

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
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TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Twenty-Sixth Day, First Regular Session, on Thursday, March 16, 2000, at 1:35 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), seventeen members were present; Representative William S. Torres came in late and Representative Diego T. Benavente was absent.

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is duly constituted for the Twenty-Sixth Day of our First Regular Session. Representative Benavente is excused, I was told his father is very ill.

**ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, thank you. I move for the adoption of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Day, First Regular Session journals.

The motion was seconded.

**23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Day, First Regular Session (3/13-14/00)**

There was no discussion raised. The motion to adopt the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Day, First Regular Session journals was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Day journals are adopted.



Sen. Comm. 12-22: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-59, entitled, “A Bill for an Act to transfer the indebtedness of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation from the Commonwealth Development Authority to the Department of Finance or successor department; to establish a Capital Improvement Projects Local Match Fund; and for other purposes,” which was passed by the Senate on March 15, 2000. [For action]

Speaker Fitiaf: For information, we have three Senate Communications 12-19, 12-20 and 12-21. For information Senate Communication 12-22 is assigned to Ways and Means for proper disposition before action by the House.

### **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**

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection from the members, I wish to defer action on Standing Committee Report No. 12-57 relative to House Bill No. 12-86 back to the Committee on Natural Resources.













