



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2013

AMENDED

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, First Special Session	Thursday, April 18, 2013	1:50 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. **ROLL CALL** - *Sixteen Members was present; four Members was absent and excused (Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez and Ralph N. Yumul).*
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Public comments was received by approximately three (3) individuals. Two were pertaining to H. B. No. 18-56 and one was on Sen. Comm. 18-27 (S. B. No. 18-7, SS1).
3. **ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** - None
4. **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 18-42

To set a fine schedule for possession of Marijuana non-criminal infractions under 6 CMC section 2142; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, John Paul P. Sablan, Roman C. Benavente, Antonio R. Agulto, and Trenton B. Conner) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-43

To mandate that the Department of Public Safety receive a 50% of all funds collected under 6 CMC sections 4119 and 2142; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, John Paul P. Sablan, Roman C. Benavente, Antonio R. Agulto, and Trenton B. Conner) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-44

To require the Department of Finance, Division of Revenue and Taxation's to make periodic inspections of sales receipts in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Ralph N. Yumul of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative John Paul P. Sablan) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-45

To authorize, establish and regulate casino gambling within the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by Rep. Rafael S. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogunoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Mariano Taitano) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-46

To allow members of the Defined Contribution Plan to withdraw their account balance without terminating employment. Introduced by Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, and Ramon A. Tebuteb) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-47

To establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2013. Introduced by Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-48

To restrict the use of wireless telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*), Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-49

To authorize the Marianas Visitors Authority to regulate tour operators and tour guides by amending 4 CMC section 2103; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Edmund S. Villagomez of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-50

To authorize the Commonwealth Development Authority to issue pension obligation bonds on behalf of the Commonwealth in an amount up to two hundred million U.S. Dollars to pay the Commonwealth Governments obligation to Northern Marianas Island Retirement Fund. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*), Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-51

To provide additional gaming entertainment for tourists by amending the definition of gambling device to exclude electronic gaming machines. Introduced by Rep. Antonio P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, and Mariano Taitano) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-52

To require DNA collection for felony arrestees and establish procedures for said collections. Introduced by Rep. Antonio R. Agulto of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-53

To amend 2 CMC §5631 as it applies to non-commercial net-fishing in the surrounding waters of the municipality of Saipan; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Roman C. Benavente of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-54

To impose a six month deadline for private property taken under eminent domain to be properly processed and legally consummated. Introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-55

To allow all retired government employees to be reemployed by the Commonwealth Government and eliminate double dipping. Introduced by Rep. Mariano Taitano of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, and Antonio P. Sablan) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-56

To amend 1 CMC §8131(a), as amended by Public Law 17-80, by adding a new subsection (a)(13) and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Christopher D. Leon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*), Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Rafael S. Demapan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-57

To amend 4 CMC §5611(b) (Business license fees); and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Antonio P. Sablan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representative Mariano Taitano) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-58

To reauthorize the NMC Apprenticeship Program consistent with Title 3 section 1356 of the CNMI Code. Introduced by Rep. Trenton B. Conner of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. B. No. 18-59

To preclude judicial review of decisions of the Public Auditor in respect to procurement protests. Introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 18, 2013.

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. Introduced by Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on April 18, 2013.

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

H. L. I. No. 18-5

To amend Article XI, Section 5(c) to increase the maximum term of a lease of public lands ninety-nine years. Introduced by Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 18, 2013.

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions

H. RES. NO. 18-12

To commend and congratulate the Koblerville Elementary School Umang Glee Club for their excellent performance at the 2013 Tumon Bay Music Festival and their outstanding achievements. Introduced by **REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. RES. NO. 18-13

To applaud and recognize Alexander P. Sablan on his many accomplishments most especially his music career. Introduced by **REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ramon A. Tebuteb) on April 18, 2013.

H. RES. NO. 18-14

To congratulate and commend the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Chamorro Buck Drill Team for their outstanding achievement in winning 1st Place Overall in the CNMI Multiple School Unit Interisland Drill Team Competition on February 16, 2013 in Saipan. Introduced by **REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. RES. NO. 18-15

Respectfully urging Governor Eloy S. Inos to overhaul the medical referral office in order to improve services for the patients of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by **REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

H. RES. NO. 18-16

Respectfully requesting Mr. James Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to enforce bicycle laws. Introduced by **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

[ADDED] H. RES. NO. 18-17
To amend HR 18-001, House of Representatives Rules of Procedure, Rule V, Section 8, Dress Code. Introduced by **REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

[ADDED] H. RES. NO. 18-18
To amend HR 18-001, House of Representatives Rules of Procedure, Rule XIII, Section 8, Drug Free Workplace Policy. Introduced by **REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

[ADDED] H. RES. NO. 18-19
To applaud and commend Mrs. Maryjane L. Fleming for her outstanding services as a volunteer at Koblerville Elementary School as a librarian. Introduced by **REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 18-5

To fully support the five-year extension of the transitional period of the Commonwealth Only Transitional Worker Program beyond December 31, 2014 so that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will have an adequate amount of time to fully adjust to the transition. Introduced by **REP. TRENTON B. CONNER** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on April 18, 2013.

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 18-21: (3/31/13) **Executive Order 2013-06** – Declaration of a State of Emergency: CHC’s Imminent threat of disruption of critical medical services in the Commonwealth and the danger that such a condition poses to the public because of the great increase in otherwise preventable deaths that would result.

Gov. COMM. 18-22: (3/28/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 18-1, D2, (Appropriating \$40,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines for the Second Senatorial District.). Became **Tinian Local Law 18-1**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-23: (3/28/13) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 18-6, (Appropriating \$94,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines for the Second Senatorial District.). Became **Tinian Local Law 18-2**. [For info]

Gov. COMM. 18-24: (4/5/13) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Zenie P. Mafnas, Deputy Corporate Director, Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [For info]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 18-20: (3/27/13) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 18-15, entitled, "To amend 4 CMC § 51102(e); and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on March 26, 2013. [*For action*] Referred to the Committee on Commerce on April 18, 2013.

SEN. COMM. 18-21: (3/27/13) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 18-16, SD2, entitled, "To establish one life and health insurance program for all government employees to be administered by the Department of Finance, amend 1 CMC §§ 8363 and 8364; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on March 26, 2013. [*For action*] Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on April 18, 2013.

SEN. COMM. 18-22: (3/27/13) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 18-17, entitled, "To amend 3 CMC §§ 1311 and 1312 to add one student representative to the Board of Regents of the Northern Marianas College; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on March 26, 2013. [*For action*] Referred to the Committee on Education.

SEN. COMM. 18-23: (3/22/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-9, entitled, "Requesting Governor Eloy S. Inos appoint a special representative for 902 Talks to discuss matters that are currently affecting the relationship between the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States pursuant to § 902 of the Covenant; and for other purposes," which was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-24: (3/22/13) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 18-10, SD1, entitled, "Respectfully urging U.S. Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan to request the United States Congress to officially acknowledge the Chamorro and Carolinian people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as Native Americans and to include the Chamorro and Carolinian people in the definitions set forth under 25 U.S.C. Chapter 14, Subchapter II, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance, Section 450(b)(e)," which was adopted by the Senate on March 15, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-25: (4/4/13) From the President of the Senate appointing Members to the Senate Special Committees on Revenue Generation and Cost Cutting. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-26: (4/11/13) Returning H. J. R. 18-2 (Respectfully requesting and urging the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office through the Office of the CNMI Governor to have the US and CNMI flags flown every day at the CNMI US Armed Forces Veterans Cemetery located in Marpi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.), which was adopted by the Senate, *without amendment*, on April 10, 2013. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 18-27: (4/12/13) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 18-7, SS1, entitled, "To mandate the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to change the water and waste water rate for the Public School System to commercial rate; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on April 10, 2013. [*For action*] Referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

SEN. COMM. 18-28: (4/11/13) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 18-3, entitled, "To thank the Northern Marianas College, University of Guam, San Joaquin Delta College, Fresno State University, Rio Salado College, Phoenix College, South University of New Mexico, East Texas Tech, University of Washington, Arizona State University, California State University System, Mt. Hood Community College, Hawaii University and College System, University of Texas Arlington, Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon University and Boise State University for their contribution in providing a quality education to the people of the CNMI.," which was adopted by the Senate on April 10, 2013. [*For action*] Placed on the Resolution Calendar on April 18, 2013.

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 18-29: From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from Thursday, April 4, 2013 to Tuesday, April 9, 2013 and designates Vice Speaker Dela Cruz as Acting Speaker.

HSE. COMM. 18-30: (4/4/13) From Acting Speaker Dela Cruz appointing Members to the House Special Committees on Revenue Generation and Cost Cutting.

HSE. COMM. 18-31: (4/12/13) From Representative Villagomez informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to Wednesday, April 24, 2013 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-32: (4/15/13) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business beginning Tuesday, April 16, 2013 to Tuesday, April 23, 2013 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-33: (4/15/13) In compliance with House Rules, Representative Villagomez officially requests Representative Agulto to introduce his legislations in his absence.

HSE. COMM. 18-34: (4/16/13) From Representative Anthony T. Benavente informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from April 16 to April 24, 2013 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

[ADDED] HSE. COMM. 18-35: (4/15/13 received 4/17/13) From Representative Yumul informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from April 17 to April 26, 2013 and request to be excused from any sessions or meetings during his absence.

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. NO. 18-6: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-15, entitled: "To address and deter bullying in schools by establishing parental liability for the harm inflicted by bullies who are not properly disciplined and supervised by their parents." *Your Committee on Education recommends that the House pass H. B. NO. 18-15 in its current form.*
{Adopted – 4/18/13}

S. C. R. NO. 18-7: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-24, entitled: "To authorize the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to advertise disconnection dates on the local news papers rather than sending out notices to its rate payers; and for other purposes."

Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House file H. B. No. 18-24. {Adopted – 4/18/13}

S. C. R. NO. 18-8: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-17, entitled: “To amend Public Law 17-8 Section 2 to include necessary changes to finalize projects associated with the original intent of the reprogramming of the One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) as appropriated under Section 2(b) of Public Law 13-56; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-17 in its current form. {Adopted – 4/18/13}*

S. C. R. NO. 18-9: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-23, entitled: “To provide a tax incentive for individuals and businesses that purchase renewable energy devices.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-23 in its current form. {Adopted – 4/18/13}*

S. C. R. NO. 18-10: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-20, entitled: “To allow the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to grant revocable consent without fees to individuals, businesses, or organizations to construct and maintain certain structures on public property such as driveways and sidewalks; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-20 in its current form. {Adopted – 4/18/13}*

S. C. R. NO. 18-11: Reporting on H. B. NO. 18-29, entitled: “To amend the Weapons Control Act to promote and allow Outdoor Shooting Ranges, Skeet shooting developments offering competitive rifle competition and skeet shootings and to amend the Customs Violations provisions to accommodate Outdoor Shooting Ranges and revision to correct technical errors.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-29, HD1. {Recommit – 4/18/13}*

S. C. R. NO. 18-12: Reporting on S. B. NO. 18-1, entitled: “To rename the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Building in Tinian, Gilbert Manglona Taisacan Building; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 18-1 in its current form. {Adopted – 4/18/13}*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

SPC. C. R. NO. 18-3: From your Special on NMI Retirement Fund Reporting on 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 credited service.” *Your Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. L. I. No. 18-3, HD1. {Recommit – 4/18/13}*

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - NONE

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
S. J. R. No. 18-3 [See Sen. Comm. 18-28]	To thank the Northern Marianas College, University of Guam, San Joaquin Delta College, Fresno State University, Rio Salado College, Phoenix College, South University of New Mexico, East Texas Tech, University of Washington, Arizona State University, California State University System, Mt. Hood Community College, Hawaii University and College System, University of Texas Arlington, Oregon State University, Eastern Oregon University and Boise State University for their contribution in providing a quality education to the people of the CNMI.	Adopted
H. Res. No. 18-12	To commend and congratulate the Koblerville Elementary School Umang Glee Club for their excellent performance at the 2013 Tumon Bay Music Festival and their outstanding achievements.	Adopted
H. Res. No. 18-13	To applaud and recognize Alexander P. Sablan on his many accomplishments most especially his music career.	Adopted
H. Res. No. 18-14	To congratulate and commend the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Chamorro Buck Drill Team for their outstanding achievement in winning 1 st Place Overall in the CNMI Multiple School Unit Interisland Drill Team Competition on February 16, 2013 in Saipan.	Adopted
H. Res. No. 18-15	Respectfully urging Governor Eloy S. Inos to overhaul the medical referral office in order to improve services for the patients of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	No action taken
H. Res. No. 18-16	Respectfully requesting Mr. James Deleon Guerrero, Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to enforce bicycle laws.	No action taken
H. Res. No. 18-19	To applaud and commend Mrs. Maryjane L. Fleming for her outstanding services as a volunteer at Koblerville Elementary School as a librarian.	No action taken
H. J. R. No. 18-5	To fully support the five-year extension of the transitional period of the Commonwealth Only Transitional Worker Program beyond December 31, 2014 so that the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands will have an adequate amount of time to fully adjust to the transition.	No action taken

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
S. B. No. 18-2 [See Sen. Comm. 18-2]	A Bill for an Act to amend the Commonwealth Vehicle Code to authorize active duty U.S. military personnel stationed outside the CNMI in any state or territory to maintain or renew their vehicle registration in the CNMI, or register a new vehicle in the CNMI by complying with CNMI registration requirements any comparable requirements in the state or territory where they are stationed; and for other purposes. [No public comments were received in a open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of February 11, 2013]	No action taken
H. B. No. 18-15 [S. C. R. No. 18-6]	A Bill for an Act to address and deter bullying in schools by establishing parental liability for the harm inflicted by bullies who are not properly disciplined and supervised by their parents.	No action taken
H. B. No. 18-17 [S. C. R. No. 18-8]	A Bill for an Act to amend Public Law 17-8 Section 2 to include necessary changes to finalize projects associated with the original intent of the reprogramming of the One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000.00) as appropriated under Section 2(b) of Public Law 13-56; and for other purposes.	No action taken
H. B. No. 18-23 [S. C. R. No. 18-9]	A Bill for an Act to provide a tax incentive for individuals and businesses that purchase renewable energy devices.	No action taken
H. B. No. 18-20 [S. C. R. No. 18-10]	A Bill for an Act to allow the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to grant revocable consent without fees to individuals, businesses, or organizations to construct and maintain certain structures on public property such as driveways and sidewalks; and for other purposes.	No action taken
S. B. No. 18-1 [S. C. R. No. 18-12]	A Bill for an Act to rename the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Building in Tinian, Gilbert Manglona Taisacan Building; and for other purposes.	No action taken

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

The House of Representatives Adjourned its 1st Day, First Special Session on April 18, 2013 at 4:35 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:

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 Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on March 8, 2013.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 3/27/13:

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. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 18-35

To amend PL 17-61, CNMI Veterans Cemetery; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TERESITA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 18-36

To establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occur within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 18-37

To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by 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) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 18-41

To require all commercial businesses within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be connected to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) power grid; and for other purposes. REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Mariano Taitano, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. L. I. NO. 18-2

To abolish the Municipal Councils and establish the chartered municipal form of government for Saipan. Introduced by 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) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. MARIANO TAITANO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Special Committee on NMI Retirement Fund.

H. L. I. No. 18-4

To amend Article XII of the N.M.I. Constitution to remove the mandatory restriction on the alienation of land and allow land owners to elect to restrict the alienation of their own land. Introduced by Rep. Francisco S. Dela Cruz of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on March 27, 2013 and referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO R. AGULTO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul)

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. Introduced by REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, 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. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul)

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. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself* Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul)

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Trenton B. Conner, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Teresita A. Santos, Richard B. Seman, Mariano Taitano, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul)

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