



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
SEVENTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION, 2010

**AMENDED AGENDA**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
<b>2nd Day, Fourth Special Session</b>	<b>Friday, June 18, 2010</b>	<b>2:08 p.m.</b>

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*There was no verbal or written testimony presented to the House under this Item.*

- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - None**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**A. House Bills:**

**H. B. 17-79**

To apply a two percent ad valorem excise to items bearing Energy Star certification.

**REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-80**

To restore the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's procurement authority to give the CUC the flexibility needed to partner with the private sector to provide reliable service at efficient rates; and for other purposes.

**REP. STANLEY T. MCGINNIS-TORRES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-81**

To amend Public Law 15-25, the Mandatory Driver Education Act of 2006; and for other purposes.

**REP. RAYMOND D. PALACIOS** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-82**

To impose a forty-eight hour waiting period prior to any monetary transaction between pawnbrokers and customers.

**REP. FREDERICK P. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-83**

To amend Public Law 16-22 § 1(d); and for other purposes.

**REP. FREDERICK P. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-84**

To prohibit the use of words or phrases that unintentionally express negative and disparaging attitude towards persons with disabilities in legislation, resolutions, regulations, memorials, documents, correspondences, and signage enacted, promulgated, or otherwise published; and for other purposes.

REP. FREDERICK P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**H. B. 17-85**

To amend Title 2, Division 5, Chapter 6 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new Section Article 4 to establish recreational fishing license fees; and for other purposes.

REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, and Representative Joseph Deleon Guerrero*)

**B. House Local Bills:**

**H. L. B. 17-22**

To re-appropriate \$40,000.00 from Saipan Local Law 15-16, Section 2(f); and for other purposes.

REP. RAY N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**H. L. B. 17-23**

To appropriate \$24,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and to re-appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 from Tinian Local Law 16-6 and 16-9; and for other purposes.

REP. TRENTON B. CONNER of Saipan, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

**C. House Legislative Initiatives:**

**H. L. I. 17-3:**

To amend Article XII, Section 1, 4, and 5 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and for other purposes.

REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. House Resolutions:**

**H. RES. 17-13**

To establish an Environmental Assessment Task Force to be headed by the Department of Public Lands and comprised of representatives from the Division of Environmental Quality, Department of Public Health, and the Tanapag Action Group for the purpose of initiating and conducting environmental assessments on possible contamination within the CNMI.

REP. SYLVESTRE I. IGUEL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*)

**H. RES. 17-14**

To respectfully urge the Governor to immediately process and distribute rebate and refund checks to taxpayers.

*REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Torres, Benavente, Conner, Tebuteb, Joseph Palacios, Sablan, Villagomez, Santos, Raymond Palacios, Iguel, Camacho, Cabrera, Demapan)*

**B. *House Joint Resolutions: None***

**C. *House Commemorative Resolutions: None***

**D. *House Concurrent Resolutions: None***

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 17-103: (5/21/10) Certification for an annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Thomas J. Schweiger, Assistant Attorney General.

GOV. COMM. 17-104: (5/21/10) Certification for annual salaries in excess of \$50,000 for Craig Dittrich, Shelli L. Neal, Peter B. Prestley, Assistant Attorneys General.

GOV. COMM. 17-105: (5/23/10) Executive Order 2010-05 – Declaration of a State of Emergency for CUC's Imminent General and Other Failure and the need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater Services (Continuation #22).

GOV. COMM. 17-106: (5/25/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Communication Development Specialist I at the Division of Youth Services, DCCA, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-107: (5/25/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Technical Analyst at the Office of the Lt. Governor, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-108: (6/8/10) Declaration of a State of Emergency due to the imminent incapacity of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to provide critical power generation service to the CNMI and the extreme, immediate threat such condition poses to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

GOV. COMM. 17-109: (5/27/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Staff Nurse at the Department of Public Health, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-110: (5/27/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Hemodialysis Technician at the Department of Public Health, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-111: (4/28/10) Courtesy Copy of correspondence to Mr. James Jones, Vice President, Business Development of Hyperion Power Generation, Inc. in regards to Hyperion Power Generation Systems for the CNMI.

GOV. COMM. 17-112: (6/4/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Land Claims Investigator at the Department of Public Lands – Tinian, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-113: (6/11/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Hospital Nursing Supervisor at the Department of Public Health, is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-114: (6/11/10) Certifying that the position of (1) Personnel Specialist/Trainer at the Office of Personnel Management, is vacant and must be filled.

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 17-45: (6/4/10) From Senate President Mangloña appointing Senate Conferees to H. B. 17-45, HD6, SS1, SD1 (Austerity Measure).

SEN. COMM. 17-46: (6/17/10) Returning H. B. 17-62 (To reprogram one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from appropriations under section 2(b) of Public Law 13-56 for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings; and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate with amendments in the form of **H. B. 17-62, SD1**. [For action on Senate amendments]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 17-33: (6/1/10) From the Acting Speaker on the referrals of legislations to the respective House Standing Committees.

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

## 12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

**S. C. R. 17-14:** Reporting on H. B. 17-35, entitled, “To prohibit the cruel treatment of animals; to provide for penalties; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. 17-35 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. 17-16:** Reporting on H. B. 17-38, entitled, A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC Title 2, Division 1 Chapter 3, § 1301 et seq., “The Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983”. *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. 17-38 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. 17-17:** Reporting on H. B. 17-38, entitled, A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC Title 2, Division 1 Chapter 3, § 1301 et seq., “The Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983”. *Your Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass H. B. 17-38 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. 17-18:** Reporting on H. B. 17-32, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 8182 to avail NMC CREES of the special water rates established for farmers and ranchers; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill with amendments, in the form of H. B. 17-32, HD1.*

**S. C. R. 17-19:** Reporting on S. B. 17-13, entitled, “To domesticate or allow the raising of Sambar Deer in captivity; and for other purposes. *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends passage of the bill with amendments, in the form of S. B. 17-13, HD1.*

**S. C. R. 17-20:** Reporting on S. B. 17-22, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to designate public land on the island of Tinian for homesteading purposes. *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends passage of S. B. 17-22 in its current form.*

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolution	Subject	Action
<b>H. RES. 17-14</b>	To respectfully urge the Governor to immediately process and distribute rebate and refund checks to taxpayers.	None

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>H. B. 17-38</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC Title 2, Division 1 Chapter 3, § 1301 et seq., “The Nuclear and Chemical Free Zone Act of 1983”. [See S. C. R. No. 17-8]	<b>PASSED</b> on First and Final Reading
<b>H. B. 17-1</b>	To repeal 8 CMC §§ 1723 and 1741 thru 1744 and to require the transfer of pertinent documents from the Clerk of Court’s Office to the Health and Vital Statistics Office; and for other purposes. [No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of January 28, 2010 and February 1, 2010]	None
<b>H. B. 17-5</b>	To amend 3 CMC § 1343; and for other purposes. (Financial Assistance Forbearance) [No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of January 28, 2010 and February 1, 2010]	None

<b>Bill/Initiative</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>H. B. 17-26</b>	To impose an excise tax on the sale of imported bottled drinking water; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of February 23, 2010 and March 11, 2010]</i>	<b>PASSED</b> on First and Final Reading
<b>H. B. 17-36</b>	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. <i>[Comments/Recommendations submitted by the Office of Disability Policy &amp; Programs 4/21/10 (DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 17-12)]</i>	None
<b>H. B. 17-66</b>	To reform the Commonwealth's election statutes to conform with federal requirements. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of April 27 &amp; 30, 2010]</i>	<b>PASSED</b> on First and Final Reading with amendments (HD1)
<b>H. B. 17-69</b>	To amend 8 CMC Section 1331(g) and to repeal and re-enact 8 CMC Section 1332 pertaining to divorce or dissolution of marriages; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of April 27 &amp; 30, 2010]</i>	None
<b>H. B. 17-53</b>	To reprogram \$818,965.83 from appropriations under section 5(c)(3) of Public Law 11-119 for the construction of the Kagman Wastewater Treatment Plant, collection and transmission system; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of March 31 &amp; April 27, 2010]</i>	None
<b>H. B. 17-77</b>	To amend 1 CMC §8363 ( <i>Retirement Funds Contribution to Life Insurances</i> ); and for other purposes <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of May 25, 2010]</i>	Recommit to Ways and Means
<b>H. L. I. 17-1</b>	To add a new Section 10 to Article X of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the Commonwealth to issue pension obligation bonds and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of January 28 &amp; February 1, 2010]</i>	None
<b>H. B. 17-78</b>	To amend Public Law 16-7 and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of May 25, 2010]</i>	<b>PASSED</b> on First and Final Reading with amendments (HD1)
<b>H. B. 17-62, SD1</b>	To reprogram one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) from appropriations under section 2(b) of Public Law 13-56 for the renovation and rehabilitation of abandoned municipal buildings; and for other purposes. <i>[See SEN. COMM. 17-47]</i>	<b>PASSED</b> on Final Reading and accepted the Senate amendments

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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**The House of Representative adjourned its 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Fourth Special Session  
on Friday, June 18, 2010, at 4:47 p.m., subject to the Call of the Chair**

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**APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS**

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:** None

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. 17-21

To make amendments to the Saipan Cockfighting Act of 1984.

REP. RAY N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on  
5/25/10:*

H. B. 17-75

To require all scuba dive shop operators and marine sport concessionaires to impose a \$1.00 surcharge per customer who avails of the services provided by the operators and concessionaires; and for other purposes.

REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on May 25, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. 17-76:

To amend 145 NMIAC § 145-20.4-115 regarding the Homestead Permit Process; and for other purposes.

REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on May 25, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. 17-77:

To amend 1 CMC § 8363; and for other purposes. (Provide Life Insurance for Retirees)

REP. ELICEO D. CABRERA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on May 25, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. 17-78

To amend Public Law 16-7 and for other purposes.

REP. RAY N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on May 25, 2010, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

H. L. B. 17-21

To make amendments to the Saipan Cockfighting Act of 1984.

REP. RAY N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)