HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2013

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
6th Day, First Regular Session	Wednesday, March 27, 2013	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - None

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. NO. 18-34
To assess a special Health Care impact tax on unhealthy foods and other items, to reserve the funds collected from the tax for the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation.
REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

H. B. NO. 18-35
To amend PL 17-61, CNMI Veterans Cemetery; and for other purposes.
REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

H. B. NO. 18-36
To establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occur within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas.
REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 18-37
To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 18-38
To amend 6 CMC Section 2141 to allow for drug trafficking penalties in the range of 5 to 25 years; and for other purposes.
REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ramon A. Tebuteb)

H. B. NO. 18-39
To authorize the assessment of parking meter fees, to require segregation of fees collected by senatorial district, and to authorize local appropriation of those fees.
REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 18-40
To strengthen provisions regarding crimes against a tourist or the property of a tourist and by establishing higher minimum mandatory sentences.
REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself)*

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 18-12
To appropriate $10,000.00 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:

H. L. I. NO. 18-2
To abolish the Municipal Councils and establish the chartered municipal form of government for Saipan.
REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself* Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. L. I. NO. 18-3
To amend Article III, Section 20(b) of the N.M.I Constitution to eliminate double dipping and remove the provision granting five years credited service for employees with not less than twenty years of credited service.
REP. MARIANO TAITANO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions*

H. RES. NO. 18-8
To recognize and commend Lieutenant Colonel Gregorio Vicente Muna Sablan Jr. for his outstanding military achievements and for his contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Rafael S. Demapan, Antonio P. Sablan, and Mariano Taitano)

H. RES. NO. 18-9
To honor and commend Heather L. Kennedy for her outstanding services to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands most especially to the CNMI Judicial System.

REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo, Rafael S. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 18-10
To commend active U.S. Army military officer Lieutenant Colonel Harry Camacho Blanco for his recent promotion to Colonel (Full Bird) and applaud his feat in being the first son of the Commonwealth to reach the highest military ranking officer in the history of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

H. RES. NO.18-11
To commend and congratulate the Saipan Southern High School Manta Ray Band for their exemplary achievements and superior performance at the 9th Annual Tumon Bay International Music Festival.

REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

C. RES. NO. 18-1
To commend and to extend an appreciation to Consul Tsutomu Higuchi for his services and dedication in heading the Consular Office of Japan here in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and recognizing his illustrious career as a liaison for the people of Japan.

REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 18-13: (3/11/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-2, HD1, SD2 (Hotel Occupancy Tax Amendment increase 15%.). Became **Public Law 18-1**. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 18-14: (3/11/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-12, SD1 (Pension Reform amendment (PL 17-82)). Became **Public Law 18-2**. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 18-15: (3/15/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-3 (Strengthening provisions re: sex crimes and domestic violence). Became **Public Law 18-3**. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 18-16: (3/15/13) Inform the House that he signed into law H. B. NO. 18-27, HD1 (Homeland Security and Emergency Management Act of 2013). Became **Public Law 18-4**. *[For info]*

GOV. COMM. 18-17: (3/21/13) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Rhonda Lee Gleason, Physician Assistant, Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation, to receive an annual salary of $80,000. *[For info]*

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 18-14: (3/14/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 18-01, entitled, "Honoring the life and achievements of Dr. Isamu Joe Abraham, Ph. D., MPH, MSW for his years of distinguished service and his contributions to public health in the CNMI," which was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-15: (3/14/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 18-02, entitled, "Honoring the late Mayor Juan Borja Tudela for his many contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and his memorable service to its people," which was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-16: (3/14/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-03, entitled, "To recognize and commend Doctor Florie Manglona Mendiola for receiving her Doctor of Education (Ed. D) with a concentration in Leadership Practice of Elected Officials from Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California and for her contributions to the nation's education system," which was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-17: (3/14/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-04, entitled, "To recognize and commend Loida Nicolas Lewis for her untiring commitment to serving her communities, and lifelong accomplishments and achievements as an entrepreneur, philanthropist, leader, author, and lawyer," which was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-18: (3/15/13) Returning H. B. 18-27, HD1, "To reorganize the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management and unify and create the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.," which was passed by the Senate, without amendments, on March 15, 2013. [For info-now *Public Law 18-4*]

SEN. COMM. 18-19: (3/18/13) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. No. 18-1, SS1, (Respectfully urging the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Department of Interior to re-prioritize Capital Improvement Projects funds for Fiscal Year 2013 and 2014, and available unexpended fund balances of prior years, for the First, Second, and Third Senatorial Districts, and reprogram such funds to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to replace, augment, and improve its CHC facility and also make necessary improvements to the Rota and Tinian health clinics.) which was passed by the Senate on March 15, 2013. [*For action*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 18-25: (3/1/13) From Representative Seman informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from Monday, March 11, until Friday, March 15, 2013, and request to be excused from any sessions.

HSE. COMM. 18-26: (3/18/13) From Representative Santos informing the Speaker that she will be off-island from Wednesday, March 20 to March 31, 2013, and request to be excused from any sessions, and designates the Speaker to introduce any measures sponsored by herself during her absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-27: (3/20/13) From Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from March 21 to March 28, 2013, and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - NONE

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - NONE

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 18-2: From the Mr. Craig B. Whelden, Executive Director, U.S. Marine Corps Forces Pacific re: Notice of Intent and Public Scoping Meetings for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (CJMT EIS/OEIS).

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. NO. 18-2: Reporting on H. J. R. NO. 18-2, entitled: "Respectfully requesting and urging the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office through the Office of the CNMI Governor to have the US and CNMI flags flown everyday at the CNMI US Armed Forces Veterans Cemetery located in Marpi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands." *Your Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs recommends adoption of* ***H. J. R. NO. 18-2*** *in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 18-3: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-9, entitled: "To amend 4 CMC § 1939(a) of the Developer Infrastructure Tax Act; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass* ***H. B. NO. 18-9*** *in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 18-4: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-1, entitled: "To ratify the adoption of the 2009 editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, related construction codes, as amended, and to provide for a committee to develop a new CNMI building code council." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of* ***H. B. NO. 18-1, HS1***.

S. C. R. NO. 18-5: Reporting on H. L. I. NO. 18-1, entitled: "To amend Article XII, Sections 1, and 4 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of* ***H. L. I. NO. 18-1, HD1***.

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - NONE

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 18-10
To amend the Saipan Zoning Law by repealing Saipan Local Laws 16-6, 17-2, 17-10, and 17-12 and enacting the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RICHARD B. SEMAN of Saipan, Precinct 1, (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013.

H. L. B. NO. 18-11
To establish a Tinian medical assistance review board for screening and verification of medically assisted patients; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TRENTON B. CONNER of Saipan, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 18-9
To amend and to re-appropriate the fund balances from Business Units 3748 (Saipan Local Law 15-11) and 3752F (Saipan Local Law 17-16) for various development projects in Precinct V; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan) on February 26, 2013.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 3/8/13:

H. B. NO. 18-25

To add a new Chapter 9 to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to develop a system for the assessment of fees on non-residents visiting Marine Protected Areas in order to better invest in the Marine Resources of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RICHARD B. SEMAN of Saipan, Precinct 1, (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 18-26
To prohibit the solicitation of donations along and in public ways and intersections, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 18-27
To reorganize the Office of Homeland Security and the Office of Emergency Management and unify and create the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013, placed on the Calendar for action.

H. B. NO. 18-28
To provide an amnesty period to expire on January 1, 2017 for the filing of delinquent returns under Title 4, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Act of 1982, as amended, and the payment of delinquent taxes without imposition of penalty and interest, with certain exceptions and for the waiver of penalty for failure to obtain a business license; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Anthony T. Benavente, Rafael S. Demapan, and Francisco S. Dela Cruz) on March 8, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 18-29
To amend the Weapons Control Act to promote and allow Outdoor Shooting Ranges, Skeet shooting developments offering competitive rifle competition and skeet shooting and to amend the Customs Violations provisions to accommodate Outdoor Shooting Ranges and revision to correct technical errors. Introduced by REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, and Ramon A. Tebuteb) on March 8, 2013, was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 18-30
To amend 3 CMC §4525, work force participation by citizens, CNMI permanent residents, and U.S. permanent residents; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, and Trenton B. Conner) on March 8, 2013.

H. B. NO. 18-31
To amend Title 4, Article 3, Pawnbroker Licenses, Fees, and Related Matters; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on March 8, 2013.

H. B. NO. 18-32
To amend 3 CMC, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 4 to include a new §1144 to create the Faloma and Maleina Parent Notification Act of 2013; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on March 8, 2013.

H. B. NO. 18-33
To re-establish the Commonwealth Board of Nurse Examiners as an autonomous public agency; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TRENTON B. CONNER of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013.

H. L. B. NO. 18-10
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House information on deadlines for override: None