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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Twenty-Fifth Day, First Regular Session, on Wednesday, March 15, 2000, at 1:57 p.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: A quorum is duly constituted for the Twenty-Fifth Day of our First Regular Session.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-143: A Bill for an Act to repeal the Developer Infrastructure Tax Act of 1993; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. David M. Apatang and one other
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 12-144: A Bill for an Act to appropriate Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000.00) from the CNMI Covenant Section 702 CIP Projects; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Martin B. Ada
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 12-145: A Bill for an Act to vest the Marianas Visitors Authority to grant franchise for the management, operation, and maintenance of tourists sites under MVA's direct supervision; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. R. NO. 12-34: A House Resolution commemorating the "Covenant Day Essay Contest" event established by the Northern Mariana Islands Council for the Humanities to remember the significance of the Covenant entered between the indigenous people of the Northern Mariana Islands and the government of the United States.

Offered by: Rep. Maria "Malua" T. Peter and two others
Referred to: Committee on Health and Welfare

H. B. NO. 12-35: A House Resolution to request Marianas Cable Vision (MCV) to expedite and complete installation of cable service to all housing development in Kagman III.

Offered by: Rep. David M. Apatang and one other
Referred to: Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications

The Chair recognized Rep. Hofschneider.

Rep. Hofschneider: I don't have a Resolution, Mr. Speaker, but I think it is in proper order if we so decide to concur with the Administration as to the State of the Commonwealth Address that a Resolution be presented or adopted. Is anyone working on it?

Speaker Fitial: Any member wishes to respond? If none then I assume – you are hereby delegated.

Rep. Hofschneider: Do we have a date, Mr. Speaker – 21st?

Speaker Fitial: I heard it is in April – during the first week.

Rep. Benavente: May I provide some information?

Speaker Fitial: Please.

Rep. Benavente: Mr. Speaker, what had happened in the past is that the Office of the Washington Representative and the Administration will get together and propose to the

Legislature a date for the joint session for the State of the Commonwealth Address. I think at this time, those Offices are working on a proposed time to submit to the Legislature. But usually, we would have it either March or, at the latest in, April. So we can expect both the Administration and the Washington Representative to be submitting a propose date for that joint session soon.

Speaker Fitial: Well, it better be sooner than April 6 because this House will virtually be empty come April 6. Further introduction of Resolution? None.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

SENATES COMMUNICATIONS

Sen. Comm. 12-18: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-36, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to require insurance coverage for individuals with diabetes in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes,” which passed the Senate on March 10, 2000. [For action]

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

Speaker Fitial: I see a standing committee report just distributed to the members. Floor Leader, do you wish to effectuate any motion to consider this standing committee report in today's Order of Business.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection, can we go back to Item 6 of the Agenda.

Speaker Fitial: Item 6, Senate Communications?

Floor Leader Babauta: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: What are you going to do with that?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I just want to ask the Speaker to transmit Senate Communication 12-18 to the proper standing committee of the House for immediate action regarding Senate Bill No. 12-36.

Speaker Fitial: Okay.

SENATES COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker Fitial: Senate Communication 12-18 is assigned to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

Rep. Attao: Privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Hofschneider: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: State your point of order.

Rep. Hofschneider: I believe that we have to accept the communication to be properly in order of conducting business. I think we have to accept the communication for the House has it in the proper –

Speaker Fitial: What happens if we do not accept?

Rep. Hofschneider: Then limbo, it is still in the Senate.

Rep. Benavente: Clarification.

Rep. A. Camacho: Short recess, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Benavente, state your clarification.

Rep. Benavente: I am not sure, but it might be in the House Rules that requires that in order for the House to act, it shall be accepted for the purpose of the Bill being a property of the House. Without that, I believe that it is not yet a property of the House. It requires the acceptance of the House. Again, I am not sure, but it might be in the Rules.

Speaker Fitial: Well, if that is the Rule that we have to accept something that we have then I think that Rule is redundant. How did it make it to the Order of Business in the first place?

Rep. Benavente: Further clarification.

Rep. Hofschneider: May I?

Speaker Fitial: Because when we receive communications from the Governor, we do not necessarily act on a motion to act on them.

Rep. Hofschneider: May I?

Speaker Fitial: Proceed.

Rep. Hofschneider: Except, Mr. Speaker, that two houses with their properties belonging to each respective house, for one house to act on the property of the other house, we must have a rule of conduct of accepting properties that belongs to the other house. In Mason's and Roberts Rules of Parliamentary each house must accept the other's property then it belongs to that particular house. The fact that they communicated does not make it a property of the house.

Speaker Fitial: The Rules does not specifically state that we should accept communications from the Senate, but it does require that it be referred to a Committee. So, I am still in order. So, Senate Communication 12-18 is assigned to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

SEN. COMM. 12-18: TRANSMITTAL OF SENATE BILL NO. 12-36, ENTITLED, "A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," WHICH PASSED THE SENATE ON MARCH 10, 2000. [FOR ACTION] [*Referred to: Committee on Health and Welfare -03/15/00*]

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, on Item 12, if there is no objection from the members, may I request that we include Standing Committee Report No. 12-56.

Rep. Attao: No objection.

Speaker Fitial: The Standing Committee Report is now part of the Order of Business under Item 12. Adoption motion, Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 12-56 reference to House Bill No. 12-108.

The motion was seconded.

S. C. R. NO. 12-56: Reporting on House Bill No. 12-108, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to establish policies and procedures for the presentation and adoption of agreements and proceedings resulting from formal consultations under Section 902 of the Covenant, entered into between the Special Representatives of the CNMI Governor and the U. S. President; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Federal and Foreign Relations recommends that H. B. No. 12-108 be passed by the House.*

There was no discussion raised. The motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 12-56 was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: Standing Committee Report No. 12-56 is adopted.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

None

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, some of the members are requesting if we can take two-minute recess?

Speaker Fitial: So ordered.

The House recessed at 2:03 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:10 p.m.

Speaker Fitial: The House shall reconvene.

BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 for the passage of House Bill No. 12-108 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Bill No. 12-108 is now under the Bill Calendar for passage on First and Final Reading. Floor Leader, recognize for the passage motion.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-108.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 12-108: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF AGREEMENTS AND PROCEEDINGS RESULTING FROM FORMAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER SECTION 902 OF THE COVENANT, ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CNMI GOVERNOR AND THE U. S. PRESIDENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Jones?

Rep. Jones: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to make an amendment on the Bill.

Speaker Fitial: Do you have a written amendment?

Rep. Jones: No. Can I make an oral floor amendment?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader, for the suspension motion.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend Rule IX, Section 11 for oral amendment to be offered by Representative Jones.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Representative Jones, you may offer your oral amendment.

Rep. Jones: Under “Section 2. Findings.”, the last word on that sentence which is “the” after “Covenant,” should be deleted and all the way to line 3, “Governor and the President are authorized to Section 902 of the Covenant” should be deleted. So, it will read, “The Legislature finds that, pursuant to Section 902 of the Covenant, the Governor and the President...” should follow and thereafter.

Floor Leader Babauta: Second.

Rep. Attao: Point of information.

Speaker Fitial: It is moved and seconded that we accept the amendment offered by Representative Jones. Discussion? Representative Attao, recognized.

Rep. Attao: The amendment offered by Representative Jones is also included in the last paragraph of the Committee Report. In actuality, we don’t need to amend the Bill, it is already taken care in the Committee Report.

Rep. Jones: Mr. Speaker, may I?

Speaker Fitial: The Committee Report did address the concern of Representative Jones’s amendment, however, if you were to follow the Committee Report it will remove also certain words that are not intended in Representative Jones’ amendment.

Rep. Jones: That is correct.

Speaker Fitial: So, for safety, I think we better follow Representative Jones’ amendment. Further discussion on the amendment?

The motion to adopt the oral floor amendment offered by Representative Jones on House Bill No. 12-108 was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. We are now discussing the passage motion on First and Final Reading, House Bill No. 12-108, House Draft 1.

Rep. Benavente: Discussion.

Speaker Fitial: Further deliberation? Representative Benavente?

Rep. Benavente: Thank you. Before we vote on House Bill No. 12-108, I would like to say a few concerns, Mr. Speaker, and one of them is the possibility that the Legislature in this case might be interfering with the duties and responsibilities as provided by the

Constitution to the Executive Branch. I would certainly agree with the intent of requiring that the Administration or the Governor, or the Representative of the Governor in the 902 Talks report to the Legislature. But, we should not require that any agreement made, especially agreements that does not need legislative approval pursuant to the Constitution, that the Legislature be involve in accepting the agreements being proposed by the Administration. Again, my concern is only that we might be over stepping the constitutional provision, which guarantees the Administration, the Executive Branch of this government certain authority. I guess interfering with the separation of power. But again, I am in support and sure that there is no problem with requiring legislative approval on changes of existing statutes or policy. But that is not all that has in the past being proposed or being agreed to by the 902 Talks. I raise that a concern to the members. Thank you.

Rep. Jones: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: That is very interesting. Representative Jones?

Rep. Jones: I would like to agree with the previous Speaker when it comes to laws within the CNMI, but when it comes to the Covenant, so-called, the treaty between the CNMI and the United State Government, or for that matter, any other government, the CNMI negotiated. Since we are also an elected leaders of the Legislature, and since this matter pertain to the people of the Commonwealth as a whole, it is the important that the legislation must be part of the process to ensure that we agreed and consent to the agreement. Even the United States Congress when there is an agreement between it and other nations the U. S. Congress is part of that process. The reason what prompted me to introduce this Bill is because of the matching fund agreement that was entered between the Governor and Stella Guerra, the Representative for the United States at that time. There was no consent as a whole by the Legislature on that agreement and we are now suffering because the fund, Covenant, that we are entitled because something that we have to accept and now we are suffering because we have to match our own money. The Representatives of the Legislature at that time when the funding was negotiated and agreed was only the Presiding Officers, but it did not go to the proper legislative process where the Legislature as a whole deliberated. There was no public hearing for that matter. Again, as I indicated earlier, since this is the Covenant and it affects and will affect the livelihood of the people as a whole in the Commonwealth. It is important that the Legislature must be part of that process. Therefore, the Eleventh Legislature passed this Bill. The only problem is that the Senate did not act on it. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Tom Pangelinan?

Rep. Pangelinan: My concern here is if it's an agreement already signed by the Governor and other agency, other body, the word "agreement" it must be mutually consented. Then, it empowers the Legislature after the fact to reject it, or accept it. Can you see something missing here? So, can we call that negotiation, something else besides an agreement? Because in my definition, agreement is something that is mutually consented by both parties then it goes down, after thirty days, it will come to the Legislature for use

to accept it or reject it. There is something missing in the whole process. Maybe we can reword it to say that it should be presented to the Legislature for acceptance or rejection before an agreement is ever reached, or a proposed.

Speaker Fitial: Well, this bill would do exactly that. It would allow the Legislature to review any propose agreement before they can be mutually accepted or duly executed.

Rep. Hofschneider: Clarification.

Speaker Fitial: State your point of clarification.

Rep. Hofschneider: This legislation does not purport to do that it is exactly on page 2, line 9 after the word “entirely” it states, “the negotiated agreements,” it is already consummate.

Chairman A. Camacho: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Representative Tony Camacho?

Chairman A. Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. The purpose of this Bill according to my readings, the Legislature is mandated to ratify or not to ratify the negotiation. This is the Bill that would give us the vehicle to set straight what the Governor or the representative and the President’s Representative agreed upon and under the condition that the Legislature has to ratify that’s my reading on this Bill. If we don’t ratify, that means their negotiation is null and void. There is no negotiation.

Speaker Fitial: Well, that is a better reading. Can we hear a legal reading?

Rep. Benavente: Can we have a short recess for that?

Speaker Fitial: Short recess.

The House recessed at 2:25 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:40 p.m.

Speaker Fitial: Back to the plenary session. We are still discussing the main motion, that is, to pass House Bill No. 12-108, House Draft 1, on First and Final Reading. Floor Leader, recognize.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, clarification while we were in recess, is it for deferment?

Speaker Fitial: Yes, for clean up.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, with the request of the members, I move to defer House Bill No. 12-108, House Draft 1, and refer it back to Committee on Federal and Foreign Relations for clean up.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Bill No. 12-108, House Draft 1, is referred to the laundry.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized Rep. Attao.

Rep. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I just want the record to reflect that I received a tally support relative to our projects in Precinct III and for the benefit of the Representatives from Precinct III. I am proud to report and share with you, Mr. Speaker, and members of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature the progress submitted by, Mr. Timothy P. Villagomez, CUC Director, project by project if I may be allowed, Mr. Speaker, so that each and everyone will know what is going on?

Speaker Fitial: Please.

Rep. Hofschneider: Just submit, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Continue, continue --

Rep. Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and thank you, Representative Hofschneider. Project No. 1, Mr. Speaker, China Town sewer project. This project will provide services to the populated area which experiencing rapid growth. This project will allow resident and businesses to abundant the use of septic tank. Funding on this project, Mr. Speaker, CIP, Public Law 11-79, totaling to \$1,720,000 – status A & E Design per this project has been selected – after issuance of notice of proceed any design completion date is eleven weeks – A & E contract is been routed for signature approval. This is the Middle Road sewer project this project will extend sewer service from East-West Rental south to San Jose intersection, this is the traffic lights at San Jose. Funding for this – CIP Fiscal Year 1994, Public Law 10-40 -- \$874,329 – status A & E Design contract has been awarded. Design has submitted preliminary design layout for the area. Any award is considered 50% completed. Project No. 3, this is for the Lower Navy Hill expansion and upgrade various pump station. Funding, EPA Construction grant \$776,954 Fiscal Year 1998. A & E design for this project has been completed; award for construction is pending final evaluation from respective contractor. Project No. 4, this is the Beach Road project. Funding for this project is coming from EPA Construction Grant \$2,839,443 under Fiscal Year 1996 Funds. The anticipated completion date for the Beach Road project is July 2000. The project is considered 77% completed, Mr. Speaker, right behind Tomokane's residence as well as the old Japanese Jail will be incorporated and also will be completed

July, 2000. Project No. 5, connection transmission line Beach Road, San Antonio to Garapan – upgrade and expansion of existing system. This project will rehabilitate existing transmission line as well as pump station, which service the most populated and developed area of Saipan. Funding, CIP Fiscal Year 1994 Public Law 9-24, \$5,600,000. The CUC is in the process of awarding contract for any design work to another prospective engineering firm after the previously hired firm defaulted. Any design work will take approximately 180 days, thereafter construction for the system will follow. Mr. Speaker, the next report will be coming from DPW, and this relates to the drainage, road improvements, traffic lights, road bumps and so forth, public facilities.

Speaker Fitial: What is the percentage of completion for Project No. 5?

Rep. Attao: I don't have the percentage here, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: I understand you said A & E –

Rep. Attao: This morning, Mr. Speaker, I called CUC to provide me with the information as to how much was spent on the first A & E plan and also the percentage, but in this report it did not include the percentage completion. So, I'll be reporting that upon receipt of the information from CUC.

Speaker Fitial: This morning at seven o'clock, Representative Apatang, Floor Leader Babauta and I, met with CUC and specifically discussed this particular project, Project No. 5, from San Antonio to Garapan, which is estimated to cost more than \$5,000,000. They awarded A & E contract of \$600,000 to the firm that you mentioned that just defaulted, in limbo because Interior does not want to release the remaining amount because they wanted CUC to collect the money from the defaulted A & E firm so that they continue with the project. I know they have already awarded the design to another A & E firm, but the project fund is in abeyance in other words, Interior will not release until A & E money is collected from the defaulted A & E firm.

Rep. Attao: That is the report that CUC submitted to me. I question the Project No. 5 here, Mr. Speaker, the \$5.6 because of the first defaulted firm, I want to know how much was paid to the –

Speaker Fitial: They paid \$600,000.

Rep. Attao: And also this percentage completion on this as far as the A & E that particular information was not included in this report. However, I'll be calling CUC to get the information so that probably report it out to the members so that they will know what is going on. I'm sorry, Mr. Speaker, that is news to me, hearing the information right now. It is not part of the report but thank you for bringing that up.

Speaker Fitial: We met with CUC seven o'clock this morning. Further Miscellaneous? Representative Peter?

Chairwoman Peter: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This afternoon during lunch the Representatives went and joined in with a group of people that have been getting involved with the Wa Kai Nekko Nakkai group of students coming from Japan. I would like to let you and the rest of the members be aware that they are forming a local committee, MVA, Mayor's Office, the schools, and some community members to try and do our best in meeting these students and also seeing them off. What I would like to say here is that they will be coming to us for assistance before these students arrive on May 8 and departing on May 9. So, I am asking for everyone's generosity and participation if and when this event comes up. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Pangelinan?

Rep. Pangelinan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. To me, this is very important, but this time it is under Miscellaneous Business, Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, I would like to go on record recognizing the timely and courageous moves by Mr. Peter Barlas, the Acting Director of CRM, for suspending the issuance of permit for water sports craft to prevent further damages of our beautiful Saipan lagoon. It is high time to call a time off from these activities to study how much destructions have been done and to stand some restoration strategies to those areas that have been damaged or heavily destroyed. My hats off to Mr. Peter Barlas. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Further Miscellaneous? None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair recognized Rep. Palacios.

Chairman Palacios: I have the Japan-Northern Marianas Parliamentary League of Friendship and it goes to the Honorable Tokyo Yamasita, President, and Mr. Chisoni Shizumuzi, Chairman of JEPA, itinerary and events, I will be passing now. I'll be passing it to the left side – stand by.

Speaker Fitial: Do you care to announce what is happening tomorrow?

Chairman Palacios: Okay, I'll go down the line. Excuse me, I think I'm short of three – On March 16, Thursday at 14:20 arrival of this group by Japan Airline, 9407 – greetings at the airport will be conducted and also escort to Hyatt Regency. MVA will be conducting the greeting. The place is so small that they only allowed 21 people to participate in the welcoming side. That is beyond my control – I would like to invite everybody there. And also, there will be two wreath presentations. It will be located at Suicide Cliff and the last one is at Banzai Cliff. That will be at 15:00 – 3:30 p.m. and of course on 16:30 at the same date, Speaker Benigno Fitial and the members of the Twelfth CNMI Legislature will host the welcoming party and that includes the Senate. Also there is an agenda and presentations of Resolutions and as well as other presentations. Going down, March 17, breakfast will be at Hyatt Regency Hotel hosted by HANMI and Saipan

Chamber of Commerce, invitation will be provided or they will let us know if we are invited, I haven't got an invitation yet. At 09:30 to 10:30 they will be visiting the Office of the Speaker and the President of the Senate, Legislature. Following that, at 11:30 to 13:30 luncheon with Governor Pedro P. Tenorio at Dai Ichi Hotel and still pending on invitation again. At 13:30 p.m. to 17:30 p.m. leisure MVA will take these dignitaries around for touring and the MVA is in charge with that. And on 16:30 p.m. again, welcoming good-will dinner party hosted by former Governor Larry I. Deleon Guerrero at his residence in Navy Hill. The following day, that will be Saturday on the 18th, breakfast that the same hotel, Hyatt Regency, and free leisure with MVA, Hyatt Hotel, and lunch will be at Coral Ocean Point hosted by Mike Imai, and their final departure will be 15:30 going to Narita. That is all, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Peter?

Chairwoman Peter: Mr. Speaker, our husbands are invited?

Speaker Fitial: Only wives.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Just a clarification on Chairman Palacios' statement with respect to the invitation of luncheon with Governor Pedro P. Tenorio. I don't know if the others have received that, I have received mine earlier this morning. And I guess the Governor has extended that invitation to the rest of the members here and I believe with the Senate. It has been passed.

Speaker Fitial: The meeting that day would be right here in the House Chamber so all the members will have the opportunity to talk to these dignitaries. Shimozi is the Chairman of Japan Entrepreneurial and Presidents Association. This is an association of more than 15,000 Japanese businessmen. So this is an opportunity for us to talk to this Chairman representing these businessmen to –

Chairman Palacios: The reason is that the area is so small for – MVA Director, Mr. Perry Tenorio –

Speaker Fitial: Well, since you are the Chairman can you find out if the members can participate?

Chairman Palacios: I'll do that.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Jones?

Chairman Jones: In any of this engagement, is there any preference in attire that you would like to wear?

Chairman Palacios: Yes, Mr. Speaker. I forgot to mention that, it is island style.

Speaker Fitial: Further Announcements? Any Committee announcement?
Representative Rosiky Camacho?

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Tomorrow, 16th of March we are having a meeting with MTC again at 8:00 a.m., at Leadership Conference with MTC and GTE Pacifica General Manager, Dave Rogers.

Speaker Fitial: Further Announcement? No further Announcement, Floor Leader?

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

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

The House recessed at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives