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The House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Second Regular Session on Thursday, August 13, 2015, at 10:26 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Speaker of the House, presided.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and eighteen members were present; Representatives Vinson F. Sablan and Ralph N. Yumul were absent.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Madame Clerk. For the record the two members, Representative Yumul and Representative Vinson Sablan are hereby excused for this emergency session. I kind of skipped one item, but let us take a moment to rise for a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silence was observed.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, members. Pursuant to the Open Government Act Section 9908 and Section 7 of the official notes of the House of Representatives.

Section 7. Emergency Sessions.

If, by reason of typhoon, flood, or fire, or law enforcement or other bona fide legislative emergency, there is need for expedited action by the House to meet the emergency, the Speaker may provide for a meeting site other than the regular meeting site and notice requirements shall be suspended during such emergency. In the event of an emergency meeting the House:

- (a) State in writing the reasons for its finding that an emergency exists;
- (b) Take a vote whereby two-thirds (14) of all members of the House agree that an emergency exists;
- (c) File an emergency agenda and the findings on the emergency with the Clerk.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, the Chair recognizes the Clerk to call the roll on the vote that the House agrees that an emergency exists. Reminder that we require two-thirds of all members of the House to agree for this emergency session to proceed we need fourteen votes. Before the Chair calls the roll, I would like to ask the Floor Leader to offer a motion. Do we just call the roll or I want to have the Floor Leader offer a motion so that there could be discussion if any. So Floor Leader can I ask you to offer a motion to call the roll for an emergency session or an emergency exists.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of everything for us the devastation and a pressing need that the House of Representative meet on its urgency to pass certain legislation. I make a motion to call the roll that an emergency exists and the House shall conduct business.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. The motion has been offered and seconded for a roll call so that the House can vote and agree that an emergency exists. As you can see on your agenda and the notice that has been sent to all members, we have two pieces of legislation both to provide emergency relief. At this time, any discussion on the motion? Recognize the minority leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I know that you already provided some information with respect to the Open Government Act and also because of our rules and so that we are clear on the intent of this emergency session or meeting that either of the presiding officer to indicate exactly why or what the intent of this meeting is all about. We understand that just a few days ago and for the past few weeks it is because as a result a typhoon that I am not quite sure what level of official proclamation of the typhoon or results of the typhoon is so that we are clear on the intent of the emergency disaster or emergency perhaps we really need to for that extent. Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Minority Leader. One of the pending legislation the House will be acting on today is a bill to amend the Commonwealth Disaster Price Freeze Act of 1996. This was actually initiated by the Attorney General's Office. This act give the Governor upon declaring that the Commonwealth is in typhoon condition 2, tropical storm condition 1, or declaration of a state of significant emergency. The Governor may declare a price freeze, which shall last for five days with the option to extend it one time and so the Governor has exercised his authority and there is a price freeze going on and he has also extended that one time the duration of this price freeze began the day after the declaration and it will expire today. So that is the reason we had to act on it today so that the bill right now as recommended by the Attorney General's Office will extend this freeze basically until the emergency or disaster is terminated. So extend this price freeze to prevent price gauging by merchants. The second issue is very similar to Senate Bill 19-59. This second bill is House Bill 19-92. What House Bill 19-92 will do is waive the 5% excise tax that is required right now for any items coming into the Commonwealth above a thousand dollars. So if you are buying a generator or refrigerator for your use at this time of disaster, right now if you bring it in and it costs \$2,000.00 the first thousand is exempted, the second thousand you will be assessed a 5% tax and this bill removes that 5% for the duration of the disaster as well. It will be for noncommercial acquisition for

personal use and limited to one time per disaster, per individual. Again, these are relief bills and because of the timeline or the expiration of the price release today that kind of justified the emergency to hold this session today for the record. Minority leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: Thank you, Mr. Speaker for the details. In parts of the finding and I am sure most of us have had their own unique experiences during and even after the typhoon and more specifically some the – at least the document that we are about to address also mentioned the name of a typhoon and then we have – it is not necessarily in this document that we are about to address, but we have media reports and radio station announcing all kinds of unique events that have transpired as a result of typhoon Soudelor and basically that is what I intend so that we are clear on the intent of this emergency meeting. Other than the media reports and what is labeled as picnic table blues versus the official public information coming in from the CNMI Government on what had transpired so that there is a need for us now to come together to address the specific items and basically that is what it is all about. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, minority leader. Recognize Representative Roman Benavente.

Representative Roman C. Benavente: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. With regards to the intent of this bill it is a very noble intent. There is a concern that I would like to pose with regards to – and I know this bill is on the sunset provision to be providing these businesses we selling generators to consumers. Unfortunately, I would like to share some thoughts with regards to these concerns. There are vendors that are selling generators on a hefty amount of money, unfortunately there is no warranty on the generator for that consumer. There is not even a day warranty with regards to the purchase of generator. So it is almost like purchase at your own risk. By us guaranteeing this companies to be selling this and exempting them from the tax and not really setting a warranty to the affected consumers, I think that is a concern and I would just like to share that with you guys.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Benavente. Are there any other concerns or comments on the motion by the Floor Leader to hold this emergency session? Recognize Representative Antonio Sablan.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and member. Just a short comment and this is basically to ask the members for their support in approving this productive emergency session. We can discuss the bill when we get that part of the agenda. Basically, I think what we can do right now is get the 14 votes to proceed with today's session. I just want to ask the members for their support and go back to the main motion. Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. At this time, are there any other further discussions before we move to the vote.

Several members voiced "ready".

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: We need at least 14 votes for this session to proceed. Ready?

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Madame Clerk, please call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to proceed with the call for an emergency session with the following results:

Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Anthony T. Benavente	yes
Representative Roman C. Benavente	yes
Representative George N. Camacho	yes
Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	present
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Antonio P. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Francis S. Taimanao	yes
Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	absent (<i>excused</i>)

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, 17 members voted “yes,” 1 member is present, and 2 members are absent.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Madame Clerk. With the vote of 17 “yes,” the motion to hold this emergency session hereby passes. Thank you, members. At this time, I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now that we are officially in session in accordance to our rules there is a dress code and today is Thursday. So just that we are in order, I would like to go ahead and suspend Rule V, Section 8 the dress code rule so that we may continue on our session.

RULE V. DECORUM AND DEBATE.

Section 8. Dress Code.

All members and officers appearing on the Floor of the House shall be suitably attired. Members shall wear business shirt and tie, and on Fridays may wear formal island wear.

[Note: Rule V, Section 8, amended by H. RES. 19-19, HSI]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. For the record, I gave the green-light to come in island wear so that – I know that our laundry is not working, our iron is not

pressed, your thighs are dirty and so I would take the blame for this but motion has been offered and seconded. Discussion on the motion.

Several members voiced “ready”.

There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule V, Section 8 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, let us move to item II, Public Comments. Since it appears there is no public here to comment so we will move on to item IV, Introduction of Bills.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Clerk announced that there are no journals for adoption.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, the Chair will be introducing House Bill 19-92, “To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes.” If there is no objection, I want to offer that this be introduced by the Committee as a Whole.

H. B. No. 19-92

To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

Several members voiced “no objection”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you. Madame Clerk, please take note. Are there any other relief legislation for introduction? If not, are there any resolutions for introduction? There being none, let us move to item VI, Messages from the Governor.

House Local Bills: None

House Legislative Initiatives: None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions: None

House Joint Resolutions: None

House Commemorative Resolutions: None

House Concurrent Resolutions: None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: The Chair will recognize the House Clerk.

The Clerk announced the following Governor's Communication:

Gov. Comm. 19-44: (8/11/15) Respectfully requesting the Legislature to hold an emergency session to address the Commonwealth Disaster Price Freeze Act.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Any discussions on Messages from the Governor?

Several members voiced "ready".

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Let us move on to item VII, Senate Communications and the Chair recognizes the Floor Leader.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under Senate Communication we do have one item. I would like to go ahead and make a motion that we accept Senate Communication 19-48 this is transmitting for House action Senate Bill 19-59, SD1, entitled, "The Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 2015." which was passed by the Senate on August 12, 2015. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion that we accept Senate Communication so that we may act on such legislation. So move.

Sen Comm. 19-48: (8/12/15) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 19-59, SD1, entitled, "The Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 2015.", which was passed by the Senate on August 12, 2015. [*For action*]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader and members. Motion has been offered to accept Senate Communication 19-48 it has been seconded. Any discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced "ready".

There was no discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communication 19-48 so it may become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Senate Bill 19-59, SD1 without further motion will be placed on today's Bill Calendar for action. Any objection to go back to item IV?

Several members voiced "no objection".

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: My fault here I did not ask that we place House Bill 19-92 on the Bill Calendar. And now that we are on item IV, Floor Leader do we need a motion to place it?

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Yes.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: I am sorry the Chair now recognizes the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On that note, I would like to make a motion to place House Bill 19-92 this is "To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes." To place House Bill 19-92 on calendar today for action. So move.

H. B. No. 19-92

To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. Motion is to place House Bill 19-92 on the Bill Calendar and is seconded. Any discussion on the placement?

Several members voiced "ready".

There was no discussion and the motion to place House Bill 19-92 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, we go down to item XVI, Bill Calendar. I turn it over to the Floor Leader.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

None

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So that we may act on these two legislation, I would like to go ahead and make a motion to suspend pertinent rules regarding placement on committee and other requirements on legislation so that we may act on these two legislations today. The motion is to suspend pertinent rules. So move.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. Motion is to suspend pertinent rules so that we can act on the two bills on the Bill Calendar it has been seconded. Any discussion on the suspension? Recognize the minority leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: Perhaps I am going to ask the Floor Leader, because although this is an emergency session that we are clear and what are those pertinent rules that we want to suspend.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Floor Leader, do you wish to respond?

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Yes, thank you Mr. Speaker. Particularly, the two rules to suspend is Rule VII, Section 9 for the passage of bills on first and final reading. Clerk, are there any other rules needed?

The motion was seconded.

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Rule VII, Section 9 on Committee Reports and Other Documents. Rule IX, Section 9 and 10 for the point of passage.

RULE VII. COMMITTEES GENERALLY

Section 9. Committee Reports; Other documents

(a) Standing or Special Committees shall submit a written report to the Speaker within 60 days from the date the matter was referred to the committee, unless a shorter or longer time is ordered by the Speaker pursuant to a decision by the House Leadership. Subcommittees shall submit reports on matters referred to them as prescribed by the Standing Committee Chair. Standing, special and conference committees shall submit their reports in writing and provide an electronic copy to the Clerk who shall number the reports consecutively in the order received, cause such reports to be reviewed for legal sufficiency, reproduced, and furnished each member of the House at least twenty-four hours prior to the session at which it is to be considered. A committee report shall state findings of facts and conclusions based thereon together with a specific recommendation as to the manner in which the bill, resolution, or other matter referred to the committee should be disposed of by the House. A report recommending a bill or resolution for passage shall clearly state the purpose of the bill. A report on a bill or resolution shall show clearly any proposed amendments and the Clerk shall place such a bill or resolution on the appropriate calendar.

(b) A report shall be considered adopted by a committee when the Chairperson and a majority of the members of the committee have signed the report concurring therein. A member or members not concurring in the report of the majority may so indicate by submitting a minority report which shall be attached to the committee report or by signing with "I do not concur".

(c) When a committee recommends that a bill or resolution be formally filed (indefinitely postponed), the recommendation is reported to the House floor as a committee report to be confirmed by majority vote. Adoption of the committee report by the members has the effect of officially filing the bill.

(d) When, by majority vote, the House adopts a committee report recommending favorable action on a bill or resolution, the bill or resolution as

reported by the committee shall be placed on the appropriate calendar for House floor action.

(e) All documents, testimonies, or other evidence submitted to any standing or special committee or subcommittee in connection with any matter referred to the committee or subcommittee shall be the property of the House. The Chair of any committee or subcommittee shall deliver all such documents, testimonies, or other evidence to the House Clerk upon expiration of the term of the House. Such documents, testimonies or other evidence may be attached to committee reports as supporting documents.

[Note: Rule VII, Section 9 (e), amended by H. RES. 19-19, HS1]

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 9. First Reading of Bills and Resolutions

(a) When a bill or resolution is read in the House the first time, the Clerk shall report the bill by title, unless a majority orders it read in full, or by such subdivisions as the motion to read may indicate. The House shall then proceed to debate the measure, and no other amendment shall be in order until all committee amendments shown in the Committee Report are disposed of, except that such committee amendments shall themselves be subject to amendment. At the conclusion of debate the House shall vote on passing the measure on First Reading after affording an opportunity for one motion to recommit with or without instructions. If the Measure passes with amendments, the Clerk shall engross such amendments and cause the measure, or any page thereof, to be reprinted as provided in Sections 4 and 6 of this Rule.

(b) If a bill passes First Reading, the Clerk shall place it on the Bill Calendar for Second Reading the next legislative day.

(c) First Reading of a resolution shall be the only and final reading, and upon its passage, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

Section 10. Second Reading of Bills

(a) When a bill is read in the House a second time, it shall be considered in the same manner as for First Reading, except that further amendments shall be in order without regard to whether or not they are proposed by the committee reporting the bill.

(b) Second Reading of a bill shall be the final reading, and upon its passage, which shall be by Call of the Roll, the Clerk shall dispose of it pursuant to Section 14 of this Rule.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: To clarify because the Clerk does not have a microphone. The first one was correct Rule VII, Section 9 and the second one is Rule IX, Section 9 and 10 and this would have to do with the passage on first reading. Rule VII, Section 9 suspends the rule that requires a committee report. Are we clear? Thank you, Minority Leader and Floor Leader. Any further discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced “ready”.

There were no discussions and the motion to suspend Rule VII, Section 9 and Rule IX, Section 9 and 10 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: For the first bill, recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We do have two bills on calendar. First is Senate Bill 19-59, SD1 this is a bill for an act to amend the Commonwealth Disaster Price Freeze Act of 1996 and for other purposes. Mr. Speaker, I move for its passage on First and Final Reading.

S. B. No. 19-59, SD1

The Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 2015.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. Motion has been offered and seconded for the passage of Senate Bill 19-59, SD1. Discussion at this time. Any discussion on the motion? Just to clarify, you can see there where the amendments are by the strike out or the underline. We can continue with discussion. Recognize Representative Antonio Sablan.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Under discussion with the said bill 19-59, I think under the discussion on trying to hold this emergency session, I think it is pointed out under the current act of 1996 that we are basically limited to the ten-days maximum period for prize freeze – I think it is important to know the intent is basically to ensure that the members of the community are protected from these practices out there. The findings with the pricing and I personally spoken to member of the AG consumer protection personnel that even during these times where we have this act placed there are numerous cases of purgatory prices. So I think it is important that we move on with the amendments to the current act to ensure that continued protection continue during the duration of this disaster declaration. Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. The Chair recognizes the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For more clarification or question to the Legal Counsel, under page 2 starting on line 4 and mostly on line 5 it says, “in case of the Governor’s declaration of a state of significant emergency”. My question is there a difference between an emergency and a significant emergency? So in a case of a simple declaration of emergency would this bill then not be in effect? Just for clarification on that Mr. Cool.

Legal Counsel John Cool: The disaster relief division does have a variation grade of emergency and a significant emergency is a higher level. There are lower levels of emergency that this would not apply to.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: So in that case the Governor would have to differentiate between a state of emergency and state of significant emergency in order for this legislation to be in effect.

Legal Counsel John Cool: That is correct. He does that in the emergency declaration.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Legal Counsel for that clarification. Floor Leader, you still have the floor.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: I yield for now, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you. Are there any other comments or discussion at this time? The Chair recognizes Representative Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Chair. I just want to – absent the Disaster Prize Freeze Act of 1996 – I do not have a copy. Mr. Cool, my concern with this bill is there is no committee report and any regards I want to know the act of 1996 is there provisions there that has some mechanism on how to monitor the lease that might be ongoing such during a disaster such as who is responsible to monitor, manage, to report and so forth; price gauging. Activities that are not necessary or not popular during an emergency situation. If absent the act of 1996, we need to know who is going to be responsible to report and to make the public be aware that this act – this bill that we are going to be acting on today will be implemented effectively for the benefit of the community.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Legal Counsel.

Legal Counsel John Cool: This provision is part of the consumer protection act and the authority for the enforcement of the consumer protection act is pursuant to the Attorney General's office. So the Division of Consumer Protection, they do go out with bulletins regularly advising people to report violations to them and of course they are the ones that will be responsible for doing a criminal prosecutions for the violations. So there is a network in place, how it is working right now I do not know.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Cool. Just to further clarify, even before this bill came in front of us, when this disaster took effect, the office of the Attorney General in conjunction with the Department of Commerce did provide notices about this act and provided them to the various vendors around the island to be posted and they were posted on the entrances. So they have been doing this already. The AG is the responsible agency for monitoring as you pass an enforcement, but the Department of Commerce has kind of assisted with the dissemination and monitoring as well. Representative Guerrero you still have the floor.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Chair and I yield for now.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Recognize Representative Roman Benavente.

Representative Roman C. Benavente: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To my understanding with regards to the existing provision it only allows five days after the declaration and with this new provision it would give the Governor the empowerment to extend so long the needed emergency continues. So that is basically the difference, there is a time line existing on the initial provision,

but on the second provision it gives the flexibility of the authority to do whatever they can whether they can continue or to stop the emergency. So basically that is what I am – so I would just like to ask everyone to kind of look upon this and let us move on and support it. Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Benavente. Again, just to clarify that it would stay in effect, we have changed it from the five days with one additional extension total of ten days for as long as the declaration of emergency or disaster exist or is terminated or until the Governor rescinds the price freeze. So that is the clarification. Thank you, Representative Benavente again. Any further discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Are we ready for the vote.

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Recognize the Minority Leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The bill is to amend the Commonwealth Price Freeze Act of 1996 and at the same time it also has a repealer in its entirety and perhaps we need to also, at least for the record so that we understand what we are repealing not necessarily as called for in the title. Line 10 on page 2 on repealing in this entirety Section (b) of this bill and absent the author, I guess a question that I would like for us to perhaps even ponder for determination, I am not so clear myself when is an emergency disaster terminated or called for in the – not necessarily in the consumer protection act but just the declaration policies that the Governor has access to. It also provides for felonies penalties that we are amending so basically we have about a few amendments to the consumer protection act, one in repealer in its entirety and at this point absent the author further clarification on my end, detailing some of the Governor’s Communication 19-44 and basically the Governor’s Communication is called for as to have an emergency joint session, I think that is clear because now although for I am with the viewing fun of it the Senate has already made their determinations and they have their own assessment on why we should pass this or consider this bill. Again, Mr. Speaker for the record on the intent of the emergency, perhaps if any of the members can provide that or are we repealing from section 4 of line 10.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Minority Leader. I am going to have to ask the Legal Counsel since he is the only one with the access to clarify for the members, section 4, line 10 to repeal 4 CMC 5142 (b). Mr. Cool, can you inform the members.

Legal Counsel John Cool: Yes. Section 5142 (b) only allows the Governor to renew the price freeze once. So you can only continue the price freeze for a five day period and one additional five day period and that is the limit of his power. So this removes that so it would exist for the duration of the declaration of emergency which would be the 30 day period.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Cool. I guess that was the one price extension I was referring to that is the 5142 (b). So it repeals that to allow the price freeze to continue until the emergency disaster is terminated. I think one of the other questions the

minority leader asked Mr. Cool was with regards to the declaration of emergency, how long is the Governor authorized to extend it?

Legal Counsel John Cool: As we know he can extend the emergency virtually and definitely by calling or establishing a new emergency declaration. So it is not only 30 days and then a new one after that if necessary.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: So in answer it is emergency declarations are in effect for 30 days unless extended. Minority Leader is there anything else for the record. Thank you. Now recognize Representative Lorenzo Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Chair. I do support the bill, no doubt about it. For clarity Mr. Cool, prize freeze for all items would that include fuel, diesel, gasoline and so forth?

Legal Counsel John Cool: Yes.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Chair. I yield.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you. Any further discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Are we ready for the vote?

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Madame Clerk, please call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of Senate Bill 19-59, SD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Anthony T. Benavente	yes
Representative Roman C. Benavente	yes
Representative George N. Camacho	yes
Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Antonio P. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Francis S. Taimanao	yes
Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

Representative Ralph N. Yumul

absent (*excused*)

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Madame Clerk. With 18 voting “yes,” Senate Bill 19-59, SD1 hereby passes the House. Turn it back over to our Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Last bill on our calendar for today is House Bill 19-92, “To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes.” Mr. Speaker, I move for its passage on First and Final Reading.

H. B. No. 19-92

To amend 4 CMC Section 1402(c) to add a new subsection (14) to exempt generators and household appliances from the excise tax duration of the declaration of disaster pursuant to 4 CMC Section 5142; and for other purposes.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Do I hear a second?

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Motion has been offered and seconded for the passage of House Bill 19-92. At this time, the Chair will entertain any discussion. I recognize Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. We just acted on Senate Bill 19-59, SD1 and within that legislation on page 2, section 5 that would repeal what we are trying to amend with House Bill 19-92. So maybe we can go in short recess and re-language the legislation and its title as it is presently written we cannot include it in the statute because the statute does not exist by virtue of section 5 of Senate Bill 19-59, SD1, which repealed the listing. 4CMC 5142(c) the listing was repealed so technically House Bill 19-92 is not going to be consistent unless we re-language the title and the amendment portion.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Attao. Let us go into a short recess.

The House recessed at 11:09 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:24 a.m.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: We go back to our session. Prior to the recess Representative Attao had the floor. Now recognize Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. After discussion with the Counsels I yield for now, thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Attao. At this time, are there any further discussions or amendments on the bill? Recognize Representative John Paul Sablan.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. As discussed I would like to offer a floor amendment on the Environmental Beautification Tax.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan offered the following amendment:

Floor Amendment to House Bill 19-92

New Section 3. Amendment. 4 CMC § 1411 is amended by adding the following subsection

“(a) The Environmental Beautification Tax is suspended for the duration of a declaration of disaster to the same extent as the exemptions from excise tax provided in 4 CMC § 1402 (c) (14).”

Offered by: /s/ Rep. John Paul P. Sablan

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by

/s/ John F. Cool
House Counsel

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. Floor amendment has been offered and seconded. Representative Sablan, can you just clarify what the percentage is for the beautification tax that we are suspending?

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is the Environmental Beautification Tax which is .42 of the invoice value of any disposable items imported into the CNMI. The only exemptions from the beautification tax is food and medicine. So this can help, it is .42% of the invoice value, it could help as well as the 5% tax for the consumers.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. Are there any further discussions or clarification on the floor amendment? Recognize Representative Sablan.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. For clarification, so the amendment offered is to also remove aside from the excise tax is the beautification tax for the islands being listed under the proposed new subsection 1411?

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Yes.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Alright. I yield, thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. Recognize Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a request to the author this is only for the same duration right?

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Can I ask the mover to read it again one more time.

For clarification Representative John Paul P. Sablan read his amendment:

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/s/ John F. Cool
House Counsel

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Just to clarify, so basically it is the same duration as what we are proposing to do for the excise tax.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Yes that is correct.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Which means it is in effect so long as the declaration of disaster is in effect or within 30 days of set declaration, whichever period is longer so it would follow along the same time frame. You still have the floor Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield for now.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Are there any further clarifications on the floor amendment. Recognize the minority leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: On the floor amendment and perhaps even extended to the other amendment in excise tax. Normally, we receive from the beautification tax about \$10 Million if not \$2 Million perhaps on the impact on that on the mover. We have a very rough figure on the 30 days impact on the cost that we are waiving.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: The mover is with the Legal Counsel. I do not know how anyone can compute that because it really depends on how many people buy and how much they buy. One thing for clarification is that maybe the bulk of that environmental tax applies to

businesses bringing in products and here the only exemption we are giving is basically residential users not businesses.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Yes that is actually my intent, but we need to ask the Legal Counsel for further clarification if we can kind of slim this down just for personal consumption. Mr. Speaker, short recess?

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Maybe more clarification while you are looking it up.

Legal Counsel John Cool: The limitation right now is non-commercial household appliances etcetera, etcetera are not for resale. So the limitations are the same it applies just to non-commercial household appliances that are listed in there not for resale. There is one additional correction we may need to make and I am looking at that right now.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: We will take a short recess.

The House recessed at 11:31 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:37 a.m.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Back into session. We left off on the Bill Calendar. We left off with Representative John Paul Sablan offering a floor amendment and we were under discussion. The legal counsel has clarified that it does not require further amendment. So we will go back into discussion on the motion as offered by Representative John Paul Sablan. Any further discussion on the floor amendment.

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Let me recognize the minority leader.

Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I need to further clarify so that the mover will need help from other members from the cause impact of this amendment and perhaps even the other amendment. Basically, my main concern is because of the budget will it have a significant impact and if it is not a significant impact then what figure are we talking about?

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Before the mover responds, let me just throw something in with regards to this. In talking to our Legal Counsel during the recess it was clarified that this thing – in order for the 5% excise tax to be suspended and even the environmental beautification tax to take effect there are two triggers that has to happen. The first is the Governor has to declare a state of emergency and second the Governor has to initiate the price freeze. So even there is a disaster it does not necessarily mean that these price freezes and the tax suspension would take effect. If one, the Governor declares a state of emergency by itself that does not trigger it or he declares a price freeze without a declaration it does not trigger it. So the two things have to happen and I guess in those sense it minimizes – it is not automatic so in that sense I would minimize the financial impact on our resources and I would just like to throw that in as it was

clarified. I do not know if anybody wishes to estimate what the financial impact will be to the Commonwealth. Do you wish to respond? Representative Benavente.

Representative Roman C. Benavente: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I am very concern with regards to –

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Just to clarify Representative Benavente this is to respond to the concern that Representative Tebuteb had. The concern is what is the financial impact and so I am asking if anybody has an answer and you raised your hand.

Representative Roman C. Benavente: Well, I do not have the exact answer for that Mr. Speaker. We are all on the same boat with regards to this effect, but the fact remains is that if what you are alluding earlier that it would have a two trigger mechanism, we have to really realize the budget collections and realize the government operations and whatnot and it embraces even our own budget request and budget proposal with this amount of money and we have to be mindful. If we cannot stipulate it to a specific provision to only allow certain commodities to certain specifics then I do not see why we should amend it because like what you had mentioned it is already in place within the scope of the Attorney General's requirement. So why do we have to do this? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Benavente. Now recognize the Chairman of Ways and Means.

Representative Antonio P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Going back to the issue of financial impact. Although, the community would take the time to purchase off-island product and bring them over here, I think in most situations households would rely on commercial available products. Just making arrangement through cargo and the amount charged for items through cargo is price significant. I am not sure if we find ourselves in the same situation as we are today as in others I know that typhoons come and go and within weeks we are out of the declaration, but the intent of the legislation is basically to provide the relief especially when the community need it most. Little as it may seem in the overall picture of how much revenue the government is giving us I think it is going to be significant, but I think to those that we are trying to provide this relief think it would be a lot. Again, personally between most including the community, including those that would be getting assistance from FEMA and others when those funds are made available to procure and replace household appliances, I think most of them would avail to commercial providers like the hardware stores and other appliances. In response, I hope that the minority leader finds this creation although we come to projection we cannot really give concrete numbers, but I hope my explanation responds to his question. Thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Representative Sablan. I recognize Representative John Paul Sablan to respond.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To respond to our minority leader, I do not have an impact analysis, but just base an example of \$1,000.00 invoice value .42% will only – the beautification facts of course should only be \$4.20. So it is not really – just based on \$1,000.00 with my calculation should be right.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: My math says you should be right. Further discussion, Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to add on to assist on the minority leader’s question and Representative Roman Benavente. The declaration period in itself is only that window of opportunity and the budget projection does not include that in its proposal because the actual value of every dollar is consistent through the fiscal year. An emergency situation is not included and when those appliances are purchased during that period is technically new money. If they were purchased outside of that period it would be an increase in our budget. Anything else within that period is stagnant of the budget proposal for the fiscal year and if our concern is on the excise tax and the beautification tax portion, we might be able to receive that through the purchases of fuel and diesel in the future to get these generators going or if it is household appliances through CUC or other sources of charges that are in addition to the purchase of keeping those machines running. We will not see it in the budget proposal or the budget fiscal year because the emergency portions are not calculated in and when we do it is technically new stuff that is going to be in there. Like the Chairman of Ways and Means said that if commercial businesses purchase \$500.00, I am sure that they are acting in concerns of emergency situations they would not react during emergency situations, thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you. I believe the minority leader just wanted to raise this issue so that it can be put in the record and for discussion and for the legislative journal or history, so thank you members. Are there any further discussions from the members? Are we ready to vote?

Several members voiced “ready”.

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Representative John Paul P. Sablan was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: This would now be House Bill 19-92, HD1. For the main motion, any further discussion on the main motion as offered by the Floor Leader on House Bill 19-92 as amended. Are we ready for the vote?

Several members voiced “ready”.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Madame Clerk, please call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 19-92, HD1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Anthony T. Benavente	yes
Representative Roman C. Benavente	yes
Representative George N. Camacho	yes
Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Rafael S. Demapan	yes

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Antonio P. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Francis S. Taimanao	yes
Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	absent (<i>excused</i>)

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Madame Clerk. With all members present voting in the affirmative, House Bill 19-92, HD1 hereby passes the House. Members at this time we will go into item XVII, Miscellaneous Business and we will take a short recess to bring in our federal agencies and other agencies to give us an update and maybe ask the Floor Leader to offer a motion to resolve into the Committee as a Whole. So right now without objection we go to item XVII.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Short recess.

The House recessed at 11:50 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 12:13 p.m.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: I will ask the Floor Leader to offer a motion to dissolve into the Committee of the Whole so that we can receive the guest who were asked by the Governor to give an update to the members. Before I do that though, I just want to take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for making this facility available so that the House can hold its emergency session and to report to the Governor that we have passed the two bills that will provide relief to our people and I also want to thank the Governor and Lieutenant Governor for extending – asking these federal agencies and our own agencies to come and brief the members to give us an update on the status of our recovery efforts. Floor Leader, you have the floor.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On that note, I would like to go ahead and make a motion that we resolve into the Committee as a Whole so that we may receive testimony and updates from our local and federal agencies. So move, Mr. Speaker.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. Motion has been offered and seconded to dissolve into the Committee as a Whole. Discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced “ready”.

There was no discussion and the motion to dissolve into Committee of the Whole was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The House dissolved into Committee of the Whole at 12:20 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The House reconvened in plenary session at 2:45 p.m.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, I am going to ask the Floor Leader to resolve back into our plenary session. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make a motion that we resolve back to our plenary session.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Floor Leader. A motion has been offered and seconded. Any discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced “ready”.

There was no discussion and the motion to reconvene plenary session was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: At this time, let us move to item XVIII, Announcements. Are there any announcements before the Chair ask the Floor Leader for a motion to adjourn? Recognize Representative Ogumoro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I was just wondering if we are going to cover the information relative to the HANMI contribution or is that going to be taken up after the session?

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: After the session.

Representative Felicidad T. Ogumoro: Alright, thank you.

Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Any other announcements? If there are no further announcements, before we turn it over to the Floor Leader for a motion to adjourn, I want to ask the members, I know you are hungry – stay back for two minutes – we have representatives from Precinct 3, 4, 5, Precinct 2 and Precinct 1, so we have all precincts for representatives here. Floor Leader, a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader George N. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to go ahead and make a motion to adjourn subject to your call.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The House adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia A. Sanchez
House Journal Clerk

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. 19-30: To appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees, pursuant to Section 7, Section 107 (c)(2) of Public Law No. 18-43, for Land Compensation, Village and Agriculture Homestead for the island of Pagan, Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, Northern Marianas Cultural Center, and the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ramon A. Tebuteb) on July 16, 2015.

H. L. B. NO. 19-31: To appropriate the associated interest collected for the Third Senatorial District of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$176,517.00 USD) in bond funds for road paving projects in Kagman III, Phase I; and to earmark the associated interest in bond funds for the Third Senatorial District for the years 2015 through 2020 for road paving and drainage systems in Kannat Tabla and Kagman III, Phase II, III, and IV. Introduced by REP. FRANCIS S. TAIMANAO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on July 16, 2015.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session 7/23-24/15:

H. B. NO. 19-90: To amend 1 CMC § 2891 and § 2892 and to add a new § 2893 (The CNMI Office of Grants Management); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Vinson F. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on July 23, 2015; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-91: To amend 9 CMC §8392(a)(2) to include veterinarians in the public sector; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on July 23, 2015; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. RES. NO. 19-26: Encouraging the Administration and the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to negotiate a new lease to Kan Pacific Saipan, Ltd., for those public lands it is currently leasing from the government and is set to expire on April 30, 2018. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on July 23, 2015; Calendared 7/23/15.

House information on deadlines for override: