



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2018

AMENDED

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, Third Regular Session	Friday, February 16, 2018	9:50 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments presented or received.

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - (1)

First Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 26, 2018 – Adopted 2/16/18

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

[Added-2/16/18] **H. B. No. 20-154:** To amend 4 CMC §2103 to enhance Marianas Visitors Authority's promoting capabilities in attracting tourists to visit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by **REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] **H. B. No. 20-155:** To require all Commonwealth governmental entities to submit an annual "Citizen-Centric Report" of their activities. Introduced by **REP. JANET U. MARATITA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representative Alice S. Igitol) on February 16, 2018.

B. House Local Bills:

[Added-2/16/18] **H. L. B. No. 20-57:** To require all future developments within the Third Senatorial District to have the necessary infrastructure prior to request for any rezoning of an area; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] **H. L. B. No. 20-58:** To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by **REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, and Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] **H. L. B. No. 20-59:** To appropriate \$81,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 16, 2018.

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 20-19: To respectfully encourage the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) to approve the request for services of China Eastern Airlines to provide air transportation services between the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport (SPN) and the Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) on a regular scheduled basis and to respectfully request the Administration to render their support of such request. Introduced by **REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*) on February 16, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-161: (2/2/18 received 2/5/18) Informing the House of his re-nomination of Mr. James Diego I. Benavente to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing Third Senatorial District. [*Deadline: 5/3/18*] – Jointly referred to the House

Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and House Committee on Public Utilities and Communications on February 16, 2018.

GOV. COMM. 20-162: (2/2/18 received 2/5/18) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. Benjamin Huk Lunag Borja to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing Second Senatorial District. **[Deadline: 5/3/18] – Jointly referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and House Committee on Public Utilities and Communications on February 16, 2018.**

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-127: (2/2/18) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-8 (A House Joint Resolution to support the passage of S.2325, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Work Force Act, introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski in the Senate of the United States Congress.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on February 2, 2018. **[For info]**

SEN. COMM. 20-128: (2/5/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-102, HD1, entitled, “To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 2, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-102, HD1, SS1. [For action on Senate amendments] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.**

SEN. COMM. 20-129: (2/5/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-86, SD1, entitled, “To rename the Port of Tinian/Tinian Harbor, The “Honorable Jose Pangelinan San Nicolas Commercial Port of Tinian”; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 2, 2018. **[For action] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.**

SEN. COMM. 20-130: (2/5/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-90, entitled, “To amend 1 CMC §1610(a)[amending Youth Congress Sessions]; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 2, 2018. **[For action] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.**

SEN. COMM. 20-131: (2/6/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-18, SD1, entitled, “To require employers to pay CNMI prevailing wages to employees; to mandate government contractors to pay prevailing wages for public works projects; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 2, 2018. **[For action] – Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on February 16, 2018.**

SEN. COMM. 20-132: (2/5/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-88, HD1, entitled, “To repeal and re-enact “The Education Act of 1988” as amended and as codified as 3 CMC § 1101 through § 1193; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 2, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-88, HD1, SD3. [For action on Senate amendments] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.**

SEN. COMM. 20-133: (2/7/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-20 entitled, “To congratulate and commend the U.S. Army Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (JROTC) Stallion Battalion of Tinian High School for their outstanding achievements and

exemplary performance in earning the “Honor Unit with Distinction” award.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-134: (2/7/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-22 entitled, “To express heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Concepcion Olopai Igisomar on her untimely passing and to memorialize her selfless service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-135: (2/7/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-23 entitled, “To recognize and commend the Chamorro Hands in Education Links Unity (CHE’LU) Organization for their continuous contributions to the community in their efforts to preserve and promote the Chamorro culture and language.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 2, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-136: (2/9/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-23, entitled, “To permit the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds/Industrial Development Bond by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government for the benefit of private sector development in alignment with documented CNMI priorities; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 8, 2018. [***For action***] – Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on February 16, 2018.

SEN. COMM. 20-137: (2/9/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-70, entitled, “To clarify sections 20129 and 20130 relating to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 8, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-70, SD1**. [***For action on Senate amendments***] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.

SEN. COMM. 20-138: (2/9/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-140, HD1, entitled, “To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 8, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-140, HD1, SD1**. [***For action on Senate amendments***] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.

SEN. COMM. 20-139: (2/9/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-147, HS1, HD1, entitled, “To appropriate twenty-four million, twenty-six thousand, fifty-six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$24,026,056.35) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 8, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-147, HS1, HD1, SD4**. [***For action on Senate amendments***] – Moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on February 16, 2018.

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-93: (2/2/18) From Representative Angel A. Demapan, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth beginning Saturday, February 3, 2018 and returning on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

[Added-2/16/18] HSE. COMM. 20-94: (2/8/18) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth beginning Sunday, February 11, 2018 and returning on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

[Added-2/16/18] HSE. COMM. 20-95: (2/13/18) From Representative Vinson F. Sablan, informing the Speaker and Members that on February 12, 2018 he has officially and legally changed his name from Vinson Edward Flores Sablan to *Vinnie Vinson Flores Sablan*. [*For info and records*]

- 9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH** - None
- 10. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES** - None
- 11. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS** - None
- 12. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES** - (None)
- 13. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES** - None
- 14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None
- 15. **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 20-19	A House Resolution to respectfully encourage the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) to approve the request for services of China Eastern Airlines to provide air transportation services between the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport (SPN) and the Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) on a regular scheduled basis and to respectfully request the Administration to render their support of such request.	Adopted with HD1 on 2/16/18

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 20-71, HS1	A Bill for an Act to make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-47]	Recommit-2/16/18 [HS1 HD2]
H. B. No. 20-35, HD1	A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact 1 CMC §§ 8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-83]	No action taken 2/16/18
H. B. No. 20-36, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-84]	No action taken 2/16/18
H. B. No. 20-19	A Bill for an Act to amend 6 CMC §3156 (b) by requiring a hotel or resort attached to a golf course to have a minimum of eighteen (18) holes in order to be eligible to conduct electronic gaming activities as defined in 6 CMC §3156(a)(6). <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-92]	P-FR with HD1 2/16/18 [14-5]
H. B. No. 20-102, HD1, SS1 [SEN. COMM. 20-128]	A Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.	Rejected Senate Amendments and moved to conference 2/16/18 [17-2] House Conferee Members: Chair AA Demapan BJT Attao JP Sablan
S. B. No. 20-86, SD1 [SEN. COMM. 20-129]	A Bill for an Act to rename the Port of Tinian/Tinian Harbor, The “Honorable Jose Pangelinan San Nicolas Commercial Port of Tinian”; and for other purposes.	P/FFR 2/16/18 [19-0]
S. B. No. 20-90 [SEN. COMM. 20-130]	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §1610(a) [amending Youth Congress Sessions]; and for other purposes.	P/FFR with HD1 HD1 2/16/18 [19-0]
H. B. No. 20-88, HD1, SD3 [SEN. COMM. 20-132]	A Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact “The Education Act of 1988” as amended and as codified as 3 CMC § 1101 through § 1193; and for other purposes.	AC/P- 2/16/18 [19-0]
H. B. No. 20-70, SD1 [SEN. COMM. 20-137]	A Bill for an Act to clarify sections 20129 and 20130 relating to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery.	AC/P- 2/16/18 [19-0]
H. B. No. 20-140, HD1, SD1 [SEN. COMM. 20-138]	A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; and for other purposes.	AC/P- 2/16/18 [19-0]

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17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

**The House of Representative adjourned its 3rd Day, Third Regular Session at 12:15 p.m.,
subject to the Call of the Chair**

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
January 31, 2018:*

[Added-1/31/18] H. B. No. 20-151: To amend 9 CMC §2104 to increase the fees for heavy equipment vehicles and certain other vehicles set forth in the specified statute; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-1/31/18] H. B. No. 20-152: To authorize and empower the Governor to request that the Secretary of the Interior transfer administration of the American Memorial Park to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Donald C. Barcinas of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on January 31, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

[Added-1/31/18] H. B. No. 20-153: To amend 2 CMC § 4433 to authorize the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to promulgate regulations on procurement, travel, and personnel matters; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Ivan A. Blanco of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2018; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on February 1, 2018.

[Added-1/31/18] H. L. B. No. 20-56: To re-appropriate Fourteen Thousand dollars (\$14,000.00) in B.U. 3389I, allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-04; Sixteen Thousand, Three Hundred and Eleven dollars (\$16,311.00) in B.U. 3374F, allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-09; Five Thousand, Two Hundred and Eighty-Seven dollars (\$5,287.00) in B.U. 3399H, allotted under

Saipan Local Law 18-07; Ten Thousand, Two Hundred and Sixty-Two dollars (\$10,262.00) in B.U. 3400N, allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-24; One Thousand, Three Hundred and Thirty-Five dollars (\$1,335.00) in B.U. 3700H, allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-27; and Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred and Sixty-Four dollars (\$28,764.00) in B.U. 3710D, allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-03; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Angel A. Demapan of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2018; transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation on February 1, 2018.

House information on deadlines for override: