

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FOURTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2004

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, First Regular Session	Monday, February 9, 2004	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** – Organizational Session, Jan. 12, 2004
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

House Bills

H. B. NO. 14-1: To appropriate available funds from the 702 CIP Covenant Funding for certain Capital Improvement Projects in FY 2003; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero)

H. B. NO. 14-2: To appropriate \$1,500,000 from the account balance of the Development Banking Division Asset Account of CDA for various CIP Projects in the Three Senatorial Districts, and for other purposes. (Rep. David M. Apatang)

H. B. NO. 14-3: To complement enforcement of Public Law 13-15 (Tobacco Master Settlement Model Escrow Statute), and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-4: To help reduce inhalant abuse of toxic fumes and vapors by children by amending the Inhalant Abuse Prevention Act of 1995 (Public Law 9-65); and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-5: To define the offense of abuse of family and household members, establish corresponding penalties, and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-6: To criminalize and punish the conduct of stalking; and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-7: To address the nursing discipline in the nursing licensure process by repealing 1 CMC § 2643 and 3 CMC §§ 2301 through 2372 in their entirety and by amending Division 2 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code to add a new chapter 3 setting forth the Nurse Practice Act of 2003; and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-8: To appropriate all monies deposited in the Tobacco Control Fund from Public Law 13-38; and for other purposes. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-9: To establish the Commonwealth Respite Services Program; to designate the CNMI Council on Developmental Disabilities as the program administering authority; and to provide for community respite services programs. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

H. B. NO. 14-10: To create a marine reserve area on Tinian extending from the north point of the municipal breakwater to Puntan Diablo Point; and for other purposes. (Rep. Norman S. Palacios)

H. B. NO. 14-11: To appropriate Five Hundred Seventh-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000.00) from the Saipan Trust Fund, which was originally established as the “Special Deposit Fund,” and is presently managed by the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) on behalf of the United States Navy for lands uses on Tinian and Saipan during the Trust Territory period, for the designing, engineering, and construction and curator of a Tinian Museum and the purchase of Nuestra Senora de la Concepcion artifacts; and for other purposes. (Rep. Norman S. Palacios)

H. B. NO. 14-12: To authorize the commercial operation of amusement machines at the airports and seaports of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; to waive the applicable license fees for amusement machines owned or operated by Commonwealth Ports Authority at the airports and seaports of the Commonwealth; and to waive any restriction regarding the maximum number of amusement machines that the Commonwealth Ports Authority may own or operate at the public airports and seaports of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (Rep. Norman S. Palacios)

H. B. NO. 14-13: To amend 4 CMC §§ 1939(a) and 1940, of the Developer Infrastructure Tax Act; and for other purposes. (Rep. Norman S. Palacios)

H. B. NO. 14-14: To amend 9 CMC § 2104, by amending subsection 6, adding a new subsection 7, and changing the descending numbers respectively. (Rep. Claudio K. Norita)

H. B. NO. 14-15: To create and establish the Office of Homeland Security in the Governor’s Office and for other purposes. (Rep. Claudio K. Norita)

H. B. NO. 14-16: To transfer to the Commonwealth Ports Authority the title and ownership of certain public lands near the Port of Saipan for port development and port-related support facilities; and for other purposes. (Rep Claudio K. Norita)

H. B. NO. 14-17: To re-appropriate fund balance from Public Law 11-79 for various road projects in Precinct I, and for other purposes. (Rep. David M. Apatang)

House Local Bills

H. L. B. NO. 14-1: A Local Appropriation Bill for an Act for the Third Senatorial District to fund various improvements at the Capitol Hill park in precinct IV, Saipan, by reappropriating the sum of \$110,000.00 previously appropriated under S.L.L. No. 13-14. (Rep. Justo S. Quitugua)

H. L. B. NO. 14-2: A Local Appropriation Bill for an Act for the Third Senatorial District to appropriate \$145,000.00 from the Developer Infrastructure Tax Fund; and for other purposes. (Rep. David M. Apatang)

House Legislative Initiative

4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions

H. R. NO. 14-2: Congratulating the Environmental Interagency Cleanup/Restoration Operation Team (EICOT) and its affiliated non-profit organizations like the MOVERS, The KAMPIL, the BICOL, composed of common laborers by sacrificing their Weekend off days and without compensation happily working together to Ensure a healthy, safe and clean environment for all citizens of the CNMI to enjoy a most pleasant environment. (Rep. Benjamin B. Seman)

House Concurrent Resolutions

House Joint Resolutions

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 14-1 – [1/22/04] – Informing the Legislature that he disapproved H. B. NO. 13-277, HD2, SD1 (Headstart Centers Appropriation), H. B. NO. 13-130, HS1, SD1 (Youth Congress Revision Act), H. B. NO. 13-334 (DPW Nonresident Worker Hiring Ext.).

Gov. COMM. 14-2 – [1/28/04] – Informing the Legislature that he disapproved H. B. NO. 13-136 (\$2M appropriation under PL 12-64).

Gov. COMM. 14-3 – [2/2/04] – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-046 (Appropriating \$25,461 from local gaming fees for shipping cost of heavy equipment from Guam), into **Saipan Local Law 13-20.**

Gov. COMM. 14-4 – [2/2/04] – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 14-048, S1 (Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance Act), into **Saipan Local law 13-21.**

Gov. COMM. 14-5 – [1/29/04] – Soliciting the Legislature’s assistance and support in passing a legislation that would resolve the issues surrounding the Outer Cove Marina.

6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 13-1: Transmittal of S R. NO. 14-1, recognizing the Honorable Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, that was adopted by the Senate on January 12, 2004. [For information]

7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS - None

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None- None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 14-1 – [1/2/304] – From NMC President Kenneth Wright submitting to the Fourteenth Legislature the business plan and financial projections for the Pacific Gateway Project.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - None

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR - None

16. BILL CALENDAR - None

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

H. L. B. NO. 14-1 (First Appearance)

H. L. B. NO. 14-2 (First Appearance)