

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Sixth Day, First Regular Session on Monday, February 21, 2000, at 10:35 a.m. in the House Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Benigno R. Fitial, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

In accordance with Rule XIII, § 2(a), all eighteen members were present.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Pangelinan is next door and he asked that he be excused in the opening but he'll be returning. They are having a PCB meeting next door at the Senate Chamber, please just note that he will be returning.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the Fifth Day, First Regular Session journal.

The motion was seconded.

Fifth Day, First Regular Session (02/18/00)

There was no discussion raised. The motion to adopt the Fifth Day, First Regular Session journal was carried by voice vote.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-84: A Bill for an Act to provide penalty for allowing minor access to firearms; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho
Referred to: Committee on Health and Welfare

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

None

BILL CALENDAR

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized Rep. Hofschneider.

Rep. Hofschneider: Mr. Speaker, with all do apologies to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation call by request from the Senate, since most of them are leaving on off-island trips, Thursday, the call was for tomorrow. If that is not convenient for the House also then perhaps we should postpone it until they get back. I recall that you said, Thursday, 8:00 a.m. but then I issued a call for 8:00 a.m. According to the Senate, they insisted that we call on Wednesday morning because they are leaving.

Speaker Fitial: That is news to me. Because our scheduled joint legislative leadership meeting is on Thursday afternoon, so, if they plan to leave before Thursday morning, actually, the leadership meeting will not be possible.

Rep. Hofschneider: Let me recheck that today and if that is the case, Mr. Speaker, than perhaps we should postponed the delegation until next week when they get back.

Speaker Fitial: Let us have more definitive schedule of this Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation meeting so that we can all be present. Further miscellaneous? Vice Speaker?

Vice Speaker Mendiola: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recommend on our next Regular Session, I want if all possible, to hold our sessions in Rota, for thirty consecutive days and I want to see that all members of this body participate. I would like to suggest that on our next Second Regular Session be held in Rota for thirty consecutive days. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: That is quite heavy.

Rep. Benavente: May I be recognize, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Miscellaneous is not debatable so anything that would be construed as debate on the previous statement will not be allowed. Representative Benavente recognized.

Rep. Benavente: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I don't mean to debate, I'm just saying that I will be more than happy to attend the session in Rota as requested by my good colleague...

Speaker Fitial: You are debating.

Rep. Benavente: No, I am not debating. I am agreeing with Congressman and I would like to certainly attend...

Speaker Fitial: That is a debate. Agreeing on a matter is a debating also.

Rep. Benavente: That is pursuant to your Rule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair recognized Rep. Peter.

Chairwoman Peter: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Your Standing Committee on Health and Welfare will be having their meeting at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon at my office. Members please note and come at 3 to 3. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Rep. Deleon Guerrero.

Chairman Deleon Guerrero: Yes, Mr. Speaker, it is just a reminder to let everybody here know that the Chair and members will be conducting a Public Hearing for Commerce and Tourism Committee, today, on reform legislation at 1:30 p.m. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: Further committee announcement? Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to recess until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The House recessed 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives