



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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day, Sixth Special Session	Wednesday, July 8, 2009	1:30 p.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**FINAL 7/8/09**

*A Moment of Silence*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (5)**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session (October 2, 2008)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session (October 3, 2008)
- 8<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session (October 7, 2008)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session (October 16, 2008)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session (October 23, 2008)

**3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

*House Bills:*

H. B. No. 16-263: To rename the Northern Marianas College (NMC) the “Governor Carlos S. Camacho, Northern Marianas College”; and for other purposes. (Rep. Justo S. Quitugua)

*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. 16-395: (6/30/09) Informing the House that he disapproved H. L. B. No. 16-28, entitled, "To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2009, 10 CMC § 3511; and for other purposes". [*Deadline: 8/29/09*]

GOV. COMM. 16-396: Executive Order 2009-6 – 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 #11.

GOV. COMM. 16-397: (6/24/09) Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Ms. Megan Hasselshearer, Assistant Attorney General.

GOV. COMM. 16-398: (7/2/09) Informing the House that he signed H. L. B. NO. 16-31, D1 (Appropriating \$18,000 from the Tinian Pachinko Slot and Poker Machine Licensing Fees). Became *Tinian Local Law 16-9*.

## **6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 16-158: (7/2/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-240 (To amend the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act), which was passed by the Senate without amendments on July 1, 2009. [*Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 16-159: (7/2/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-241, HS1 (To amend Public Law 16-32 to clarify which outside general fund sources the Department of Public Health qualified operational expenses are to be transferred to; and for other purposes), which was *filed* by the Senate on July 1, 2009. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 16-160: (7/2/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-262, HD1 (To appropriate \$295,000.00 to AETNA for payment of medical expenses incurred by members of the government health insurance program; and for the operations of the Commonwealth Election Commission; and for other purposes), which was passed by the Senate without amendments on July 1, 2009. [*Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 16-161: (7/2/09) Returning H. C. R. No. 16-4, HD2 (To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2010, beginning October 1, 2009, and ending on September 20, 2010), which was *rejected* by the Senate on July 1, 2009. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 16-162: (7/2/09) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 16-57, entitled, "To amend Section 1331 and 1332 of the Commonwealth Code pertaining to divorce or dissolution of marriage; and for other purposes". [*For Action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-163: (7/2/09) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 16-58, entitled, "To designate public land on the island of Tinian for homesteading purposes". [*For Action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-164: (7/2/09) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 16-59, entitled, "To provide incentives to private sector physicians, healthcare workers, and their clinics to independently contract with the Department of Public Health for the delivery of healthcare services to the people of the Commonwealth; to amend 7 CMC § 2201(B)(4), as amended by Public Law 15-22; and for other purposes". [*For Action*]

SEN. COMM. 16-165: (7/2/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-68 (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 for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate with amendments on July 1, 2009, in the form of **H. B. NO. 16-68, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 16-166: (7/7/09) Returning H. B. NO. 16-220, HS1, SD1, HD3 (Pertaining to runoff election and to allow for the counting of absentee ballots on election day), which was passed by the Senate with amendment on July 1, 2009, in the form of **H. B. NO. 16-220, HS1 SD1 HD3, SD3**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 16-167: (7/2/09) Appointment of Senate conferees on H. C. R. NO. 16-4, HD2.

## **7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

Hse. Comm. 16-112: From Representative Stanley Torres to the US Department of Justice, Anti Trust Division regarding Price Fixing.

Hse. Comm. 16-113: From Representative Stanley Torres to Mr. Patrick Sousa, Division of Endangered Species, US Fish and Wildlife, regarding endangered species list (Nightingale Reed Warbler).

HSE. COMM. 16-114: (7/2/09) From Representative Ralph Torres informing the Speaker that he will be off island from July 7-13, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-115: (7/7/09) From Representative Quitugua informing the Speaker that he will be out of the office from July 8-10 and July 13-17, 2009.

## **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. 16-89: (6/8/09) From CPA Executive Director Efrain F. Camacho, providing an electronic copy of the agency's 2006 Annual Report. (Uploaded to the Legislature's network).

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-90: (6/8/09) From MPLT Chair Vianney B. Hocog in response to Senator Frica Pangelinan's inquiry regarding distribution of funds.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-91: (6/30/09) From NMIRF Administrator Mark A. Aguon providing a copy of the judgment on Civil Action 06-0367.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-92: From CUC Executive Director Antonio S. Muna submitting a proposed legislation to request for relief in hiring of certain foreign national workers.

**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. 16-94: Reporting on H. B. NO. 16-210, entitled, "To restructure the Qualifying Certificate Program by repealing and re-enacting the Investment Incentive Act; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 16-210, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 16-95: Reporting on Judicial Branch Communication 16-16, “Proposed addition to the Commonwealth Rules of Civil Procedure – Dormant Docket for Mortgage Foreclosure Proceedings”. *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House concurs to the proposed addition to the Commonwealth Rules of Civil Procedure.*

S. C. R. No. 16-96: Reporting on H. B. No. 16-18, entitled, “To amend Article XI, Section 5(g) of the NMI Constitution to authorize the Department of Public Lands to reserve twenty percent of its operational expense to pay and satisfy land compensation claims; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends passage of the bill in the form of H. B. No. 16-18, HDI.*

S. C. R. No. 16-97: Reporting on H. B. No. 16-222, entitled, “To repeal Public Law 15-42 in its entirety; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage of H. B. No. 16-222.*

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolutions		
H. R. NO. 16-91	To request the Department of Public Lands to designate thirty hectares of public land on Tinian, thirty hectares of public land on Rota and ten hectares of public land on Saipan as Free Trade Zones to be administered by the mayors of the respective islands and to transfer fee simple interest of such public lands to each respective municipality.	
S. J. R. NO. 16-11	To approve two additional full-time employees (FTE’s) for the community Guidance Center, a division of the Department of Public Health. [See SEN. COMM. 16-156]	

**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]	
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)**

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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:**

H. L. B. No. 16-38: To amend 10 CMC § 3821; and for other purposes. (Rep. David M. Apatang +2)

H. L. B. No. 16-39: To suspend the implementation of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008; and for other purposes. (Rep. Stanley T. Torres)

H. L. B. No. 16-40: To amend 10 CMC § 3922 regarding the appointment of members to the SHEFA Board; and for other purposes. ( Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz)

**THIRD APPEARANCE:**

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)