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The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Fourth Special Session on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 2:09 p.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez, Speaker of the House, presided.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Please all rise for a moment of silence. May I ask that we also keep in our prayers, our good colleague Representative Edmund Propst and his family as they mourn the passing of Mrs. Propst.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and eighteen members were present; Representatives Sheila Therese J. Babauta and Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero were absent and excused.

The Chair directed the members to item II, Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual made comments:

Ms. Kayla S. Igitol, Director – Commonwealth Election Commission

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

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Clerk announced that there are two journals ready for adoption.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. Before I recognize the Floor Leader, I would just like to make a note that some members have caught some technical errors. So, if you would like to have those errors corrected, please check the Clerk at a later time. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Journals:

*1st Day, Second Special Session Journal – May 25, 2022
1st Day, Third Special Session Journal – June 13, 2022*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the First Day, Second Special Session Journal – May 25, 2022 and the First Day, Third Special Session Journal – June 13, 2022 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair directed the members to item IV, Introduction of Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

The following bills were introduced by the author of each bill and referred to its appropriate committee by the Chair.

H. B. NO. 22-105

To offset FAC increases with revenue derived from the Liquid Fuel Tax.

REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 & **REP. RALPH N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, and Edmund S. Villagomez)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)

H. B. NO. 22-106

Relating to transient accommodations tax and regulation of short term rentals in the Commonwealth.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE AND TOURISM)

H. B. NO. 22-107

To amend 1 CMC § 7831 to provide for direct legislative appropriation to the Office of the Public Auditor, and for other purposes.

REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS AND THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)

H. B. NO. 22-108

To amend the Commonwealth’s family law statutes to provide for greater clarity in the administration of divorce proceedings and protection orders; and for other purposes.

REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS)

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Representative Magofna. For those of you that want divorce, please sign up. I'm just kidding. House Bill 22-108 is hereby referred to the Committee on JGO. Thank you. Representative Corina you still have the floor.

The following bills were introduced by the author of each bill and referred to its appropriate committee by the Chair.

H. B. NO. 22-109

To amend the Commonwealth Disaster Price Freeze Act of 1996 to provide for a flexible response to the economic challenge posed by the COVID-19 health emergency; and for other purposes.

REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)

H. B. NO. 22-110

To provide for expungement of the criminal records of certain marijuana- and firearms related offenders.

REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Corina L. Magofna, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS)

H. B. NO. 22-111

To amend the compensation of the Casino Commission members.

REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Corina L. Magofna, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)
(REFERRED TO THE COMMITTEE ON GAMING)

House Local Bills: None

House Legislative Initiatives: None

The Chair directed the members to item V, Introduction of Resolutions and recognized Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions:

Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler officially introduced the following resolution and request that the resolution be introduced as a Committee of the Whole:

H. RES. NO. 22-22

To honorably commend and pay just tribute to the life and legacy of the late Honorable Herbert D. Soll for his relentless dedication and countless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Donald M. Manglona, and Ralph N. Yumul)

There was no objection on the floor for House Resolution 22-22 to be introduced by the Committee as a Whole.

The Chair placed House Resolution 22-22 on the Resolution Calendar and directed the members to House Joint Resolution and recognized Representative Joel C. Camacho.

House Joint Resolutions:

Representative Joel C. Camacho officially introduced the following resolution and request that the resolution be introduced as a Committee of the Whole:

H. J. R. NO. 22-16

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-22-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-22-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-22-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

There was no objection on the floor for House Joint Resolution 22-16 to be introduced by the Committee as a Whole.

The Chair placed House Joint Resolution 22-16 on the Resolution Calendar.

The Chair officially introduced the following resolution and request that the resolution be introduced as a Committee of the Whole:

H. J. R. NO. 22-17

To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 7th through August 13th, 2022, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.

REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*)

There was no objection on the floor for House Joint Resolution 22-17 to be introduced by the Committee as a Whole.

The Chair placed House Joint Resolution 22-17 on the Resolution Calendar.

House Commemorative Resolutions: None

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. 22-131: (6/22/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-22, S2 (To amend Table 1, under Section 404 of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, to allow for “Auto Rental office with storage, staging and service on site” for conditional use in “Village Commercial” zoning districts; and for other purposes.) Became **Saipan Local Law 22-11**

GOV. COMM. 22-132: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he vetoed, H. L. B. No. 22-31 (To appropriate un-obligated funds under Saipan Local Law 22-10 (\$430,000.00) from fees collected pursuant to Public Law 20-10; and for other purposes.) **[Deadline: 8/23/2022]**

GOV. COMM. 22-133: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-32 (To re-appropriate \$1,016 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3400X; \$12 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-2, specifically under Business Unit 3500A; \$16,000 allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-24, specifically under Business Unit 71771; \$13,173 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-04, specifically under Business Unit 3754; \$42,059 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7190B; and \$79,171 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186X; and for other purposes.) Became **Saipan Local Law 22-12**

GOV. COMM. 22-134: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 (To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues.) Became **Public Law 22-18**

GOV. COMM. 22-135: (6/24/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 22-22, HD1, SD1 (To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.) Became **Public Law 22-19**

GOV. COMM. 22-136: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-01 – RENEWAL–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI**

COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-137: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-02 – RENEWING AUTHORITY**—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.

GOV. COMM. 22-138: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-03 – RENEWAL**—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and **RENEWAL**—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-139: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-04 – RENEWAL**—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and **RENEWAL**—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-140: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-05 – Establishment of the Governor’s Environmental Council within the Executive Branch.**

GOV. COMM. 22-141: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-06 – RENEWAL**—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and **RENEWAL**—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-142: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-07 – RENEWAL**—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and **RENEWAL**—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-143: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-08 – RENEWAL**—Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment

measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and RENEWAL—Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-144: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-09** – *Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency on the island of Tinian in response to the threat posed by toxic chemicals to the people of Tinian caused by the burning of the Super Typhoon Yutu waste and debris site.*

GOV. COMM. 22-145: (received 6/28/2022) **Executive Order 2022-09—AMENDMENT**—*Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency on the island of Tinian in response to the threat posed by toxic chemicals to the people of Tinian caused by the burning of the Super Typhoon Yutu waste and debris site.*

GOV. COMM. 22-146: (7/1/2022 received by electronic mail 7/6/2022) Submitting revision to Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (\$104,352,567 available for appropriation). *Note on Revisions: Vol. I (proposed net budgetary resources); Vol. II (changes to personnel listings as of May 31, 2022); Vol. IV (reflects the remaining 20% allocation of personnel salaries among other items); and lastly, Vol. III remain unchanged. [For info]*

GOV. COMM. 22-147: (6/30/2022) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 22-59, (*Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center.*) Became **Public Law 22-20**

GOV. COMM. 22-148: (7/13/2022) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Frances Morella T. Demapan, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-149: (7/14/2022) Informing the House that he vetoed, H. L. B. No. 22-18, D2 (*To amend Title 10, Division 3 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting a new Chapter 15 to establish permitting requirements for landings in the Northern Islands; and for other purposes.*) [**Deadline: 9/12/2022**]

Under discussion; the Chair recognized Representative Donald M. Manglona.

Representative Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Good afternoon, colleagues. This is in regards to Governor's Communication 22-146. As you may know that the initial budget submission in April of this year addressed personal funding for fiscal year 2023 and had failed to allocate funds for the operations of the government. Upon meeting with the Secretary of Finance, he did mention that the operations will be addressed in the revised budget submission. If you look at the revised budget submission that was submitted on the fifth of this month, no operational budget was proposed for any of these agencies. However, the administration took the time to allocate funding for salary increases of cabinet members, which we all know is not allowed. Nor in the budget submission, did the Administration consider the 25% to the settlement fund for the retirees nor the \$7 Million needed for Medicaid match since ARPA can't be used. Even NMTI was unfunded in the initial submission, as well as the revised submission. My dear colleagues, it is a position of the committee to ensure that we allocate funding for these activities. Not too long ago, the Governor promised the retirees bonuses in which he did not

identify the funding source for, but where is his promise now to protect the 25% for next fiscal year? Additionally, if we don't find the Medicaid match, the funds for the Medicaid match, hundreds of people will be affected and coverage may end earlier, despite getting an extension. The committee will be meeting next week on Tuesday to address these issues and I invite you all to participate. Non-members are also invited in order to address these issues as we make the tough decisions to cut from areas in order to address these activities. Thank you, Ms. Speaker.

The Chair recognized Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler.

Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler: Thank you, Speaker. And thank you colleagues for allowing me to share my thoughts on Governor's Communication 22-132, where he vetoed the House Local Bill 22-31 to appropriate unobligated funds under the Saipan local law in particular of interest to myself was the part where he vetoed the \$80,000 for the ongoing Kagman Watershed Project. The reasoning he gave was, "Correlating departments and agencies in this project will be prioritized to provide adequate federal funding assistance within the coming months." basically saying that there hasn't been a following assurances from the federal partners in completing this project, which I know are not true because we met with the funding and the federal partners who have been part of this very long project since 2001 or 2003. The money that this would've been appropriated to assist would be used to help maintain the project site because since pandemic, it has been overgrown and the many beautiful birds and animals that we love are also taking over in the spaces, which will make it harder to complete the project in the future. So, this \$80,000 is very critical to maintaining the site so that it can be finally finished. This watershed project, although is named Kagman Watershed is actually a project that will help many people in the entire Saipan community, fishermen and farmers alike. This project is something that was created as a pilot that would be the model for the Pacific in managing watersheds and collaborating with farming resources as well. And so, I really disagree with this veto and hope that we, as a body can do something about it. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan.

Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and colleagues. Briefly, I wanted to comment on the same items that Representative Manglona and Representative Staffler mentioned in their comments. I would absolutely support and another override of the Governor's now second veto of appropriations that we've approved twice now in the Saipan and Northern Islands Delegation for the Kagman Watershed Project and also for the Mayor's Office for the operations of that office and again, I support overriding that veto and giving it another shot. I also share Chairman Manglona's disappointment in the reckless and completely irresponsible budget that the Governor has submitted for this upcoming fiscal year. We should all be troubled by that colleagues that there is money for increases for certain members of the cabinet. Certain selected employees and you know, just for personnel, but really nothing for operations that is just no way to run a government. No money for the retirees, 25% pension, no money for the Medicaid match, I mean, the list really goes on and on all the problems, all the things that are wrong and unacceptable about this budget and I stand with the Chairman and with the other members of the committee in making sure that we do everything that we can within our power to pass a budget that is responsible and that reflects the priorities of this body. Next, I wanted to comment on the Governor's Communications 22-136 to 139 and 141 to 143. Colleagues, these are no less than seven executive orders purporting to renew the state of significant emergency and public health emergency and to authorize the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer

funds from the accounts of any department, agency office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality, or other entity of all branches of the government to meet the threat of COVID-19. These executive orders are dated January 10, January 18, February 10, March 13, April 8th, May 8th and June 7th, 2022. They're stamped received by the Office of the Speaker on June 28th, 2022 and it's worth noting Mr. Speaker and colleagues that as far as we can tell, none of these executive orders was published in the Commonwealth Register and the last publication of such an order related to COVID-19 appears in October, 2021.

I find it interesting and highly suspect that we are just now receiving this flurry of executive orders after this body, primarily through the Ways and Means Committee has been making inquiries with the Governor's Office and with Finance on contracts and procurement practices related to the Commonwealth's COVID-19 response. At our most recent meeting just last week with the Governor's authorized representative to FEMA, I specifically asked whether the CNMI was still in a state of emergency because we haven't received any notices of declarations and even the GAR didn't know and said that he had also just inquired himself. So, here are my questions, colleagues. Starting with what happened? Did the Governor just forget to notify the legislature that he was continuing the state of emergency? Did he just decide it wasn't that important? Did he backdate these emergency declarations? And if he did, are these executive orders even legally valid? And moreover, how significant can these emergency declarations be? How significant can the emergency be if he's forgetting or otherwise failing to let the people know about it or hiding it? What funds, colleagues, have been reprogrammed without any real oversight or accountability during this period of purported emergency and what contracts have been awarded and paid under fast tracked emergency protocols? Are these executive orders really meant to provide cover for that? It may well be that the state of emergency is necessary. The GAR kind of suggested as much to ensure that the Commonwealth remains eligible for federal reimbursements and that I can appreciate, but what worries me and what should be worrisome to all of us is that we have been operating under state of emergency procurement status for more than two straight years now. That's two straight years of emergency and soul source contracts with very little oversight. Two straight years of practically unchecked reprogramming power. Colleagues, the rest of the Commonwealth is moving towards normalcy, but the government is lagging far behind and there is really nothing normal about how we're spending public money and who's really benefiting from it. Thank you. I yield Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao.

Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just in line with the Rep. Staffler's concerns with the line-item veto under Governor's Communication 22-132. The exact same language was utilized in the previous veto message from the Administration. The money that are supposed to go to the Mayor's Office was vetoed because of the language that, or the notion that the money should be going to the SHEFA Program – the Administration are very much aware that these monies that were collected back in 2020 were monies that were already taken out for SHEFA. Matter of fact, the Administration was the entity that removed the \$1.5 million dollars that went directly to SHEFA before the delegation ever appropriate those monies back in the 21st Legislature. I think it's important that we notify that these monies have already been given to SHEFA and we're just addressing some of the needs that the Mayor's Office had requested through the delegation chairman. Furthermore, we've continuously appropriated funds to SHEFA with other monies, other flexible monies that we received in the delegation level. So, that message to me is obsolete already because those monies that are being appropriated in these,

in these specific local bill had already addressed the SHEFA monies of \$1.5 Million. Furthermore, with the Kagman Watershed Program those monies were appropriated by the delegation level, because it's a responsibility of the local level to pay that matching. We cannot use other federal grants to pay for the percentage of the local level matching. Therefore, that \$80,000 that was appropriated to the watershed program was the guaranteed percentage that we were obligated at this period of time. As a matter of fact, the delegation needs to find additional funding sources, because we need to pay that to the tune of almost \$17 Million, I think we've paid off already about \$4 Million Dollars. So, that leaves us with approximately \$13 Million Dollars left to pay for that watershed project that the feds are actually taking the lead on. So, I support another override on the Governor's Communication, 22-132 for the same amount that should be going to the Mayor's Office for its operations and the watershed program. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized Representative Celina R. Babauta.

Representative Celina R. Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Echoing the sentiments of those who have spoken today with respect to Governor's Communication 22-132 and the executive orders. As far as we can tell the executive, these dubious executive orders backdated and essentially executive orders are law, but certainly the constitution did not authorize the Governor to apply these laws or executive orders retroactively and that is very concerning to the legislature. I do, if there are no objections, Mr. Speaker, I would like to offer a motion to override at this time, Governor's Communication 22-132 in line with the sentiments expressed this afternoon. Thank you.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to override Governor's Communication 22-132 pertaining to House Local Bill 22-31.

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

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to override Governor's Communication 22-132 pertaining to House Local Bill 22-31 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	abstained
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes

Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 voting “yes,” the override hereby carries. Thank you, members. We now move down to item VII, Senate Communications and I recognize the Clerk.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Senate Communications:

SEN. COMM. 22-102: (6/21/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of S. J. R. NO. 22-12, entitled, “*To acknowledge and commemorate Cielo Gutierrez Long for her unselfish contributions to the community as a scholar and a member of the 17th and 18th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress.* [For info]

SEN. COMM. 22-103: (6/21/2022) Returning H. B. No. 22-102, HS1, HD1 entitled, “*To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee with respect to airport revenues.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on June 17, 2022. [For info-See Gov. Comm. 22-134 now Public Law 22-18]

SEN. COMM. 104: (7/8/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-24, entitled, “*To acknowledge and honor Donald Benavente Mendiola for his long-lasting contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*”, which was adopted by the Senate on June 17, 2022. [For info]

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to accept Senate Communications 22-102 to 22-104 so they may become property of the House.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communications 22-102 to 22-104 so they may become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair directed the members to item VIII, House Communications and recognized the Clerk.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM. 22-87: (6/13/2022) From Representative Sheila J. Babauta, informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from June 13, 2022—July 10, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-88: (6/15/2022) From Representative Staffler informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from June 17, 2022—June 28, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-89: (6/21/2022) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business to attend the U.S. Environment Protection Agency’s Local Government Advisory Committee/Small Communities Advisory Subcommittee meeting in Washington, DC beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Further she will be on personal leave beginning June 26, 2022 and returning on July 1, 2022, and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-90: (6/14/2022) From Floor Leader Ralph N. Yumul, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business beginning June 16, 2022, and returning June 27, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

There was no discussion; the Chair directed the members to item XI, Miscellaneous Communications and recognized the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communications:

MISC. COMM. 22-120: (6/27/2022) From the Director of the Office of Personnel Management (Frances Torres-Salas) re: *notice for 30-day extension to submit OPM’s audit for the Department of Corrections and the Department of Public Safety.* [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-121: From the Consulate-General of Japan, informs the CNMI of the sudden passing of the Honorable Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan. Further a Book of Condolence will be opened at the Consular Office of Japan, Saipan, at the Mariana Heights Building 1, Suite 201, Puerto Rico, on Monday, July 11, 2022 and Tuesday, July 12, 2022 from 10am—5pm. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-122: (7/9/2022) Notification from the 18th CNMI Youth Congress of its newly elected Speaker of the 18th CNMI Youth Congress, Senator Yuri Hana DLG. Sasamoto. [*For info*]

Under discussion; the Chair recognized Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler.

Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler: Thank you, Speaker. I would just like to send my condolences to the people of Japan for the sudden and passing of the Honorable Shinzo Abe, former Prime Minister of Japan. And I also, would like to send my congratulations to the newly elected Speaker of the 18th CNMI Youth Congress, Senator Yuri Hana Sasamoto, Congratulations, Yuri. Thank you.

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Clerk announced that there is one Standing Committee Report ready for House action.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

S. C. R. NO. 22-51: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-82 entitled: “To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-82 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 22-51 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 resolution:

H. RES. NO. 22-22

To honorably commend and pay just tribute to the life and legacy of the late Honorable Herbert D. Soll for his relentless dedication and countless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Under discussion; the Chair recognized Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler.

Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler: Thank you very much, Speaker. And thank you colleagues for allowing me to request to add a floor amendment to House Resolution 22-22, which you've all received a copy of. I would like to request for an amendment on page 4, line 4, to insert two additional points of the Honorable Herbert Soll's life that were not included in the original draft. I apologize for the oversight. It was not intentional. Please include, "Whereas, from 2000 to 2002, he was appointed to serve as the Attorney General for the Office of the Attorney General in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and Whereas, from 2003 to 2004, the late Honorable Herbert D. Soll was sent to Bosnia as a Project Director during the post-war redevelopment to work with the judiciary in Brčko District on a pilot project to train judges; and". Thank you, Speaker. So moved.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Representative Leila Haveia F.C. Staffler was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: The amendment is hereby adopted and we are now back to the main motion at House Resolution 22-22, HD1. Thank you. Discussions? Recognized Representative Tina Sablan.

Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And I wanted to just thank our colleague Representative Staffler for taking the lead in drafting and presenting this house resolution to honor a gentleman who was a dear friend to many of us, myself included and very beloved in the Commonwealth. Judge Soll had a long and distinguished career here in the Marianas in Micronesia and as we now know in other parts of the world. He was a very well respected member of the bar. He mentored numerous attorneys in our community and I know that I will miss his wisdom and his just tremendous intellect and the conversations that we had. And I guess I just wanted to ask, I know Rep. Staffler, you're in regular communication with the family and if we could all just be apprised of when the service on Saipan to remember and honor him will be held and then we could all attend and present the resolution to the family. Thank you. I am ready to vote.

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt House Resolution 22-22, House Draft 1 was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

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

H. J. R. NO. 22-16

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-22-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-22-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. E-22-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

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 adopt House Joint Resolution 22-16 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	yes
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 18 members voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution 22-16 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

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

H. J. R. NO. 22-17

To recognize and acknowledge the National Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI State Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women and to thank and appreciate our civilian employers for their utmost support to our service members by recognizing the week of August 7th through August 13th, 2022, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.

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 adopt House Joint Resolution 22-17 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	yes
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 18 members voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution 22-17 is hereby adopted. With no further resolutions under Resolution Calendar, we now move down to item XVI, Bill Calendar and I recognize the Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following legislation:

H. B. NO. 22-99

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC, Division 6. Elections specifically §6213, 6222, 6521(a), 6524(a) and 6528(f) of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. [*No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of April 27, 2022 and May 25, 2022*]

The motion was seconded.

Under discussion; the Chair recognized Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao.

Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker And I believe everybody's in receipt of the letter from the Executive Director Ms. Kayla Igitol. And so, I'm going to be offering a floor amendment to address those concerns that were brought up by the Executive

Director. So under page 8, line 2, it should read “the use of electronic devices for recording or taking pictures of the ballot are not allowed within the voting booths.” So, just include adding the term “electronic” right before “devices.” And on page 10, line 12 to insert after F “it is unlawful to carry or use electronic devices in the polling places or voting booth areas. Election officials may provide for the collection and return of electronic devices during the time a voter is casting a ballot.” after the period to insert “this subsection shall not apply to election officials.” and for legislative intent on the on page 10, line 12, by adding that language, “this subsection shall not apply to election officials.” it's for communication within – for election – officials with other election commission officials within the day of the election. So move, Mr. Speaker.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Quick recess.

The House recessed at 2:55 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:56 p.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Back to session. Before we went to recess the floor was open for discussion and I would like to recognize Vice Speaker Attao.

Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Mr. Speaker, I think Rep. Tina Sablan had the floor.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: My mistake, you yield?

Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan: I yield, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Okay, I apologize for that. Vice Speaker.

Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao: Recalling my floor amendment to make the proper floor amendment with the assistance with our colleagues. So, page 8, line 2 to insert the term “electronic” before “devices and on page 10, line 12, it should read “it is unlawful” then to insert “for persons other than election officials to carry or use electronic devices in the polling places or voting booth areas. Election officials may provide for the collection and return of an electronic devices during the time a voter is casting a ballot.” So move. Again, sorry Mr. Speaker for intents and purposes of this amendment it’s for only for communications within election officials during this time. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So move.

The motion was seconded.

Under discussion; the Chair recognized Christina Marie E. Sablan.

Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan: And this is just to further offer a technical clarification. It's actually page 10, line 10. Yeah, but thank you, Vice Speaker. I support the amendments.

There was no further discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Vice Speaker Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

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

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 22-99, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	yes
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 18 voting “yes,” House Bill 22-99, House Draft 1 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following legislation:

H. B. No. 22-82

To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes.

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 22-82 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)

Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	absent (<i>during voting</i>)
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	yes
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 17 voting “yes,” House Bill 22-82 hereby passes the House. Thank you, members. Before we move down to item XVII, I would just like to let the members know as you can see on Bill Calendar, we have House Bill 22-84, we will be leaving that on calendar. We were expecting comments to come in by today, but unfortunately, they have not come in. So, we’ll leave it on calendar pending comments. Thank you, members. Quick recess.

The House recessed at 3:02 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 3:03 p.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: We’ll rise back to session and we’ll go back House Bill 22-82 and we’ll do the roll call one more time to include Representative Propst on the roll call. Clerk.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill 22-82 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	yes
Representative Celina R. Babauta	yes
Representative Sheila Therese J. Babauta	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Joel C. Camacho	yes
Representative Vicente C. Camacho	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph A. Flores	yes
Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Richard T. Lizama	yes
Representative Corina L. Magofna	yes
Representative Donald M. Manglona	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes

Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas	yes
Representative Leila Haveia F. C. Staffler	yes
Representative Denita K. Yangetmai	yes
Representative Ralph N. Yumul	yes
Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 18 members present voting “yes,” House Bill 22-82 hereby passes the House again. Thank you, members.

No action taken for the following legislation:

H. B. NO. 22-84

A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact 2 CMC §4323 and 2 CMC §4324(c) to mandate the Department of Public Lands (DPL) to review all past and pending claims and to grant such title to qualified persons; and for other purposes. *[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of October 29, 2021 and December 20, 2021]*

The Chair directed the members to item XVIII, Announcements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Recognize Representative Tina Sablan.

Representative Christina Marie E. Sablan: I just wanted to let the members know and the public know that the Health and Welfare Committee will be calling a meeting on July 28th that's a Thursday at nine o'clock and we've invited Medicaid to come in and give us a briefing. Part on their comments on pending legislation House Bill 22-100, but also on their local match and other requirements for the upcoming fiscal year and other issues that have come up with respect to presumptive eligibility. And so, I wanted to invite you colleagues and members of the public who may wish to attend or tune in. Thank you.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you. Any further under announcement? I would just like to remind the members tomorrow, students from the Junior Statements will be visiting the House, the Legislature and would like to meet jointly with us House members and members of the Senate. There will be about 20 students or more from the CNMI, Guam, Palau, FSM, American Samoa and the Marshall Islands. So, that'll be from two o'clock to 4:00 PM tomorrow here in the House Chamber. So, please if you have the time, please attend and participate and meet these young fine individuals. Any further under announcements and recognize Representatives Celina Babauta.

Representative Celina R. Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I also want to let everyone know that the JGO Committee will be conducting a committee meeting this Thursday. And for those of

you who still have bills in the committee, I will either be paying you guys a visit to understand the intent of your bill or to expect communication from my office. Thank you.

Speaker Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez: Thank you, Representative Babauta. Any more under announcements? Ready? We now move down to adjournment. Recognize the Floor Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Ralph N. Yumul: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. And with that smooth session today, except for the one that abstained from voting, everything went well. And I now offer a motion to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

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

The House adjourned at 3:07 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: NONE

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on June 13, 2022:

H. B. NO. 22-104: To amend Title 1, Division 8 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new Chapter to enact provisions associated with public corruption, official misconduct, other unlawful influence and related offenses for public officials; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. NO. 22-35: To appropriate \$140,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 13, 2022.

H. L. B. NO. 22-36: To make supplemental appropriations for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1

CMC § 1405(a) [Public 11-17]. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 13, 2022.

H. L. I. NO. 22-2: To amend Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of a Public Auditor; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin K. Propst, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on June 13, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. RES. NO. 22-20: To strongly urge Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to issue a new \$1,000 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation utilities voucher to provide much needed financial relief to all qualified households in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; with no objection on the floor was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 22-21: To remember and honor the Late Elias Parong Sablan for his munificent dedication, contributions, and sacrifices that left an indelible impact in the lives of the people of Saipan by being one of the very first island local leaders to organize the political, social, and economic trajectory of Saipan post-World War II and steered the progress for the people of Saipan to return to self-sufficiency. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Mogofna, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 13, 2022; with no objection on the floor was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: None