revisit this issue of developments here in the CNMI with respect to the needed work force. We need to have a plan of action as to what extent that we see okay maybe the-CNMI government, there's enough development to support the demands of the public that we represent. We will discuss that further, Mr. President, on another time. But for the purpose of this particular efforts by the Administration, the Business Community and now the Legislature, I am ready to vote on that resolution. Thank you.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Senator Santos, recognized.

**Senator Santos**: Thank you, Mr. President. I too, echoed the same sentiment as my colleagues supporting the intent of this particular House Joint Resolution No. 20-07. However, Mr. President, I have just been provided a copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-03 which was assigned to the Committee on FRIA, and I would like to ask the intelligence of the Committee Chair to review with the members the said Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-03. To determine, whether or not, it is still necessary or it's still merits to adopt the same, as we will be adopting again, House Joint Resolution No. 20-07 which intent or purpose may reflect similar as that of Senate Joint Resolution No. 20-03. Thank you.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Let me ask the Chair on Federal Relations and Independent Agencies Committee, I do recall that in the proposed language of the proposed bill that would submit for the sponsorship in the U.S. Senate. I believe the significant crocks and focus of the Joint Resolution that you referring to is included in that piece of legislation. But, I will ask the Chair to provide that respond to you at a later date.

**Senator Santos**: Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: Thank you. Do you note that Senator Hofschneider?

**Senator Hofschneider**: Dully noted, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** Senator Quitugua?

**Senator Quitugua:** *Si Yu'us ma'ase, Mr. President.* Mr. President, because of the situation here in the CNMI, I am supporting House Joint Resolution No. 20-07, and we can see there are projects that are on a standstill due to issues that needed CW workers. However, Mr. President, we have to take note also that the GAO report indicated that from 2012 to 2016 the Education Funds deposited into the CNMI Treasury was \$9.1 Million, and that was May 2017 GAO report; and it indicated there that only a little bit over five-point sum million dollars was used to train US citizens here in the CNMI; and that is a prime question that the U.S. Senate has been asking, what are we doing to show that we are making a great effort to train our U.S. citizens. Because they are giving us money and then they just raised the education fee from \$150 to \$200 per CW, all the more, they are going to ask us again the question, what are you doing in the CNMI to address this issue? Because they are giving us money to do trainings to our U.S. citizens. However, I realize that, at the same time, we need the CW workers to continue the projects that are ongoing here in the CNMI; and also for business to continue with their activities so that the CNMI economy will not be put on a standstill or will affect much of the economies here in the CNMI. Mr. President, with that, I truly support and I fully support House Joint No. 20-07. But, at the same time, we should really also forge forward to make sure that the funds that are being given to the CNMI for training be used properly and effectively. Thank you.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. Senator Cruz?

**Senator Cruz:** Thank you, Mr. President. I share the same sentiments with my colleagues. I believe CW is one of the main component of economic growth. I remember in the past that we have issues on negative impact with the workforce, businesses are being shut-down and, Mr. President, I don't believe we want that to occur again, that is a lot of lost for the Commonwealth. I believe, if it is very necessary that we support this House Joint Resolution to address those issues that is going to affect if in the event this is not granted by the U.S. government. So, I am truly in support of this House Joint Resolution. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** Thank you. That being the case, you know, I have been quoted in the media and it is accurate quote, I made those statements, that if the CW issues are not resolved, I don't believe that we can sustain the economic growth and gains that we have made in the last three or four years of economic recovery so that most of our economic recovery would basically again jeopardize. So, I am appreciative of the efforts and the thoughts perspective that is being shared on the floor today. Senator Igisomar, I know you are very eager to say something, recognized.

**Senator Igisomar:** Thank you very much, Mr. President. I thought we were just to vote for this but since there are some comments, I'd like to add a little more, if you don't mind, on my comment.

**President Palacios:** Just briefly.

**Senator Igisomar:** Briefly, Mr. President. I understand that Public Law 110-229, in a sense, was an eye opener and a blessing in disguise for our people in the CNMI. Because, as Senator Quitugua is alluding to, because of 110-229, there's a little more effort by the businesses to have a little bit more

understanding and collaboration with our local citizens, our locals who are in the CNMI to try and work them into the private businesses. We're not saying that they are not trying, and I am sure that the private businesses in their out-cry for shortage of employees are doing their best to try and employ our people here in the CNMI. But, I hope that in the passage of this resolution, and I hope that the private companies that are coming together to go to Washington, D.C. continue to entertain our people and finding ways to train them. Because, there is one thing that I'd like to publicly state, I believe 110-

229, although, I think expected, Mr. President, to drastically fills in all locals or U.S. citizens and remove more than eighteen thousand nonresident workers. I think, that is ridiculous in its sense. But, I think what we are trying to tell them is that we're doing our best based on a very small population of fifty-three thousand eight hundred people and out of that, about twenty thousand U.S. citizens, and out of that may be about fifteen thousand local workers. It's just no way we can just fulfill the entire intent of 110-229. I'd like to state that, I do appreciate what our locals are saying, I do appreciate what the businesses are saying, but, considering the current situation we just need more time. Eventually, we will be able to employ a 100% U.S. citizens, if we ever get there, and if we ever get the population too. Because, there's one thing that I'd like the private businesses to understand, yes, we are United States Territory, but we are not necessarily having the same culture as community. If our people have to go and attend rosary and/or be out of job to go attend a family gathering because there's a death in the family, then, change your schedule and your attitude as a businessman and do allow them to do that. And, I'm sure that we'll have a very healthy community. Yes, we clock-in 7:30 we go 4:30, but, you know, there's got a be some rooms for leeway's and not just dock our employees for being bad and sending them out. So, with that, I know though that we are all working together, the private and government to train our people to get in. I'm just saying that because some people are saying that we're not entertaining our locals. I believe we're doing our best to work together. Thank you, Mr. President.

**President Palacios:** With that, the Chair will now exercise his prerogative to call for the vote. Those in favor of the motion to adopt House Joint Resolution No. 20-07, please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

**President Palacios:** Motion carries. House Joint Resolution No. 20-07, is hereby adopted by the Senate. Can we take a five-minute recess while we gather our thoughts to take on the house bill and perhaps the Clerk, I think is going to engross?

The Senate recessed at 3:00 p.m.

### RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:02 p.m.

**President Palacios:** We are now back to our session. We are now down to agenda Item P, Bill Calendar. Floor Leader?

### BILL CALENDAR

**Floor Leader Borja:** Thank you, Mr. President. We have one bill appearing on Final Reading for the passage of House Bill No. 20-129, HD1, HS1, "To amend 4 CMC §2308 to address concerns of the Settlement Fund Trustee and apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers," so move.

The motion has been seconded.

**President Palacios**: Motion is for the passage of House Bill No. 20-129, House Draft 1, House Substitute 1, that motion has been seconded, discussion? Senator Hofschneider, recognized.

**Senator Hofschneider**: Thank you, Mr. President. I formally offer an Amendment to House Bill No. 129, HD1, HS1, which all of the members are given copies of it. The necessary permits or provisions that sought for an amendment has been indicated through double-line, and with that, I move for its adoption.

The motion has been seconded.

**President Palacios**: So, the adoption is in the form of Senate Draft 1?

**Senator Hofschneider**: It is correct.

**President Palacios**: So, the motion is to amend House Bill No. 20-129, HD1, HS1, in the form of Senate Draft 1?

**Senator Hofschneider**: That is correct.

**President Palacios**: And the Amendments are noted in double-lining of verb bits?

**Senator Hofschneider**: Mr. President, if you direct me to read out I will do so.

**President Palacios**: What is the pleasure of the members? I know we discussed this in the Leadership meeting. Are we clear on the substance of the Amendments?

**Senator Santos**: We are, Mr. President.

**President Palacios**: So, are we ready for the question on the Amendment motion offered by Senator Hofschneider? Those in favor of the motion please say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

**President Palacios**: Motion carries. We are now entertaining House Bill No. 20-129, House Draft 1, House Substitute 1, Senate Draft 1. We will take a very brief break.

The Senate recessed at 3:06 p.m.

**RECESS**

The Senate reconvened at 3:07 p.m.

**President Palacios:** We are back to our session. Are we ready on the passage of House Bill No. 20-129, House Draft 1, House Substitute 1, Senate Draft 1? Clerk, please call the roll.

**CLERK** called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Excused
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” House Bill No. 20-129, HD1, HS1, SD1, hereby passes the Senate on First and Final Reading. We take a short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:08 p.m.

**RECESS**

The Senate reconvened at 3:08 p.m.

**President Palacios:** We are back to our session. Floor Leader, there is no more bill on the agenda, we move to agenda Item Q, Petitions, Memorials and Miscellaneous Communications.

**PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

The Clerk voiced Miscellaneous Communications Nos. 20-205 to 20-209.

**President Palacios:** Are there any comments on these communications? There being none, we move to Miscellaneous Business.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**President Palacios**: I believe our session is on Thursday, December 14. We do have several key legislations going to be on the Bill Calendar. With that, the Chair will entertain a motion for adjournment. Floor Leader?

### ADJOURNMENT

**Floor Leader Borja**: Thank you, Mr. President. I move to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion has been seconded.

**President Palacios**: Motion is for adjournment subject to the call and it has been seconded. Those in favor of that motion please say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

**President Palacios**: Motion carries. The Senate is hereby adjourned subject to the call.

The Senate adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

/s/Frances Joan P. Kaipat  
Senate Journal Clerk