



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

AMENDED AGENDA

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, Fourth Special Session	Friday, June 25, 2010	10:47 a.m.

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. 17-86

To amend section 4(a) of PL 16-48 by adding a new subsection 11; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. 17-87

To repeal and re-enact the CNMI Youth Congress Act; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. 17-88

To amend Public Law 16-21 Section 2(c) and for other purposes.

REP. DIEGO T. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. 17-89:

To establish and Economic Stimulus Investment Program; and for other purposes.

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

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. 17-24

To appropriate \$8,000 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District and for other purposes.

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

C. House Legislative Initiatives: None

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. 17-15

A House Resolution respectfully requesting Mr. Rowan Gould, Acting Director of United States Fish and Wildlife Service to support the review for the reclassification of the Nightingale Reed-Warbler from the United States Fish and Wildlife endangered species list in the CNMI.

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

B. House Joint Resolutions: None

C. House Commemorative Resolutions: None

D. House Concurrent Resolutions: None

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 17-115: (6/9/10) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Dr. Sherleen M. Osman, MD, Physician.

GOV. COMM. 17-116: (6/9/10) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Ms. Meaghan Hasselshearer, Assistant Attorney General.

GOV. COMM. 17-117: (6/9/10) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Dr. Brian Sullivan, MD, Physician.

GOV. COMM. 17-118: (6/9/10) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Ms. Kathryn B. Fuller, Assistant Attorney General.

GOV. COMM. 17-119: (Undated) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Ms. Bertha Jermy P. Camacho, Nurse Practitioner.

GOV. COMM. 17-120: (6/9/10) Certifying that that position for Manager, Nursing Unit at the Department of Public Health is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-121: (6/9/10) Certifying that the position for (1) Accounting Technician II at the Department of Finance is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-122: (6/9/10) Certifying that the position for (1) Physician, Internal Medicine at the Department of Public Health is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-123: (6/9/10) Certification for an annual salary to exceed \$50,000 for Dr. Alberto B. Ventura, Dentist, Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 17-125: (6/16/10) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. 17-17, D1 (Appropriating \$92,000 from local license fees collected from pachinko slot and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District). *Became Tinian Local Law 17-2.*

GOV. COMM. 17-126: (6/17/10) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. 17-19, HD1, (Natural Disaster Village Homestead Waiver Act of 2010). [**Became Public Law 17-4**]

GOV. COMM. 17-127: (6/17/10) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. 17-29 (To require DPL to fund an independent study to conduct an environmental sampling and consultation within the CNMI possibly contaminated with chemicals of concern). [**Became Public Law 17-5**]

GOV. COMM. 17-128: (6/17/10) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. 17-15, HD1, SS1 (To authorize the Governor to reprogram and mobilize funds to address the current calamity). [**Became Public Law 17-6**]

GOV. COMM. 17-129: Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. 17-2, D1 (To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008). [*Became Saipan Local Law 17-2*]

GOV. COMM. 17-130: (6/17/10) Certifying that the position for (1) Associate Director of Nursing at the Department of Public Health is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-131: (6/15/10) Certifying that the position for (1) Respiratory Therapist at the Department of Public Health is vacant and must be filled.

GOV. COMM. 17-132: (6/17/10) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. 17-12, D1 (To reappropriate funds from RLLs 15-4 and 15-6). [*Became Rota Local Law 17-5*]

GOV. COMM. 17-133: (6/18/10) Informing the House that he disapproved S. B. 17-16, HD2 (Marshal Services Division). [*Deadline: 8/17/10*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 17-48: (6/17/10) Transmitting for House action S. B. 17-27, SD1, “To temporarily suspend 1CMC § 8342 paragraph 1 & (a) and & 1 CMC § 8360; and for other purposes (Open period (1/1/11) Early Retirement for Class 1 Members),” which was passed by the Senate on June 16, 2010. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 17-49: (6/17/10) Transmitting for House action S. B. 17-28, “To designate the House of Taga Park on the Tinian as a Commonwealth Historical Site; and for other purposes,” which was passed by the Senate on June 16, 2010. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 17-50: (6/24/10) Returning H. B. 17-66, HD1 (To reform the Commonwealth’s Elections statues to conform with federal requirements; and for other

purposes.), which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2010, in the form of **H. B. 17-66, HD1, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendment*]

SEN. COMM. 17-51: (6/24/10) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 17-19, entitled, “In recognition of Major General (U.S. Army Ret.) and Mrs. Paul R. Lister, and congratulating them on their 50th wedding anniversary”, which was adopted by the Senate on June 16, 2010. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS - None

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. [Adopted]*

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. [Adopted]*

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. [Adopted]*

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. [Adopted]*

S. C. R. 17-21: Reporting on H. B. 17-76, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to amend 145 NMIAC § 145-20.4-115 regarding the Homestead Permit Process; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. 17-76 in its current form. [Adopted]*

S. C. R. 17-22: Reporting on H. B. 17-34, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to amend subsection 2204(b) of Section 3 of Public Law 15-105 regarding the Health Care Professional Licensing Board; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Health and Welfare recommends passage of the bill with amendments in the form of H. B. 17-34 HDI.*

S. C. R. 17-23: Reporting on H. B. 17-57, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to establish a Northern Marianas Descent Registry within the Commonwealth Election Commission.” *Your Committee on Health and Welfare recommends passage of the bill as amended in the form of H. B. 17-57, HDI. [Adopted]*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. 17-14	A House Resolution to respectfully urge the Governor to immediately process and distribute rebate and refund checks to taxpayers.	ADOPTED
H. RES. 17-15	A House Resolution respectfully requesting Mr. Rowan Gould, Acting Director of United States Fish and Wildlife Service to support the review for the reclassification of the Nightingale Reed-Warbler from the United States Fish and Wildlife endangered species list in the CNMI.	NONE

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. 17-1	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. <i>[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]</i>	PASSED on First and Final Reading
H. B. 17-5	To amend 3 CMC § 1343; and for other purposes. (Financial Assistance Forbearance) <i>[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]</i>	Recommended to Education Committee

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. 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. <i>[Comments/Recommendations submitted by the Office of Disability Policy & Programs 4/21/10 (DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 17-12)]</i>	None
H. B. 17-69	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 & 30, 2010]</i>	None
H. B. 17-53	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 & April 27, 2010]</i>	None
H. L. I. 17-1	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 & February 1, 2010]</i>	None
H. B. 17-35	A Bill for An Act to prohibit the cruel treatment of animals; to provide for penalties; and for other purposes. <i>[See S. C. R. 17-14]</i>	None
H. B. 17-31, HD1	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. <i>[See S. C. R. 17-18]</i>	None
S. B. 17-22	A Bill for an Act to designate public land on the island of Tinian for homesteading purposes. <i>[See S. C. R. 17-20]</i>	None
H. B. 17-76	A Bill for an Act to amend 145 NMIAC § 145-20.4-115 regarding the Homestead Permit Process; and for other purposes <i>[See S. C. R. 17-21]</i>	None
H. B. 17-66, HD1, SD1	To reform the Commonwealth's Elections statues to conform with federal requirements; and for other purposes. <i>[See SEN. COMM. 17-50]</i>	PASSED on Final Reading and accepted the Senate Amendments
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.	Calendared
H. B. 17-87	To repeal and re-enact the CNMI Youth Congress Act; and for other purposes.	Calendared
H. B. 17-88	To amend Public Law 16-21 Section 2(c) and for other purposes.	Calendared

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Pro Tem Ogumoro announced that the House will go into Session on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. in the House Chamber.

(ADJOURNMENT)

The House of Representative adjourned its 3rd Day, Fourth Special Session on Friday, June 25, 2010, at 12:35 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: None

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 6/25/10:

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*)

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*)

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*)

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*)