



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Second Regular Session	Monday, August 18, 2008	1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – None**
- 3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

*House Bills:*

H. B. NO. 16-138: To transfer the administrative functions of the Worker's Compensation Law to the Department of Commerce by amending the Worker's Compensation Law; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph N. Camacho)

H. B. NO. 16-139: To transfer the administrative functions of the Government Life and Health Insurance Program to the Department of Finance by amending the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund Act; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph N. Camacho)

H. B. NO. 16-140: To repeal and reenact 5 CMC to provide for a modernization and update of the CNMI Uniform Commercial Code; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph N. Camacho) *(Please see electronic copy of UCC (440 pages) on the network.)*

H. B. NO. 16-141: To provide for the management and maintenance of public cemeteries in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph N. Camacho)

H. B. NO. 16-142: To amend 3 CMC § 4972(b)(5) as established by public law 15-108; and for other purposes. (Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero +4)

*House Legislative Initiatives:*

*House Local Bills:*

H. L. B. NO. 16-20: A Local Appropriation for the Third Senatorial District to reappropriate \$15,000 from Saipan Local Law 15-12, section 2(c); and for other purposes. (Rep. Oscar M. Babauta)

H. L. B. NO. 16-21: A Local Appropriation Bill for an Act for the Second Senatorial District to appropriate \$11,000.00 from the Developer Infrastructure Tax collected in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. (Rep. Edwin P. Aldan)

**4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

*House Commemorative Resolutions:*

*House Resolutions:*

*House Concurrent Resolutions:*

*House Joint Resolutions:*

**5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 16-154: (7/30/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 16-13, D1 (To appropriate \$102,000 from the local license fees (RLL 14-7) for the First Senatorial District). [Became *Rota Local Law 16-3*]

GOV. COMM. 16-155: (8/1/08) Informing the House that he signed into law S. B. NO. 16-38, SD1 (To amend the PUC Act to permit CUC to procure power without approval of the PUC). [Became **Public Law 16-9**]

GOV. COMM. 16-156: (8/1/08) Executive Order 2008-10 – Declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency: CUC's Imminent Generation Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power during Repairs.

GOV. COMM. 16-157: (8/6/08) Certification of vacant position at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs-Rota.

GOV. COMM. 16-158: (8/6/08) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Finance.

GOV. COMM. 16-159: (8/8/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 16-12, D1 (Appropriating \$18,500.00 from local license fees for the Second Senatorial District). *Became Tinian Local Law 16-3.*

GOV. COMM. 16-160: (8/8/08) Informing the House that he disapproved H. B. NO. 16-30, D1 (To provide for flexibility, parity and accountability in the compensation paid to licensed professionals employment by the government). [Deadline: 11/6/08]

GOV. COMM. 16-161: (8/11/08) Certification of vacant position at the Attorney General's Office.

GOV. COMM. 16-162: (8/11/08) Certifications for vacant position and salary cap waiver for Dr. Jeffrey M. Nasir.

GOV. COMM. 16-163: (8/13/08) Executive Order 2008-11 – Declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency: CPA's Approach of Technical Default of \$20M Indenture.

GOV. COMM. 16-164: (8/15/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-105 (To appropriate \$291,210.00 for PSS classrooms repair and renovation and parking lot paving activities.) [Became **Public Law 16-10**]

GOV. COMM. 16-165: (8/15/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-106 (To reappropriate \$1,877.19 for Small Claims No. 07-0939 and \$10,213.00 for WSR maintenance and repair) [Became **Public Law 16-11**]

GOV. COMM. 16-166: (8/15/08) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-107, HD1 (To appropriate \$20,000.00 from the Developer's Tax and reappropriate \$31,620.00 from certain local laws for San Vicente Elementary School Kindergarten classrooms) [Became **Public Law 16-12**]

GOV. COMM. 16-167: (8/15/08) Informing the House that he disapproved S. B. NO. 16-16, HD1 (re Deputy Secretary for DPL).

## 6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 16-61: (7/31/08) Returning H. B. NO. 16-112, HD2 (To provide for the election of Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives and for other purposes) which was passed by the Senate with amendments on July 31, 2008, in the form of **H. B. NO. 16-112, HD2, SD2.** [For action on Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 16-62: (7/31/08) Returning H. J. R. NO. 16-12, (Request the assistance of the Department of the Interior in consolidating and directing Federal Grants for the CNMI to the CUC for the purpose of rehabilitation power plants in the CNMI) which was adopted by the Senate without amendment on July 31, 2008. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 16-63: (8/4/08) Returning H. B. NO. 16-25, (To require the advice and consent of the Senate to the Medical Professional Licensing Board) which was passed by the Senate with amendments on July 31, 2008, in the form of **H. B. NO. 16-25, HD2, SS1**. [For action on Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 16-64: (8/4/08) Returning H. L. I. NO. 16-11, HD2 (To prohibit the withdrawal of any funds from the General Fund except by appropriations made by law), which was passed by the Senate without amendment on July 31, 2008. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 16-65: (8/4/08) Transmitting a certified copy of S. R. NO. 16-21, entitled: "A Senate Resolution acknowledging receipt of and approving Executive Order 08-09 and respectfully urging the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to take any needed action consistent with the laws of the Commonwealth to ensure the reliable and affordable provision of electrical service to the Commonwealth." [For info]

SEN. COMM. 16-66: (8/6/08) Transmitting S. B. NO. 16-37, entitled, "To reserve public land in the areas known as Chalan Famalao'an and Piña areas on the island of Tinian for agricultural homestead and commercial uses; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on July 31, 2008. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 16-67: (8/12/08) Transmitting a certified copy of S. R. NO. 16-20 entitled: "A Senate Resolution requesting the immediate release and disbursement of all grants and scholarship checks for fall 2008 recipients by the CNMI Scholarship Office and the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistant Program (SHEFA), for on-island and off-island students," which was adopted by the Senate . [For info]

## 7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 16-59: (7/8/08) From Representative Yumul informing the Speaker and the SNILD Chair about his off-island training and order of involuntary call-up to active duty.

HSE. COMM. 16-60: (8/4/08) From Representative Reyes informing the Speaker that he will be off-island during the period of August 6-19, 2008.

HSE. COMM. 16-61: (8/7/08) From Representative Quitugua requesting the Speaker to be excused for session during the period of August 11-15, 2008.

HSE. COMM. 16-62: (8/14/08) From Representative Tebuteb informing the Speaker that he will be off-island during the period of August 18-September 1, 2008.

HSE. COMM. 16-63: (8/14/08) From Representative Santos requesting to be excused from the House Session scheduled on 8/18/08.

**8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None**

**9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE - None**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES**

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-42: (8/13/08) From CPA Acting Executive Director Lee Cabrera submitting the Fourth Interim Bond Indenture Compliance Report.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-43: (8/14/08) From NMIRF Chair Juan T. Guerrero requesting to meet with the Executive and Legislative branches to discuss its interest investing in CUC.

**11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

MISC. COMM. 16-40: (7/31/08) From Mr. Michael C. Sammartino, Independence Bank, thanking the Speaker for arranging a meeting for the Bank to address the legislature.

MISC. COMM. 16-41: (8/18/08) From House Legal Counsel Jose A. Bermudes providing legal opinion requested by the Speaker with regards to EO 2008-10.

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

S. C. R. NO. 16-36: Reporting on **H. B. NO. 16-86**, entitled: "To amend the Commonwealth Entry and Deportation Act (3 CMC § 4301 *et seq.*) to create the immigration category of "Resident Foreign National," and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House file the bill.*

S. C. R. NO. 16-37: Reporting on **H. L. I. NO. 16-5**, entitled: "To amend section 4 of Article X of Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House file the legislative initiative.*

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

## 15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolutions		
H. J. R. NO. 16-11	Authorizing the Public School System (PSS), on behalf of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to incur a public debt up to \$20,000,000.00 (Twenty Million U.S. Dollars) for the financing of the construction of a gymnasium at Saipan Southern High School, Kagman High School, Hopwood Jr. High School, Rota High School, and Tinian Jr./Sr. High School; and classroom renovation and other Capital Improvement Projects by the Public School System, by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members in each house of the Legislature pursuant to Article X section 3 of the Commonwealth Constitution	

## 16. BILL CALENDAR

Bills/Initiatives		
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.	Passed First Reading 6/23/08 <b>For Final Reading</b>
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	
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.	Passed First Reading 6/18/08 <b>For Final Reading</b>
H. B. NO. 16-78, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend Public Law 15-22; and for other purposes. (See S. C. R. NO. 16-20)	
H. B. NO. 16-102	A Bill for an Act 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. (See S. C. R. No. 16-21)	
H. B. NO. 16-9, HS1	A Bill for an Act to establish a public corporation for the healthcare and related public health services known as the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporations; 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. (see S. C. R. No. 16-30)	

**Bills/Initiatives**

H. B. NO. 16-115	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.	
H. B. NO. 16-8, HS1	To repeal and reenact 9 CMC § 5657 regarding accessible parking for persons with disabilities, and for other purposes. (See S. C. R. No. 16-33)	
H. B. NO. 16-125	To amend Public Law 15-46; and for other purposes. (See S. C. R. No. 16-34)	
H. B. NO. 16-47, HD1	To repeal and reenact Title 6, Division 3, Article 4 of the Commonwealth Code to prohibit smoking in all workplaces and public places, and for other purposes. (See S. C. R. No. 16-35)	

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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***APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS***

**FIRST APPEARANCE:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND APPEARANCE:**

**THIRD APPEARANCE:**

H. L. B. NO. 16-19: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law by repealing Saipan Local Laws 15-29 and 15-22 and enacting the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008. (Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb)