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TWENTY-THIRD DAY

March 13, 2000

The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Twenty-Third Day, First Regular Session, on Monday, March 13, 2000, at 2:35 p.m. in the Imperial Hall, Tinian Dynasty Hotel, in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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

A moment of silent was observed.

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

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is duly constituted for the Twenty-Third Day of our First Regular Session.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

22nd Day, First Regular Session (3/11/00)

Speaker Fitial: The 22nd Day journal has been drafted but has not yet been proofread. If there is no objection, I would like that we suspend the adoption of the 22nd Day journal.

There was no objection raised.

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-137: A Bill for an Act to authorize the annual appropriation of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) from the general fund for ground maintenance of the baseball field, softball field, soccer field, and track and field areas at the Susupe Civic Center Sports Facilities; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan

Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. R. NO. 12-31: A House Resolution to request the Governor and the Secretary of Public Works to reconstruct and resurface the road from Bank of Hawaii, Puerto Rico to Shell Station, Puerto Rico for the purposes of limiting exit and entry on the ocean side part of the road.

Offered by: Rep. Stanley T. Torres and four others
Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

SENATES COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

OTHERS 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. Pangelinan.

Rep. Pangelinan: Last Saturday, Mr. Speaker -- I would like to report to you and fellow colleagues that the Tinian baseball team for the first time in the state of history joined the Saipan Major League. The tournament date was last Saturday in Tinian baseball field. On behalf of the Saipan Major League, and everybody else, I would like to extend an appreciation and recognition to the Mayor, the Senators and Representative Palacios for coordinating this joint committee. Those teams, the team from Tinian will be going to Saipan for the same competition back and forth... (inaudible)

Rep. Palacios: (inaudible)

Speaker Fitial: Representative Hofschneider?

Rep. Hofschneider: I just want to report that I couldn't attend the session in Rota due to family matters in Saipan. **(Inaudible)**

Speaker Fitial: Further Miscellaneous? Representative Jones?

Rep. Jones: I want to report that I represent the House of Representatives last Saturday in the opening of the Saipan Little League... **(inaudible)**

Speaker Fitial: Representative Ada?

Rep. Ada: I would just like to thank Representative Palacios for taking us here for a session and after the session... (inaudible)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair recognized Rep. William Torres.

Rep. W. Torres: *(inaudible)*

Speaker Fitial: Representative Attao?

Rep. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like also for the record to reflect that I did not attend the sessions in Rota on Friday and Saturday due to death in the family. And for this reason, Mr. Speaker, I would like that I be excuse on those two days session.

Speaker Fitial: Let the record show that Representative Attao is excused and of course, Representatives Hofschneider and Pangelinan. I did not hear any request for an excuse from Representative Stanley Torres. Announcements? Representative Lee Torres?

Rep. W. Torres: I am happy to announce that with the efforts of the Twelfth Legislature... *(inaudible)*

Speaker Fitial: Representative Ton Camacho?

Chairman A Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The Committee on Ways and Means will meet right after the session tomorrow to review the language of the appropriation.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Rosiky Camacho?

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: Mr. Speaker, Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee meeting will be at 8:00 a.m. in Representative Ichihara's Conference Room.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Hofschneider?

Rep. Hofschneider: I believe, Mr. Speaker, that this week we should finally get the delegation going. I think the Senators are all back so hopefully by Wednesday we call the delegation.

Speaker Fitial: So, when are you planning to... *(inaudible)* -- Representative Ichihara?

Chairwoman Ichihara: Education Committee meeting at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Palacios?

Chairman Palacios: *(inaudible)*

Speaker Fitial: Further Announcement? Representative Peter?

Chairwoman Peter: Mr. Speaker, Health and Welfare meeting is scheduled for tomorrow -- Ways and Means needs that time to finish the budget... *(inaudible)*

Speaker Fitial: What time tomorrow?

Chairwoman Peter: 1:30, the...(inaudible)

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Earlier you committed that we recess this session until tomorrow afternoon – you have scheduled meeting with the Governor in the morning... (inaudible)

Speaker Fitial: Representative Peter... (inaudible)

Chairwoman Peter: Yes... (inaudible)

Floor Leader Babauta: Unless there is no objection from the members to go into session tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. since you have an important scheduled meeting with the Governor at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker Fitial: I just want to share with you the purpose of tomorrows meeting with the Governor. Just last week the... (inaudible) -- I would like to request that we have session in the afternoon and also to allow the Committees since they have... (inaudible) -- March 31, at 1:30 p.m. Any further deliberation? None – Floor Leader?

Floor Leader: Mr. Speaker, I move to recess until tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 p.m.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The House recessed at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives