



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2010

Amended Agenda

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
7th Day, First Regular Session	Friday, March 19, 2010	2:09 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - None**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. 17-42

To appropriate the sum of \$135,000.00 from the Mañagaha Landing Fees pursuant to 2 CMC § 1622(b) to support the 2010 Indigenous Conference, and Chief Aghurubw recognition week in the month of September – the “cultural and heritage month” and for other purposes.

Introduced by **REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. 17-43

To establish a CNMI Office of Transit Authority within the Office of the Governor; and for other purposes.

Introduced by **REP. RAY N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Conner, Santos, and McGinnis-Torres) referred to the Committees on Public Utilities, and Transportation Communications and Ways and Means.

H. B. 17-44

To repeal Public Laws 14-80, 15-65, 15-106, 15-110, and 16-39; to appropriate the funds deposited in the Tobacco Control Fund pursuant to Public Law 13-38; and for other purposes.

Introduced by **REP. ELICEO D. CABRERA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Dela Cruz, Rafael S. Demapan, Sablan, Tebuteb and Yumul)
[Legislation was withdrawn by the author]

H. B. 17-45

To implement a seventy (70) hour government pay period, and for other purposes.

Introduced by **REP. RAMON S. BASA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on March 19, 2010, was referred to the Committee Ways and Means.

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. 17-10

To appropriate the lapsed/unobligated funds from Saipan Local Laws 14-11, 15-12, 15-24; and for other purposes.

By **REP. ELICEO D. CABRERA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself* and Representative Joseph M. Palacios)

H. L. B. 17-11

To appropriate \$238,726 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund and the unobligated/lapsed funds under Saipan Local Law 15-10; and for other purposes.

Introduced by **REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself)

C. House Legislative Initiatives: None

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions: None

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. No. 17-2

To request the Governor to convene a budget summit to discuss ideas for dealing with the Commonwealth's budget crisis.

By **REP. DIEGO T. BENAVENTE** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*; Representatives Joseph Palacios, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Conner, Tebuteb, Cabrera, Sablan, Yumul, and Dela Cruz)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions: None

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 17-52: (3/12/10) Salary certification in excess of \$50,000 for attorneys at the Office of the Attorney General. (Names listed in communication)

Gov. COMM. 17-53: (3/5/10) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Anthony Edward Raho (In-Patient Pharmacy Manager) at CHC to receive an annual salary of \$115,000.00. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 17-54: (3/9/10) Submitting revised estimated resources for FY 2010 with attachments.

GOV. COMM. 17-55: (3/12/10) Certifying vacant positions at the Division of Revenue and Taxation, Department of Finance and must be filled. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 17-56: (3/12/10) Certifying a vacant position at the Department of Public Health and must be filled. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 17-57: (3/12/10) Certifying and granting approval for Dr. Norma S. Ada (Pediatrician), at CHC and to receive an annual salary of \$124,800.00. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 17-58: (3/12/10) Certifying vacant positions at the Office of the Attorney General and must be filled. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 17-59: (No Date) Copy of letter addressed to Chairman of Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation appointing Mr. Diego C. Blanco to serve as member of the Commonwealth Zoning Board. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 17-60: (3/15/10) Copy of Legal Opinion issued by Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham re "*Employment Requirements Imposed by CNMI Laws.*" *[For info]*

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 17-1 3: (3/15/10) Returning H. J. R. No. 17-1, [Supporting the alliance between the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Guam through the MARIANA ISLANDS LEGISLATURE ASSOCIATION (MILA); and for other purposes.] adopted by the Senate on March 12, 2010. *[For info]*

SEN. COMM. 17-14: (3/15/10) Transmitting for House Action S. B. No. 17-19, SS1 [To amend 1 CMC § 2553(k) to provide for a three percent (3%) simple interest rate for outstanding obligations of the Commonwealth; to amend 7 CMC § 4101 governing the award of prejudgment and postjudgment interest against the Commonwealth; to amend 7 CMC § 4101 concerning pre and post judgment interest generally; to codify a policy concerning the payment of tax rebates without penalties and interest; to amend 7 CMC § 2205 regarding the sovereign immunity of the Commonwealth in the payment of money judgments; and for other purposes.] *[For action]*

SEN. COMM. 7-15: (3/15/10) Transmitting for House action S .B. No. 17-20, SD1, entitled, "To temporarily suspend the mandatory driver education prerequisite of Public Law 15-25 as applied to students in the CNMI; to authorize the Public School System to establish a Student Driver Education Program; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on March 12, 2010. *[For action]*

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS - None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

JUD. BR. COMM. 17-6: (3/11/10) From Mr. Daniel C. Stafford, Clerk of the Supreme Court, submitting comments on the proposed austerity measures. [Ref: House Bill No. 17-22, HDI]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 17-6: (3/11/10) From Ms. Lucia Blanco-Maratita, BOE Chairperson, and Dr. Rita A. Sablan, COE, submitting comments on H. B. 17-22, HDI [Austerity Holidays Act of 2010].

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 7-9: (3/11/10) From Youth Congress Secretary transmitting Youth Congress Bill No. 12-01, entitled, "To restrict the use of the wireless telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes, " passed by the Twelfth CNMI Youth Congress on February 20, 2010.

MISC. COMM. 17-10: (3/11/10) From Youth Congress Secretary transmitting Youth Congress Bill No. 12-02, entitled, "To require all public schools to promote recycling," passed by the Twelfth CNMI Youth Congress on February 20, 2010.

MISC. COMM. 17-11: (3/11/10) Copy of letter from Mr. Kyle L. Calabrese, Executive Director of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, submitting comments on House Bill No. 17-25, HS1 [Immigration Conformity Act of 2010]. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. No. 17-3: From House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, reporting on *House Bill No. 17-25*, entitled, "*To repeal and amend certain sections of the Commonwealth Code dealing with immigration functions; and for other purposes.*" [Committee on Judiciary & Governmental Operations recommends passage of bill in the form of H.B. 17-25, HSI] {Adopted 3/19/10}

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
NONE		None

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H.B. 17-30	To repeal and reenact Title 4 § 51405 of the Commonwealth Code as established by Public Law 15-36 to regulate recycling businesses operating in the Commonwealth; and establish the offense of theft of copper; and for other purposes.	None
H. B. 17-25, HS1	To repeal and amend certain sections of the Commonwealth Code dealing with immigration functions; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. NO. 17-3]	Passed First & Final Reading with Amendments (HS1)

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

The House of Representatives Adjourned its 7th Day, First Regular Session at 4:15 p.m.

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. 17-6

To amend 10 CMC § 3901; and for other purposes.

Introduced by REP. Felicidad T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 on February 5, 2010

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 3/11/10:

H. B. No. 17-32

To amend 4 CMC § 8182 to avail NMC CREES of the special water rates established for farmers and ranchers; and for other purposes.

By REP RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

H. B. No. 17-33

To amend Section 3 of Public Law 12-14, as it applies to the surrounding waters of the municipality of Rota, to ensure that such regulations do not restrict the rights of persons to engage in non-commercial net-fishing, provided that such right be restricted to noncommercial net-fishing for the purpose of obtaining fish for personal or immediate family consumption, to also ensure that the definition of "non-traditional fishing methods" is not misinterpreted to include non-commercial net-fishing; and for other purposes.

By REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Ogumoro, Villagomez, and Basa) Committee on Natural Resources

H. B. No. 17-34

To amend Subsection 2204(b) of Section 3 of Public Law 15-105 regarding the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.

By REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives Ogumoro, Villagomez, and Basa) referred to Committee on Health and Welfare

H. B. No. 17-35

To prohibit the cruel treatment of animals; to provide for penalties; and for other purposes.

By REP. STANLEY T. MCGINNIS-TORRES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) referred to Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

H. B. No. 17-36

To amend 9 CMC § 5660 (d) to increase penalties for parking in a space reserved for the use of persons with disabilities; and for other purpose.

By REP. JOSEPH M. PALACIOS of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) referred to Committee on Health, Education and Welfare

H. B. No. 17-37

To amend 4 CMC, Division 3, Chapter 3, Article 2 by adding a new § 3327 to require certain CNMI offices to provide notary public services; and for other purposes.

By REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself and Representative Santos*) referred to Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

H. B. No. 17-38

To amend 2 CMC Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 3, § 1301 *et seq.*, "The Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983".

By REP. STANLEY T. MCGINNIS-TORRES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Dela Cruz, Benavente, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Cabrera, and Yumul) referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Committee on Health, Education and Welfare, Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications

H. B. No. 17-39

To amend 3 CMC Title 3, Division 1, Chapter 3, § 1316 *et seq.*, "The Postsecondary Education Act of 1984".

By REP. STANLEY T. MCGINNIS-TORRES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) referred to Committee on Education

H. B. No. 17-40

To amend Article 1 of Chapter 6 of Division 5 of Title 4; and for other purposes.

By REP. ELICEO D. CABRERA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) referred to Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. No. 17-41

To rename the Northern Marianas College (NMC), the "Governor Carlos S. Camacho, Northern Marianas College"; and for other purposes.

By REP. ELICEO D. CABRERA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) referred to Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, Committee on Education

H. L. B. No. 17-9

To appropriate \$16,000 from local license fee collected for Poker and Pachinko Slot Machines in the First Senatorial District and for other purposes.

By REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

H. J. R. NO. 17-2

To request the Governor to convene a budget summit to discuss ideas for dealing with the Commonwealth's budget crisis.

By REP. DIEGO T. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself* Representatives Joseph Palacios, Joseph Deleon Guerrero, Conner, Tebuteb, Cabrera, Sablan, Yumul, and Dela Cruz)

C. RES. 17-4:

To convey the sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Francisco Castro Ada on the occasion of his untimely passing and to pay fond tribute to his contributions to the Commonwealth.

Introduced by: REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Basa, Benavente, Cabrera, Conner, Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Frederick P. Deleon Guerrero, Demapan, Iguel, Ogumoro, Palacios, Palacios, Sablan, Santos, Tebuteb, Tenorio, McGinnis-Torres, Villagomez, and Yumul)