



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
APRIL 1, 2008 – JULY 31, 2008
SPECIAL SESSIONS

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Sixth Special Session	Tuesday, June 17, 2008	9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)

1. 6th Day, First Regular Session, 2008 (3/12/08)
2. 7th Day, First Regular Session, 2008 (3/26/08)

3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

H. B. NO. 16-115: A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §8141 by adding a new subsection (j) to require CUC to establish internet payment service on its internet website for customers and to publish its regulations and all public notices including utility rates and outages on the CUC website in a timely manner; and for other purposes. (Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz)

H. B. NO. 16-116: A Bill for an Act to establish standard guidelines for employees on military leave pursuant to the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act, Chapter 43 of Title 38 U.S.C.; and for other purposes. (Rep. Ray N. Yumul +6)

H. B. NO. 16-117: A Bill for an Act to appropriate lapsed funds and/or unobligated funds from Saipan Local Law 13-4; and for other purposes. (Rep. Justo S. Quitugua +2)

H. B. NO. 16-118: A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 8347; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph C. Reyes)

H. B. NO. 16-119: A Bill for an Act to reappropriate \$60,000 from the Office of the Resident Representative to the United States' FY 2008 budget to fund the November 4, 2008 Election for the CNMI Delegate to the U.S. House Of Representatives; and for other purposes. (Rep. Ray N. Yumul)

House Legislative Initiatives:

House Local Bills:

4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Commemorative Resolutions:

H. COMM. RES. NO. 16-3: A House Commemorative Resolution honoring and commending Ms. Christine Dela Cruz Torres for her exemplary performance and graduating from the United States Coast Guard Academy and for receiving her commission as an Ensign in the United States Coast Guard. (Rep. Oscar M. Babauta +7)

House Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Joint Resolutions:

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 16-117: (5/30/08) Report on the Exercise of Constitutional and Statutory Authority to Declare a State of Disaster Emergency for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands with respect to the Commonwealth Ports Authority as to its obligations under its 1998 Bond Indenture Agreement for the \$20 million Airport Revenue Bonds.

GOV. COMM. 16-118: (5/27/08) Certification of vacant positions at the Division of Real Estate, Department of Public Lands.

GOV. COMM. 16-119: (5/27/08) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Safety, Tinian.

GOV. COMM. 16-120: (6/4/08) Certification of vacant positions at the Commonwealth Zoning Board.

GOV. COMM. 16-121: (6/5/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 16-7, D2, (To name the public beach park located near the PIC Hotel in San Antonio (Lot No. 028I01) to "Påkpåk Beach Park"; and for other purposes) into *Saipan Local Law 16-3*.

GOV. COMM. 16-122: (6/5/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-44, HD1 (To amend the definition of “alien” under Titles 3 and 4 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes) [Became **Public Law 16-5**].

GOV. COMM. 16-123: (6/6/08) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. NO. 16-81, SD1 (To amend 1 CMC §8347; and for other purposes) [*Deadline 8/5/08*].

GOV. COMM. 16-124: (6/10/08) Certification for salaries in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Michael A. Koning and Dr. John Yarofalir.

GOV. COMM. 16-125: (6/10/08) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Public Health-Tinian.

GOV. COMM. 16-126: (6/11/08) Certification of salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Michael Seckeler.

GOV. COMM. 16-127: (6/11/08) Certification of salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Jennifer A. Linden.

GOV. COMM. 16-128: (6/11/08) Certification of a vacant position at the Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 16-129: (6/12/08) Executive Order 08-06 – Renewal of Declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency: Commonwealth Ports Authority’s approach of technical Default on \$20 Million Indenture.

GOV. COMM. 16-130: (6/11/08) Certification of a vacant position at the Department of Public Health.

6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 16-39: (6/3/08) From the Senate transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 16-15, D1, entitled, “A Senate Resolution to request that the Department of Public Lands (DPL) refrain from entering into any new public land leases in the Third Senatorial District until all of the outstanding village homestead applicants are satisfied,” which was adopted by the Senate.

7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Hse. Comm. 16-51: From Representative Benavente with regards to the Pacific Islands Development Bank (PIDB) Board of Governors (Board) regular meeting that was held on April 28-29, 2009, in Koror, Palau.

Hse. Comm. 16-52: From Representative Stanley T. Torres with regards to the PEW.

HSE. COMM. 15-53: From the Speaker appointing Representative Benavente to the Commonwealth Comprehensive Infrastructure Plan Task Force.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 16-5: (5/28/08) Certification for a vacant position at the Superior Court.

JUD. BR. COMM. 16-6: (6/4/08) Memorandum from Acting Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro informing that he will be on personal leave beginning June 6 through June 15, 2008 and that Associate Justice John A. Manglona will serve as the Acting Chief Justice.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-29: From the Acting Executive Director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, Mr. Lee C. Cabrera, filing the first Interim Bond Indenture compliance report by Commonwealth Ports Authority as to its obligations under its 1998 Bond Indenture Agreement for the \$20 million Airport Revenue Bonds (*Emergency Declaration Executive Order No. 08-04*).

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-30: From the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board of Directors Chair, Ms. Felicidad T. Ogumoro, with regards to SHEFA response to OPA Review.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 16-27: (5/9/08) From Assistant Inspector General for Audits Bob Romanyshyn providing a copy of the Office of Inspector General's Semiannual Report covering October 1, 2007 through March 31, 2008. (*Note: Report on CD ROM format – Website:www.doioig.gov*)

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. NO. 16-18: Reporting on **H. B. NO. 16-37** entitled, "To repeal and reenact Chapter 16 of Division 5 of Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code as established by Public Law 15-36 to regulate recycling businesses operating in the Commonwealth; to repeal Public Law 15-55 in its entirety; to establish the offense of theft of copper; and for other

purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends passage of the bill in the form of House Substitute 1.*

S. C. R. No. 16-19: Reporting on **H. B. No. 16-43**, entitled, “to amend Title 4 Section 50138 of the Commonwealth Code regarding the sale of cigarettes; and for other purposes” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House file the bill.*

S. C. R. No. 16-20: Reporting on **H. B. No. 16-78**, “To amend Public Law 15-22; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends passage of the bill with amendments.*

S. C. R. No. 16-21: Reporting on **H. B. No. 16-102**, entitled, “To appropriate Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000.00) from the Tobacco Control Fund pursuant to Public Law 13-38 beginning Fiscal Year 2009 for the Public School System Coordinated School Health Education Program; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends passage of the bill.*

S. C. R. No. 16-22: Reporting on **H. B. No. 16-71**, entitled, “To prohibit the solicitation of donations along and in public ways and intersections; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage of the bill with amendments.*

S. C. R. No. 16-23: Reporting on **H. B. No. 16-18**, “To amend 3 CMC § 7831 by adding a new subsection (e) that shall remove the requirement that the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation pay one percent of its annual budget to the Office of the Public Auditor; and for other purposes;” **H. B. No. 16-27**, “To re-appropriate \$1,500,000.00 from the Office of the Public Auditor surplus funds in Fiscal Year 2007 for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation’s non fuel costs; and for other purposes;” **H. B. No. 16-28**, To Re-appropriate \$3,000,000.00 of the \$3,700,000.00 from Section 702 Funding for 2008 Allocated to Puerto Rico Dump for Northern Marianas College Building Improvements and Repair, and for the Development of a Master Plan and A&E Design for the New Campus; and for Other Purposes;” **H. B. No. 16-32**, “To re-appropriate \$1,500,000.00 of the \$3,700,000.00 from Section 702 Funding for 2007-1 allocated to Puerto Rico Dump, \$750,000.00 from the Kalabera Cave development and \$750,000.00 from Lake Susupe Boardwalk Trail for Northern Marianas College Building Improvements and Repair, and for the Development of a Master Plan and A&E Design for the New Campus; and for other purposes;” **H. B. No. 16-49**, “To establish a fuel subsidy account for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and for other purposes”; **H. B. No. 16-87**, “To repeal, reenact, and amend PL 12-71 and PL 14-28 and to provide a 120-day amnesty period for the filing of delinquent returns under Title 4, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7 Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Act of 1982, as amended, and the payment of delinquent taxes without imposition of penalty and interest, with certain exceptions and for the waiver of penalty for failure to obtain a business license; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House File the aforementioned bills.*

S. C. R. NO. 16-24: Reporting on **H. B. NO. 16-112**, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to provide for the election of Delegate to the US House of Representatives, and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage with amendments.*

S. C. R. NO. 16-25: Reporting on **H. B. NO. 16-77**, entitled, “To allow and encourage the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to engage the private sector to partner with the Commonwealth to secure reliable utility services at affordable rates; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications recommends passage in the form of a substitute.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

RESOLUTIONS		
H. R. NO. 16-27	To express sincere appreciation to the US President George W. Bush for expeditiously signing H.R. 5140, the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

BILLS/INITIATIVES		
H. B. NO. 16-56, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend Section 2 of Public Law 15-122, to exempt recipients of the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) from paying utility service reconnection fees; and for other purposes. (See S. C. R. NO. 16-11)	
H. B. NO. 16-12	A Bill for an Act to boost the economy of the CNMI by establishing a specific nonimmigrant entry permit category in the Immigration Code to attract the “silver club” market in Japan and retirees from other Asian countries and for other purposes.	
H. B. NO. 16-22	A Bill for an Act to Vest Control of Quarry and Mine Permitting and Licensing in the Offices of the Mayors of the Municipalities of the Commonwealth, and for Other Purposes	

BILLS/INITIATIVES		
H. B. NO. 16-25	A Bill for an Act to require the advice and consent of the Senate for appointees to the Medical Professional Licensing Board; and for other purposes.	
H. B. NO. 16-36	A Bill for an Act to Provide for The Board of Trustees to Reorganize pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Federal Bankruptcy Code in Order to Avoid the Debilitating Financial Effect of Unfunded Liabilities.	
H. B. NO. 16-109	A Bill for an Act to establish a Military Family Relief Fund; and for other purposes.	
S. B. NO. 16-16	A Bill for an Act to amend the Public Lands Act of 2006, 1CMC §§ 2801, <i>et seq.</i> , to include a new Section establishing a resident director for the Department of Public Lands in the First Senatorial District and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes. (See SEN. COMM. 16-27)	

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:

H. L. B. NO. 16-16: A Local Bill for an Act for the Third Senatorial District to appropriate \$20,000 from the Developer's Tax Fund collection, Third Senatorial District; to reappropriate \$3,000 from Saipan Local Law 15-10; to reappropriate \$10,000 from Saipan Local Law 15-12; to reappropriate \$10,000 from Saipan Local Law 15-28; and to reappropriate \$31,479.00 from the completed and closed local projects to fund the replacements of the dilapidated kindergarten classrooms at San Vicente Elementary School; and for other purposes. (Rep. Justo S. Quitugua +3)