



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSIONS, 2009

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Fifth Special Session	Thursday, June 4, 2009	9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

FINAL 6/4/09

1. ROLL CALL

2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (5)

- 1st Day, Seventh Special Session 2008 (July 9, 2008)
- 2nd Day, Seventh Special Session 2008 (July 10, 2008)
- 3rd Day, Seventh Special Session 2008 (July 18, 2008)
- 1st Day, Eighth Special Session 2008 (July 30, 2008)
- 2nd Day, Eighth Special Session 2008 (July 31, 2008)

3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

House Legislative Initiatives:

House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 16-36: To authorize SHEFA financial assistance for students enrolled in post-secondary vocational or training programs for students pursuing a degree or certification in nursing or any other related medical program within the CNMI. (Rep. Oscar M. Babauta +1)

H. L. B. NO. 16-37: To name the fire station located in Koblerville Village to the “Jose Terlaje Ada Building” in recognition and appreciation of his untiring and outstanding contributions to the Department of Public Safety and to the people of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (Rep. David M. Apatang +3)

4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Commemorative Resolutions:

House Resolutions:

House Concurrent Resolutions:

House Joint Resolutions:

5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 16-381: (5/21/09) From Lt. Governor Inos informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 16-243, HD1 (MVA FY 2009 Reprogramming). [Became **Public Law 16-41**.]

Gov. COMM. 16-382: (5/19/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Michael L. Ernest, Assistant Attorney General.

Gov. COMM. 16-383: (5/19/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Kent Ainslie, Physician Assistant.

Gov. COMM. 16-384: (5/20/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Melville Singer.

Gov. COMM. 16-385: (5/28/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Ms. Luise Q. Noisom, Nurse Practitioner.

Gov. COMM. 16-386: (5/29/09) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 16-24, S1 (Appropriating \$147,000.00 from the First Senatorial District's Licensing Fees). [Became *Rota Local Law 16-6*.]

Gov. COMM. 16-387: (5/29/09) Informing the House that he signed into law S. L. B. NO. 16-5, D1 (To name a portion of route 100 Highway in Rota the Late Carlos Songsong Calvo). [Became *Rota Local Law 16-7*]

Gov. COMM. 16-388: (5/29/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Jonathan Patrick Corrigan (Nephrology).

Gov. COMM. 16-389: (5/31/09) Executive Order 2009-5 – Declaration of a State of Disaster Emergency: CUC's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power during Repairs, Continuation #10.

6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 16-154: (5/11/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-220, HS1 (Runoff Election Procedures), which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 18, 2009, in the form of **H. B. No. 16-220, HS1, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 16-155: (5/11/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-243, HD1 (Amend PL 16-32 re MVA reprogramming), which was passed by the Senate without amendments on May 18, 2009. [Became law]

SEN. COMM. 16-156: (5/19/09) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 16-11, entitled, "To approve two additional full-time employees (FTE's) for the community Guidance Center, a division of the Department of Public Health," which was adopted by the Senate on May 18, 2009. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-157: (5/19/09) Transmitting for House action S. L. I. NO. 16-12, SD1, entitled, "To amend Article XI Section 6(d) of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to require the Marianas Public Land Trust to disburse earnings from MPLT investments to persons of Northern Mariana Islands descent," which was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2009. [*For action*]

7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Hse. Comm. 16-110: (5/20/09) From the Speaker informing the Senate President of his appointment to the conference committee on H. B. No. 16-47, HD2, SD1.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

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

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-88: (5/21/09) From NMIRF Administrator Mark Aguon to Governor Fitial regarding the Funds' drawdown for 2009.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. No. 16-89 Reporting on S. B. No. 16-45 entitled, “To amend 4 CMC § 5941 (a) to abolish the security deposit requirement for long term business certificate applicants; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends passage of S. B. No. 16-45 in the form of House Substitute 1.*

S. C. R. No. 16-91: Reporting on H. B. No. 16-167, HD2, entitled, “To amend 1 CMC § 8222 regarding housing for key government officials; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 16-167, HD3.*

S. C. R. No. 16-92: Reporting on H. B. No. 16-178, entitled, “To repeal and replace Title 6, Division 5, Chapters 1 and 2 and create a comprehensive juvenile justice system that will protect the community, hold the juvenile accountable for his or her actions, and assist the juvenile in developing skills to become a contributing member of a diverse community; to establish a system for the appointment and regulation of guardians ad litem to support juveniles and the community at large; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 16-178, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 16-93: Reporting on H. B. No. 16-208, entitled, “To amend 3 CMC § 4972(b)(2)(i) to waive the two year work experience for non-resident nursing graduates of the Northern Marianas College who are seeking employment at private medical clinics; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare recommends passage of H. B. No. 16-208, without amendment.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolutions	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bills/Initiatives

H. B. NO. 16-201	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. 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]	
S. L. I. NO. 16-10, HS1	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. [See S. C. R. No. 16-69]	
H. B. NO. 16-188	To mandate the Department of Public Safety to remove dead animals from public highways and roads and thereafter contact the Mayor's Office for its proper disposal; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-77]	
S. B. NO. 16-51, SD1	To repeal and re-enact Section 2152 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code to clarify that an individual, absent Senate confirmation, shall neither occupy nor serve in the capacity of Attorney General, Acting Attorney General, or Interim Attorney General in excess of 30 days absent nomination to the Senate nor in excess of 90 days upon nomination; and for other purposes. [See Sen. Comm. No. 16-131]	
H. B. NO. 16-204	To amend Public Law 16-17 sections 3(c) to modify PSAA requirements and 3(g)(2) to clarify contractor eligibility requirements for Private Sector Assistance Agreements (PSSA) and adding a new section 3(h) defining "United States Certified Contractor"; and for other purposes.	
H. B. NO. 16-224	To vest the Department of Public Lands and Natural Resources with the management and disposition of a certain public land in Sadog Tasi, Saipan for the development of a public park; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-81]	
H. B. NO. 16-132, HD1	To authorize the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides by amending 4 CMC § 2103; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-79]	
H. B. NO. 16-146, HS1	To establish a Village and Agricultural Homesteading Program in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-82]	
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]	
H. B. NO. 16-225	To amend 4 CMC § 1503(a)(5) to reduce the license fee for pachinko slot machines; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-84]	
H. B. NO. 16-235	To amend 2 CMC § 7113(e)(3) regarding the erection of temporary structures used for public events; and for other purposes.	

Bills/Initiatives

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