



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2009

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
7 th Day, Fourth Regular Session	Thursday, December 3, 2009	9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINAL

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - (9)

- 1st Day, Sixth Special Session, 2009 (6/30/09)
- 2nd Day, Sixth Special Session, 2009 (7/8/09)
- 1st Day, Seventh Special Session, 2009 (7/13/09)
- 1st Day, Fourth Regular Session 2009 (8/10/09)
- 2nd Day, Fourth Regular Session 2009 (8/13/09)
- 3rd Day, Fourth Regular Session 2009 (9/8/09)
- 4th Day, Fourth Regular Session 2009 (9/22/09)
- 5th Day, Fourth Regular Session 2009 (9/23/09)
- 6th Day, Fourth Regular Session, 2009 (11/16/09)

3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

House Legislative Initiatives:

House Local Bills:

4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Commemorative Resolutions:

House Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Joint Resolutions:

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 16-459: (11/10/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 16-460: (11/12/09) Certification of vacant position at the Office of the Governor.

GOV. COMM. 16-461: (11/13/09) Certification of vacant position at the Office of the Governor (under DPS).

GOV. COMM. 16-462: (11/17/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Safety-Rota.

GOV. COMM. 16-463: (11/24/09) Certification of vacant position at the Rota Health Center.

GOV. COMM. 16-464: (11/24/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs Office – Rota.

GOV. COMM. 16-465: (11/24/09) Certification of vacant position at the Department of Commerce.

GOV. COMM. 16-466: (11/24/09) Certification of vacant position at the Department of lands & Natural Resources – Rota.

Gov. Comm. 16-467: (11/25/09) Executive Order 2009-12 – Declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency: CUC's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power , Water, and Wastewater Services Continuation #16.

GOV. COMM. 16-468: (11/25/09) Amendment - Certification of vacant position at the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

GOV. COMM. 16-469: (11/25/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Safety.

GOV. COMM. 16-470: (11/30/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 16-471: (11/30/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Health (CHC-Rota).

GOV. COMM. 16-472: (11/30/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

GOV. COMM. 16-473: (11/30/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Ms. Yoon Yeung Huh, Staff Pharmacist.

GOV. COMM. 16-474: (11/30/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Glenn Richard (Physician-Radiologist).

GOV. COMM. 16-475: (11/30/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Robert Silk (Physician-Radiologist).

GOV. COMM. 16-476: (11/30/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Chad C. Lowe (Physician-Family/Internal Medicine)

GOV. COMM. 16-477: (11/30/09) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-178, HD1, the Juvenile Justice Act. [Became **Public Law 16-47**]

GOV. COMM. 16-478: (12/1/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Tinian Health Center.

GOV. COMM. 16-479: (12/1/09) Certification of vacant position at the DLNR-Rota.

GOV. COMM. 16-480: (12/1/09) Certification of vacant position at the Department of Finance-Rota.

6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 16-196: (11/19/09) Returning H. J. R. NO. 16-28, HS1, HD2 (Reclassification of the Nightingale Reed-Warbler), which was adopted by the Senate on November 19, 2009. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 16-197: (11/19/09) Transmitting S. J. R. NO. 16-14, "To respectfully request that the United States Congress amend a provision of the Food, Conservation and Energy Act of 2009, or that the Secretary of Agriculture waive the same to benefit small farm producers in the western Pacific," which was adopted by the Senate on November 19, 2009. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-198: (11/20/09) Transmitting a certified copy of S. R. NO. 16-47, entitled, "A Senate Resolution to amend the Senate rules in order to comply with the Open Government Act of 2007, ratified at the general election on November 7, 2009." [For info]

7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 16-125: (11/30/09) From Vice Speaker Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from December 1 thru December 7, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-126: (11/19/09) From Representative Sablan to Assistant Attorney General Anthony Welch regard financial records requested for review by the Committee on Ways and Means.

HSE. COMM. 16-127: (11/27/09) From Representative Quitugua informing the Speaker that he will be out of the office from December 1 thru December 4, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-128: (11/30/09) From Representative Ralph Torres informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from December 2 thru December 15, 2009.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 16-18: (11/30/09) Certification of vacant position at the Superior Court.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMI DELEGATE (U.S. CONGRESS) - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. NO. 16-117: Reporting on H. B. NO. 16-158, entitled, "To establish a Guardianship Act; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 16-158.*

S. C. R. NO. 16-118: Reporting on H. B. NO. 16-173, entitled, "To enact a new Chapter 8 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code." *Your Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare recommends passage of the bill with amendments in the form of H. B. No. 16-173, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

SP. CMTE. RPT. NO. 16-2: From your Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare reporting on the oversight hearings on the Commonwealth Health Center.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolutions	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bills/Initiatives			
1	H. B. NO. 16-201	To establish a government service severance package for employees funded by the General Fund with at least eighteen years of government service; and for other purposes.	
2	H. L. I. NO. 16-8	To amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands by adding a new Section 7 to allow each senatorial district to amend or repeal the restrictions on alienation of land with respect to its senatorial district [See S. C. R. No. 16-60, Subst. 1]	
4	H. B. NO. 16-15	To amend Title 1 CMC § 8365 to establish that the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund receive its tax revenue from the hotel occupancy tax and alcoholic container tax directly into a special fund within the Department of Finance. [See S. C. R. No. 16-83]	
5	H. B. NO. 16-68, SD1	To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 8364, as amended by Public Law 15-70, Section 4(j), to allow annuitants to enroll in the Commonwealth government health care program, and to amend 1 CMC § 8392; and for other purposes. [See SEN. COMM. 16-165]	
6	H. B. NO. 16-210, HD1	To restructure the Qualifying Certificate Program by repealing and re-enacting the Investment Incentive Act; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-94]	
7	H. B. NO. 16-230	To amend Title 6, Section 2223 to provide the Department of Public Safety with the authority to dispose of all firearms within its custody and to required DPS to promulgate rules and regulations for the fair and safe disposition of all firearms within its custody; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-103]	
8	H. B. NO. 16-160	To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 8392; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-106]	
9	H. B. NO. 16-38	To repeal Section 3 of Public Law 13-1, to repeal and reenact Chapters 1-3, to repeal and reenact Chapters 1-3 of Part 1 of Division 8 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-107]	
10	H. L. I. NO. 16-23	To amend Article III, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of an Attorney General; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-112]	

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11	H. B. NO. 16-9, HS1, SD2	To establish a public corporation for healthcare and related public health services known as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation; to amend 1 CMC §§ 7103(n) and 8131(a); to repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 2411; to repeal 3 CMC § 2412; and for other purposes. <i>[Sen. Comm. 16-195]</i>	
12	H. B. NO. 16-146, HS1, SD1	To establish a Village and Agricultural Homesteading Program in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes. <i>[Sen. Comm. 16-186]</i>	
13	H. B. NO. 16-65	To restrict the use of wireless telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes. <i>[Withdrawn from PUTC Cmte. 11/16/09]</i>	
14	H. B. NO. 16-268	To amend 4 CMC §§ 3311, 3313, 3314, 3315, 3325, and 3326 of the Notaries Public Act; and for other purposes. <i>[Withdrawn from JGO Cmte. 11/16/09]</i>	
15	H. B. NO. 16-272	To require the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to compensate consumers for damages to appliances and other electrical devices caused by power surges, voltage fluctuations, or frequency fluctuations in the power supplied by the Corporation; and for other purposes. <i>[Withdrawn from PUTC Cmte. 11/16/09]</i>	
16	H. B. NO. 16-271	To create the Second Marianas Political Status Commission; to reexamine whether the people desire continuing in a "commonwealth" relationship with the United States pursuant to the terms of the original Covenant agreement; to determine if that continuation is in their best interest, or whether some other political status would better enable them to fulfill their aspirations of full and meaningful self-government; and for other purposes.	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND APPEARANCE: NONE

THIRD APPEARANCE: NONE