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The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Third Special Session on Friday, May 5, 2017, at 10:08 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and eighteen members were present; Representative Janet U. Maratita was in at 10:17 a.m. and Representatives Jose I. Itibus was absent and excused.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader to offer a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d).

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d).

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 4. Format of Bills and Resolutions.

(d) Bills and resolutions for introduction may be pre-filed with the House Clerk for formal introduction at the next session, provided that it is pre-filed in sufficient time to appear on the session agenda as required under Rule III. The 72-hour notice and agenda requirements may be dispensed with for Special Emergency Sessions and Sessions called by the Governor in accordance with Rule III.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion on the floor. The Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon

yes

Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	absent
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members present voting in the affirmative to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) is hereby adopted. Now moving down to our next Order of Business, which is Public Comments, anyone who wishes to provide a comment on today’s Order of Business you may do so up at the podium.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual made comments:

Mr. Joseph Horey

The Chair directed the members to item III, Adoption of Journals and recognized the Floor Leader.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following journal:

First Day, First Special Session Journal - April 3 2017

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the First Day, First Special Session Journal – April 3, 2017 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following journal:

First Day, Second Special Session Journal - April 21 2017

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the First Day, Second Special Session Journal – April 21, 2017 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Before we move down to our Order of Business, let me now recognize the presence of our Vice Speaker for the record. So with that we will go down to item IV, let me recognize for the Introduction of Bills let me recognize Chairman Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero officially introduced the following House Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. NO. 20-76

To amend 4 CMC § 8210 Damage; Cost of Repairing and § 8212 (e) Civil Penalties.

REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Angel A. Demapan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Glenn L. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-76 to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications and recognized Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero for the next introduction.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero officially introduced the following House Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. NO. 20-77

To establish a separate statute and penalty for individuals committing the act of vandalism; and for other purposes.

REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-77 to the Committee Judiciary and Governmental Operations and recognized Representative Vinson F. Sablan for the next introduction.

Representative Vinson F. Sablan officially introduced the following House Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. NO. 20-78

To amend 6 CMC §10101(y) to include special agents (investigators) and enforcement agents of any gaming commission to give them the authority to possess firearms; and for other purposes.

REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-78 to the Committee Judiciary and Governmental Operations and recognized Representative Angel A. Demapan for the next introduction.

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. NO. 20-79

To protect coral reefs through recovery of monetary damages resulting from vessel groundings and anchoring-related injuries, destructive fishing practices, and nonpermitted taking of threatened species.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-79 to the Committee Natural Resources and recognized Representative Angel A. Demapan for the next introduction.

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Bill:

H. B. NO. 20-80

To provide a tax incentive for business entities that hire qualified ex-offenders.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-80 to the Committee Ways and Means and recognized Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero for the next introduction.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero officially introduced the following House Bill:

H. B. NO. 20-81

To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.

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

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Mr. Speaker and members, if I may I would like to recommend that this bill be referred to the committee that House Bill 20-73 is referred to because it has similar intentions and purposes and that is basically house bill restricting rezoning of public lands in the Commonwealth. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair referred House Bill 20-81 to the Committee Natural Resources and directed the members to House Local Bills and recognized Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero for the first introduction.

House Local Bills:

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero officially introduced the following House Local Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. L. B. NO. 20-14

To require all property owners that hold blighted properties within the island of Saipan to be held accountable to secure and maintain abandoned, vacant, and blighted properties; and for other purposes.

REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco S. Dela Cruz, and Vinson F. Sablan)

The Chair recognized Representative Angel A. Demapan for the next introduction.

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Local Bill and welcomed the members to coauthor the bill:

H. L. B. NO. 20-15

To repeal Chapter 4 of the Saipan Municipal Code and to establish the Saipan Bingo Act of 2017; and for other purposes.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The Chair recognized Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero for the next introduction.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero officially introduced the following House Local Bill:

H. L. B. NO 20-16

To re-appropriate Ten Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Two cents (\$10,759.92) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-08 and One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-32; and for other purposes.

REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The Chair recognized Representative Edwin P. Aldan for the next introduction.

Representative Edwin P. Aldan officially introduced the following House Local Bill:

H. L. B. NO. 20-17

To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 as amended; and for other purposes.

REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

House Legislative Initiatives: None

The Chair directed the members to item V, Introduction of Resolutions and recognized Representative Glenn L. Maratita.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions: None

House Joint Resolutions: None

House Commemorative Resolutions:

Representative Glenn L. Maratita officially introduced the following House Commemorative Resolution and request that the resolution be introduced as Committee of the Whole:

C. RES. NO. 20-5

To express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Kevin T. Atalig and to pay tribute to his countless contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

There was no objection on the floor; House Commemorative Resolution 20-5 was introduced as Committee of the Whole.

The Chair recognized Representative Donald C. Barcinas for the next introduction.

Representative Donald C. Barcinas officially introduced the following House Commemorative Resolution and request that the resolution be introduced as Committee of the Whole:

C. RES. NO. 20-6

To recognize the outstanding achievements and services of Captain Guillermo T. Faller to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

There was no objection on the floor; House Commemorative Resolution 20-6 was introduced as Committee of the Whole.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Any objection if I place both commemorative resolutions on today's Resolution Calendar?

Several members voiced "no objection".

House Concurrent Resolutions: None

The Chair directed the members to item VI, Messages from the Governor and recognized the Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk announced the following Messages from the Governor:

Gov. Comm. 20-26: (04/26/17) Informing the House that he certified and granted approval to allow Assistant Attorney General Barbara P. Cepeda to receive an annual salary of \$73,000.00 per annum.

Gov. Comm. 20-27: (04/26/17) Informing the House that he certified and granted approval to allow Assistant Attorney General Michael J. Cyganek to receive an annual salary of \$56,000.00

Gov. Comm. 20-28: (04/26/17) Informing the House that he certified and granted approval to allow Assistant Attorney General Martin P. De Los Angeles to receive an annual salary of \$57,000.00 per annum.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. Any comments or discussion on Messages from the Governor. Recognize Representative Angel Demapan.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want the record to reflect that this is an ongoing pattern that we have been seeing after several legislatures. I think the issue here is the salary cap – over the salary cap law states that the Governor certifies the OTC to the legislature and that basically ends the process. So it is pretty much for informational use here and nothing that – no action that we can take on whether we affirm or disaffirm. So I would like for this body to consider reviewing 1 CMC subsection (e) to 40 (b) as amended by Public Law 8-6 Section 4 and probably to review just how much enforceability there is regarding this law and what its intended purpose and is it accomplishing its purpose. While we agree that professional positions like this may warrant over the salary cap. What this particular section of the code does not do is provide a guideline, a structure of what that salary level should be and it is coming at the discretion of the Attorney General and often times what is concerning is these are all Assistant Attorney General who hold the same position often times come at the same time, but the salary levels are just determined without any specific guidelines and so I think that is something important to do. We have done it with the civil service pay scale. We have taken that step to upgrade it and make sure that it is commensurate to the duties and responsibilities and I also think that is something that needs to be applied to a professional positions such as attorneys. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, thank you for that information and well noted. Let me now recognize Chairman Joseph Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, during our meeting yesterday, the Legal Counsel pointed out the salary adjustment act that was passed recently may have repealed these requirements this provision. I wanted to ask if we can have the Legal Counsel clarify that on record. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chair. Counsel, can you clarify?

Legal Counsel John Cool: In the process right now of pulling up Public Law 19-83, which was the one that adjusted the compensation schedules for civil service and as part of that act it repealed –

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Can you on the microphone?

Legal Counsel John Cool: As part of that act it repealed the section on the certification and imposed another requirement which is simply a reporting requirement that would be done each year by any agency or department or government that is hiring employees that are being paid over the salary cap. I am in the process of pulling up the provision right now and I will be able give it to you in a minute or so.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you and if you could perhaps prepare a draft for the Speaker's signature to the Governor to remind him that he signed that into law and this provision is no longer relevant or this communication is no longer relevant.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman. Counsel so as soon as your done let me know so that we can have that communication from this body to the executive. Any other member wanted to – appears to be none. Moving along, Senate Communication item VII, which is none. Item VIII, House Communication, Clerk.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM. 20-32: (4/20/17) From Representative Attao informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on Monday, April 24, 2017 and will be returning on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-33: (4/20/17) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on April 21, 2017 to April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-34: (4/18/17) From Representative Aldan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from Friday, April 21, 2017 to Thursday, April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-35: (4/18/17) From Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from Friday, April 21, 2017 to Thursday, April 27, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-36: (5/2/17) From Representative Jose I. Itibus informing the Speaker that he is extending his trip until Saturday, May 6, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and sessions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 20-37: (4/26/17) From Chairman of Public Utilities & Communications informing the Speaker that the committee conducted a meeting on April 11, 2017 to investigate and analyze if the actions taken by the CUC Board of Directors have any legal and/or ethical repercussions.

There was no discussion; the Chair directed the members to item XII, Reports of Standing Committees and recognized the Floor Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-21: Reporting on H. Con. Res. No. 20-1, entitled: “A House Concurrent Resolution to approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House adopt the resolution in the form of H. Con. Res. No. 20-1, HSI.*

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Floor Leader. Your motion has been seconded, discussion on that motion? Recognize the Chairman.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Coming from the Committee on Ways and Means, I want to thank the members and yourself for allowing the committee to review this concurrent resolution because there were some questions that we needed to pose to the Secretary of Finance and the Special Assistant for Management and Budget and those were concerns that we felt if not addressed may lead to skewing the numbers that were projected in the Governor’s proposal and thereby compromising the integrity of this concurrent resolution. However, Mr. Speaker following the Committee on Ways and Means meeting; I am pleased to

report that we have addressed the issue of contention that was the \$1 Million Dollar transfer-in reflected from MPLT. We addressed that situation because we were concern that under current law, MPLT is not obligated to transfer that \$1 Million Dollars to the general fund until the existing loan that the government has with MPLT is fully paid off. The Secretary of Finance was able to clarify that the insertion of the \$1 Million Dollar transfer-in is followed by a \$1 Million Dollar transfer-out to basically be a washout provision to reflect that in their books \$1 Million Dollars would have come in and it would have gone back out as part of the government's payment to the existing loan. So it is basically an issue of leisure entry and we also just wanted to make sure that that reflection is in compliance with the generally accepted principles of accounting. We believe that they have met that requirement and we believe that the concurrent resolution is ready to move forward. To the question of why concurrent resolution is recommended for adoption in the form of HS1 because there were some non-substantive amendments. Basically just removing one typographic error reflecting fiscal year 2017 to 2018 and that is found on line 20, page 3. Others were just a matter of fixing some errors in the language. So it was non-substantive and because of that and the report on the \$1 Million Dollar issue, your committee concurs and desires to approve the resources which are available for appropriation in fiscal year 2018. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Chairman. Any member wanted to? None? Ready?

Several members voiced "ready".

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-21 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-14: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-48, entitled: "A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 5565 to prohibit any person under the age of 18 years of age to serve any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends the House pass **H. B. No. 20-48** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-14 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Recognize Chairman.

Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would just like to acknowledge the presence of our former Speaker Mr. Pete Guerrero who is with us this morning in the gallery. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman. Former Speaker, welcome to your House. Recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-15: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-3, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass **H. B. No. 20-3** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-15 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-16: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-34, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the house pass **H. B. No. 20-34** in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-16 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-17: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-44, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. No. 20-44, HD1**.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-17 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-18: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-37, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-37 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-18 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-19: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-45, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kanat Tabla on the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Transportation recommends the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-45, HD1.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-19 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-20: Reporting on H. J. R. No. 20-3, entitled: “A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Transportation recommends the House adopt H. J. R. No. 20-3 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-20 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair directed the members to item XV, Resolution Calendar and recognized the Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Concurrent Resolution 20-1, HS1:

H. Con. Res. No. 20-1, HS1

A House Concurrent Resolution to approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018. **[S. C. R. NO. 20-21]**

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion on the floor; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt House Concurrent Resolution 20-1, House Substitute 1 with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Concurrent Resolution 20-1, HS1 hereby passes the House. Thank you, members. Again, the passage on the House Concurrent Resolution is a collective sentiment to move the budgeting forward that our public services functions continues to operate. With that thank you for the passage. Recognize the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Joint Resolution 20-3:

H. J. R. No. 20-3

A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes. **S. C. R. NO. 20-20:** Reporting on

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion on the floor; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion on to adopt House Joint Resolution 20-3 with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again with all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Joint Resolution 20-3 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Resolution 20-7:

H. RES. NO. 20-7

A House Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of Bridge Capital, LLC. and its principals John K. Baldwin and Shawn Scott for their numerous contributions and donations to various charities and causes in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 2006 to present.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Resolution 20-7 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader for the next motion.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Commemorative Resolution 20-5:

C. RES. NO. 20-5

To express our sincere condolences and sympathies to the bereaved family of the late Kevin T. Atalig and to pay tribute to his countless contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Commemorative Resolution 20-5 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Note on Commemorative Resolution 20-6 that commemorative resolution will be acted on our next House session. I guess that took care of the Resolution Calendar. Going down to our Order of Business. Item XVI is the Bill Calendar. Let me recognize the Floor Leader.

C. RES. NO. 20-6

To recognize the outstanding achievements and services of Captain Guillermo T. Faller to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands.

REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

BILL CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-37 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-37

A Bill for an Act to prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. **[S. C. R. NO. 20-18]**

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-37 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon

yes

Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-37 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-45 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-45, HD1.

A Bill for an Act to establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kanat Tabla on the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-19]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Ready? Can I ask the mover – just wanted to find out, I do understand that in part of this the road in question – do they have plans to pave the road?

Representative Francisco C. Aguon: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Basically, we are trying to include this part of road actually for a purpose of diversion – I mean an alternate road and we are trying to include it under the federal highway, which is the TTIP.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman. Recognize Representative Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. Just to further provide additional information. Basically, what we are trying to do is to recognize these two specific roads that has hampered these two communities. Basically in the next round of the dip it which is every four-years the DPW has to submit to the federal highway transportation. Once it is identified as a federal territorial highway it would compete with other federal roads in the Commonwealth for paving and any other improvements signage of the roads and for any

other purposes. So it is rightfully right that we identify these specific roads as federal highways so that they can avail to federal funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Deleon Guerrero. Again, thank you for that clarification. Recognize Representative Angel.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you again, Mr. Speaker. This is a very needed legislation and a needed action to assist with the road repair in these areas. I do want to request the mover whether they have had any discussions further with the concerns raised by the Department of Public Works about their challenge in getting route 324 and 325 into the TTIP because of the absence of right of way certification. I understand they have been having challenge due to private property issues and encroachment issues. So while we would like to see this bill move forward, we also would like to see that when it eventually becomes law that it is something that can be accomplished. So I would like to maybe ask the mover the representatives with these precinct to keep in contact with the Department of Public Works to ensure that they address this issue so that there is no issue with encroachment and thereby opening the door to get this accomplished in proposing 325 and 324 into the TTIP. Thank you very much, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman and thank you for that information and well noted. Further discussion? Ready? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-45, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-45, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-3 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-3

A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-15]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-3 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-3 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-34 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-34

A Bill for an Act to repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions. [S. C. R. NO. 20-16]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-34 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Again with all 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-34 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-44 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-44, HD1

A Bill for an Act to amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. NO. 20-17]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Again your motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize Chairman Angel.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I have a floor amendment to offer. I would like to request the assistance of the Sergeant-at-Arms to provide this copy to the Clerk and Legal Counsel.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Members let us have a short recess. A very quick one.

The House recessed at 11:04 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Back from our recess. Prior to our recess, Chairman Angel has the floor. You may proceed Chairman.

Representative Angel A. Demapan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am going to offer a floor amendment because of some concerns raised particularly in the description of what resident is in this bill. “A resident is a person who has been in the CNMI for at least 12 months prior to applying for a marriage license. Such person must have established residency in the CNMI by keeping a current mailing address for at least 12 months before applying for a marriage license or having maintained and continue to maintain accounts at the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation or having paid income taxes for more than six-months for the year prior to submitting an application for a marriage license or having maintained and continue to maintain a local account or accounts with a banking institution doing business in the CNMI.” Mr. Speaker, while these definitions are alright in principle to define what a resident is some concerns have been raised with the alienation of people of Northern Marianas Descent who do not meet these criteria because they may be in service in the armed forces, they are active duty and they have not been able to maintain all these accounts and stuff here, but at the end of the day they are NMD’s who will at some point in their lives return to our Commonwealth. The last thing we want to see is that people who fall in that category who are rightfully people of our land come back to their island and have to pay nonresident marriage license fees. So in resolution in attempt to resolve this issue I am offering a floor amendment.

Representative Angel A. Demapan offered the following floor amendment:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

TO: House Bill No. 20-44, HD1

OFFERED BY: Representative Angel A. Demapan

AMENDMENT:

1. On page 2, lines 18 and 20, are amended as follows:

After the word “Residents”, insert the words “or Northern Marianas Descents”

Consistent with the intent of the forgoing amendments, I hereby also move to allow the Legal Counsel together with the Clerk to make further non-substantive technical amendments that are strictly necessary to effectuate the intent of this floor amendment prior to transmittal.

Date: May 5, 2017

/s/ Rep. Angel A. Demapan

Reviewed by: /s/ House Legal Counsel John Cool

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Representative Angel A. Demapan was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: To be in consistent with our OGA, let me recognize the Floor Leader for a motion to suspend Rule IX.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Just to clarify Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Recognize Chairman Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: The bill is already HD1 so it would be HD1, draft 1? HD2, thank you for the clarification.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Floor Leader recognized.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.

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.

The motion was seconded.

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

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-44, House Draft 2 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion on the floor; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-44, House Draft 2 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 19 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. 19 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-44, HD2 passes the House. Floor Leader for the last bill.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass House Bill 20-48 on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-48

A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 5565 to prohibit any person under the age of 18 years of age to serve any alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment; and for other purposes. **[S. C. R. NO. 20-14]**

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion on the floor; the Chair recognized the Clerk for a roll call vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 20-48 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	no
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	no

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members voted “yes” and 2 members vote “no.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. 17 members voting “yes” and 2 members voting “no,” House Bill 20-48 hereby passes the House. Thank you members, I guess that took care of the Bill Calendar. We will go ahead and move down to item XVII, Miscellaneous Business. Anyone?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Can I just ask the member or the mover of any bills, I urge you to work with the respective Chairs on your measure on your bills so that we can expeditiously act on those bills within the committee. Recognize the Vice Speaker.

Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita: We are still on miscellaneous Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Hunggan*.

Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita: Mr. Speaker, *ya-hu ha ta’lo na para bai yama atensi6n i dos Legal Counsel esta pa’go hu na’nangga i finaisen-hu pot i legal analysis of iyo-ku House Bill 20-31 esta pa’go ti ma na’na’i yo’ tatte pot i ginagao-hu ya malago yo’ na bai na tungo hao ni enao na hu nisisita. Guaha pa’go – pa’go ma na’na’i yo’ lao este na memorandum para i Chairman Ways and Means Angel A. Demapan. Ta’lo hu ga’gagao i dos na Legal Counsel para po ma na’i yo’ ni iyo-ña* written legal analysis of all casino bill as amended in relation to House Bill 20-31. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Vice Speaker. Let me remind the Counsels after this session I will sit with them and remind them of that request. Further discussion? None. Going down to item XVIII, Announcement. Recognize Representative Vinson Sablan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Vinson F. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just to remind everybody about tonight’s 2017 Marianas March against cancer. As a team captain and working with the main committee, I would like to thank everybody who has contributed in any way to the success of

tonight's gathering down at the Hopwood Junior High School field. So tonight the 2017 Marianas March against cancer starts – kicks off at 6:00 p.m. and it will go all the way to 6:00 a.m. tonight. So please come down and support all the teams. Support all the tents and support the fight for cancer and to remember all those that have passed before us. Thank you.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Sablan. Thank you for that information and announcement. Recognize Chairman Lee Pan Guerrero.

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In light of May as tourism month, I encourage my colleague to attend tomorrow's grand opening of the Taste of the Marianas. You know that you guys enjoy eating multiple cuisines so the venue will be at the Fishing Base behind the Garapan Market it will start at six. According to the executive director, he conveys the message that the House attend the grand opening. With that Mr. Speaker, please come and enjoy; eat and drink and be merry. Six o'clock is the opening. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Chairman on Tourism. Well noted. Any other members? If none, let me recognize the Floor Leader for the adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: On that note Mr. Speaker, I make a motion that we adjourn subject to your call.

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

The House adjourned at 11:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia S. Rosario
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:

H. L. B. NO. 20-13: To amend the height and landscaping requirements in Article 5 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 for the Beach Road Garapan East, Garapan Core, Industrial, Mixed Commercial, Public Resource, Rural and Village Commercial Zoning Districts. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 20-12: To amend Section 1210(b) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 as amended by Saipan Local Law 18-5 by extending the effective date of for the relocation of all nonconforming adult gambling machine businesses. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.) on April 3, 2017.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session April 21, 2017:

H. B. NO. 20-69: To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on April 21, 2017; and subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-70: To clarify sections 20139 and 20140 relating to the CNMI Veterans Cemetery. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

H. B. NO. 20-71: 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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-72: To strengthen the compliance and enforcement provisions of 3 CMC § 4525 with regards to local labor standards. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was jointly referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and Committee on Social and Human Services.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-73: To amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-74: To amend Title 4 Section 5523 of the Commonwealth’s Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 21, 2017; and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

[Added 4/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-75: To establish the Drug Court Revolving Fund and to authorize the Commonwealth Superior Court’s Drug Court to impose fees on Drug Court participants; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; and was jointly referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on Social and Human Services.

[Added 4/21/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-13: To amend the height and landscaping requirements in Article 5 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 for the Beach Road Garapan East, Garapan Core, Industrial, Mixed Commercial, Public Resource, Rural and Village Commercial Zoning Districts. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017.

[Added 4/21/17] H. RES. NO. 20-7: In recognition and profound appreciation of Bridge Capital, LLC. and its principals John K. Baldwin and Shawn Scott for their numerous contributions and donations to various charities and causes in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from 2006 to present. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, 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, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 21, 2017.

C. RES. NO. 20-4: To convey our sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Richard B. Seman on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON 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, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) – Placed on the Resolution Calendar on April 21, 2017.

[Added 4/21/17] H. C. R. NO. 20-1: To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2018, beginning October 1, 2017, and ending on September 30, 2018. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 21, 2017; was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

House information on deadlines for override: None