



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

| <b>SESSION DAY</b>               | <b>CALENDAR DAY</b>   | <b>TIME</b> |
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| 1st Day, Seventh Special Session | Monday, July 13, 2009 | 1:30 p.m.   |

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**FINAL 7/13/09**

*A Moment of Silence*

**1. ROLL CALL**

**2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (6)**

11th Day, Second Regular Session (10/31/08)  
12th Day, Second Regular Session (11/13/08)  
13th Day, Second Regular Session (11/14/08)  
14th Day, Second Regular Session (11/19/08)  
15th Day, Second Regular Session (12/04/08)  
16th Day, Second Regular Session (12/19/08)

**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. 16-399: (7/8/09) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 16-33 (To reappropriate \$54,000.00 from T. L. L. 15-9). [Became *Tinian Local Law 16-10*]

GOV. COMM. 16-400: (7/6/09) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Michael Carney, Physician Assistant.

**6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 16-168: (7/10/09) Informing the House that the Senate recalled its action on H. C. R. NO. 16-4, HD2 (Approving FY 2010 Revenues and Resources) and adopted the said concurrent resolution with amendments on July 9, 2009, in the form of **H. C. R. No. 16-4, HD2, SD1**. [For action on Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 16-169: (7/10/09) Transmitting S. L. I. NO. 16-13, entitled, "To amend Section 6 Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to operate the government each year with a fiscally responsible budget or continuing resolution and without budget deficits or debt deriving from budget deficits; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on July 9, 2009. [For action]

**7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 16-117: (7/7/09) From Representative Reyes informing the Speaker that he will be out of the office from July 7 to July 21, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-118: (7/9/09) Joint letter from the Speaker, the Governor Fitial and Senate President Reyes to Congressman Kilili in support of H.R. 934.

**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. 16-93: (7/7/09) From NMIRF Chair Juan T. Guerrero in response to Senator Frica Pangelinan's request regarding the Board's decision to enter into an agreement with a private firm.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-94: (7/7/09) From NMIRF Chair Juan T. Guerrero to the Governor and the Presiding Officers of the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislature requesting to meet to negotiate post judgment.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-95: (7/10/09) From NMIRF Administrator Mark Aguon submitting comments on H. B. No. 16-69, SD1.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-96: (7/13/09) From Public Auditor Mai Pai to Representative Yumul regarding his request for an audit on Housing Benefits of Excepted service employees.

## 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.*

S. C. R. NO. 16-98: Reporting on S. B. NO. 16-47, entitled, “To establish an aquaculture park on the island Tinian; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House file S. B. No. 16-47.*

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

| Resolutions     |  |  |
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| 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.   |  |
| H. R. NO. 16-93 | Supporting H.R. 934, a U.S. House congressional bill to convey certain submerged lands to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to give that territory the same benefits in its submerged lands as Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have in their submerged lands, and to preserve the Commonwealth Governments joint management role in the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument. |  |
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**16. BILL CALENDAR**

**Bills/Initiatives**

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| 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,<br>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. 16-132,<br>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,<br>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.   |  |
| H. B. NO. 16-68, SD1       | 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 to amend 1 CMC § 8392; and for other purposes. [See SEN. COMM. 16-165]   |  |

**Bills/Initiatives**

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| H. B. NO. 16-220,<br>HS1, SD1, HD3, SD3 | To amend the Northern Mariana Islands Election Law to provide for runoff election procedures and to allow for the counting of absentee ballots on election day; and for other purposes. [See SEN. COMM. 16-166] |  |
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**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. 16-38: 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)