



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

<b>SESSION DAY</b>	<b>CALENDAR DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>
3rd Day, Third Regular Session	Wednesday, January 21, 2009	1:30 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

*A Moment of Silence*

*Final*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – None**
- 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. 16-311: (1/13/09) Certification for vacant position at the Superior Court.

GOV. COMM. 16-312: (1/13/09) Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Public Lands.

GOV. COMM. 16-313: (1/13/09) Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Public Lands.

GOV. COMM. 16-314: (1/13/09) From the Governor appointing Assistant Attorney General Thomas J. Schweiger to be Acting Attorney General until Deputy Attorney General, Mr. Gregory Baka's return.

## **6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 16-116: (1/21/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-213, HD5, "To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2009; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate without amendment on January 20, 2009. [*Will go to Governor*]

Sen. Comm. 16-117: (1/21/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-206, "To authorize the Department of Public Lands to pay for land compensation judgments using its operations fund bank accounts by amending 1 CMC § 2803(c)(3); and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate without amendment on January 20, 2009. [*Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 16-118: (1/21/09) Returning H. J. NO. 16-21, HD1, "To request that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security ensure that priority hiring consideration be given to Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands immigration employees and United States citizen and national applicants residing in the CNMI consistent with the mandate of PL 110-229," which was adopted by the Senate on January 20, 2009. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 16-119: (1/21/09) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 16-47, entitled, "To establish an aquaculture park on the island of Tinian; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on January 20, 2009. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-120: (1/21/09) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 16-49, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC, Division 8, § 8245(c); and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on January 20, 2009. [*For action*]

## **7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 16-96: (1/13/09) From Representative Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be off-island from January 15 through January 30, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-97: (1/16/09) From Representative Salas informing the Speaker that he will be off-island beginning January 20, 2009.

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

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

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES**

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-69: (1/19/09) From Mayor Juan B. Tudela providing a copy of his budget submission for FY 2010.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-70: (1/8/09) From Michael J. Ada, Department of Commerce Secretary providing a copy of Department of Commerce's 2007 Annual Report. [Report posted on the Legislature Network]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-71: (1/16/09) From the Commissioner of Education, Ms. Rita A. Sablan, Ed. D. regarding H. B. 16-213, HD5.

**11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

S. C. R. No. 16-60, Subst. 1: Reporting on **H. L. I. No. 16-8**, entitled, "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.." Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the full membership of the House shall decide upon the H. L. I. No. 16-8.

S. C. R. No. 16-69: Reporting on **S. L. I. No. 16-10**, entitled, "To amend Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands by amending Section 7 to require the reduction of government employment and to add a new section 10 to authority the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass initiative in the form of S. L. I. No. 16-10, HS1.*

S. C. R. No. 16-70: Reporting on S. B. No. 16-22, SS1, SD1, entitled, "To amend parts of 1 CMC 6101 et seq., the Northern Mariana Islands Election Law; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage of the bill in the form of S. B. No. 16-22, SS1, SD1, HS1.*

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolutions	

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

**Bills/Initiatives**

H. B. NO. 16-172	To establish an Economic Stimulus Investment Program; and for other purposes.	
H. B. NO. 16-12, HS2	To repeal and reenact Title 4, Chapter 10, as amended by Public Law 15-16; repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 4303(q)(10); amend 3 CMC § 4331(k) as established by P.L. 15-16; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-52]	
S. B. NO. 16-9	To amend Section 4101 of Title seven of the Commonwealth Code relating to the computation of interest on judgments; to specifically assert the Commonwealth's Sovereign Immunity as it pertains to claims for post-judgment interest; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-58]	
H. B. NO. 16-76, HS1	To amend 2 CMC § 7181; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-59]	
H. B. NO. 16-199	To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 5, by adding a new section 5569 and amending section 5593 to criminalize the sale and/or resale of products purchased or obtained from the Army and Air Force Exchange Services ("AAFES") and to authorize the Commonwealth of Department of Commerce, Division of Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control, the Department of Public Safety and the Office of the Attorney General to enforce and prosecute violations of this Act; and for other purposes.	
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.	
H. B. NO. 16-202	To establish a special account to ensure that adequate funding is readily available for the operational, inter-island travel, and training expenses of the Inspection and Investigation Section of the Fire Division; and for other purposes.	
* H. B. NO. 16-166	To prohibit the use of non-compostable plastic bags at stores within the CNMI; and for other purposes.	
* H. B. NO. 16-175	To amend 1 CMC adding a new subsection creating the Military Family Leave Act of the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.	

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* H. B. NO. 16-180	To amend 3 CMC § 5421 by adding a new section (d) and to amend 3 CMC § 5432 by adding a new section (c); and for other purposes.	
* H. B. NO. 16-184	To provide for greater control and regulation on the hiring, training and licensing of security guards; and for other purposes.	
* H. B. NO. 16-195	To amend 4 CMC § 1103(aa) to include in the definition of wholesalers a seller of bulk motor fuel; and for other purposes.	
H. L. I. NO. 16-2, HS1	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. [See S. C. R. No. 16-68]	

**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:** NONE

**THIRD APPEARANCE:**

H. L. B. NO. 16-27: A Local Appropriation Bill for an Act for the Second Senatorial District to appropriate \$84,500.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. (Rep. Edwin P. Aldan)