

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2000

FIFTH DAY

August 16, 2000

The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Fifth Day, Second Regular Session, on Wednesday, August 16, 2000, at 11:30 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: A quorum is duly constituted for the Fifth Day of our Second Regular Session.

**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 Third and Fourth Days of our Second Regular Session journals.

**Third & Fourth Days, Second Regular Session (8/14-15/00)**

The motion to adopt the Third and Fourth Days, Second Regular Session journals was seconded and carried by voice vote.

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

H. B. NO. 12-248: A Bill for an Act to designate land parcel 018-G-03 in Kagman as a public park to be known as The Kagman Arboretum & Community Park; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan and four others

Referred to: Committee on Natural Resources

H. B. NO. 12-250: A Bill for an Act to regulate commercial tour boat traffic within Saipan's western lagoon; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Florencio T. Deleon Guerrero and nine others

Referred to: Committees on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications and Natural Resources

H. L. I. NO. 12-4: A House Legislative Initiative to propose a constitutional amendment to Article XVIII s. 5(a) requiring that all amendments to the Constitution be voted on a special election only, and not during a general election.

Offered by: Rep. Dino M. Jones

Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

H. R. NO. 12-74: A House Resolution to extend the condolences of the Legislature and the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to Mrs. Serafina R. King-Nabors and children, on the occasion of the passing of her and their father, William B. Nabors.

Offered by: Rep. Norman S. Palacios

H. R. NO. 12-75: A House Resolution urgently requesting the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; Mr. John B. Cepeda, Secretary of the Department of Public Works; Mr. Andy Smith, Director of DPW Technical Division; Mrs. Virginia C. Villagomez, CIP Coordinator to reprogram the remaining fund balance of \$65,560.46 from the construction of Chalan Monsignor Guerrero's road Phase II and \$17,246.48 from Chalan Monsignor Guerrero's road Phase III and all the liquidated damages in Quarter Master, Beach Road for the construction of Traffic Lights; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Jesus T. Attao

Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

Floor Leader Babauta: Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: State your point of clarification.

Floor Leader Babauta: Chairman Palacios introduced a resolution, is it a House Resolution or a --?

Rep. Palacios: Commemorative.

Floor Leader Babauta: Do you want to change that into a House Resolution since we are in a Regular Session?

Rep. Palacios: I just got that from the –

Floor Leader Babauta: If there is no objection from the members, can we change that to a House Resolution?

There was no objection raised.

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Offered by: Rep. Norman S. Palacios and seventeen others

Rep. Palacios: No objection. I just notice it.

Speaker Fitial: So, do you object?

Rep. Palacios: No objection.

Speaker Fitial: Can we assign a number to it so we can dispose of it this morning?

### **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

Speaker Fitial: Any Standing Committee Reports?

Floor Leader Babauta: None, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: I believe some of the members will be reporting out their committee reports tomorrow because they want the session to be short to attend a social matter this afternoon, the twelve o'clock rosary for Mr. Aldan.

Speaker Fitial: Should we just take a few minutes recess to wait for the copies of the House Resolution?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection from the members, can we go to the Bill Calendar. At the request of the Governor's Representative who is in the gallery today, I wish to recall a Bill from the Governor's desk for reconsideration by the House, House Bill No. 12-154, the State Funeral legislation.

Rep. Peter: Why are we recalling it?

Speaker Fitial: The Governor is requesting for a recall?

Floor Leader Babauta: Yes, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Peter: Are we in recess? -- *Hafa na' para ta' recall?*

Speaker Fitial: No, we are not in recess.

Floor Leader Babauta: Because I don't want to be out of order, Mr. Speaker, can we take a short recess?

Speaker Fitial: I think that is what I asked for, to take a few minutes recess. Short recess.

The House recessed at 11:36 a.m.

### **RECESS**

The House reconvened at 11:38 a.m.

Speaker Fitial: The House shall reconvene. Let us go back to the Introduction of Bills for Representative Jones to introduce his Bill.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

H. B. NO. 12-249: A Bill for an Act to regulate the taking of certain species of marine and terrestrial organisms, to prohibit or limit certain fishing methods; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Dino M. Jones  
Referred to: Committee on Natural Resources

Speaker Fitial: Let us move down to Item 16, Bill Calendar.

## BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the administration to further improve the Bill, I move to recall from the Governor, House Bill No. 12-154, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, for the House reconsideration.

The motion was seconded.

**H. B. NO. 12-154, HD1, SD1:** AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMONWEALTH STATE FUNERAL ACT (1 CMC 3453); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There was no discussion raised.

The roll call vote on the motion to recall House Bill No. 12-154, HD1, SD1, from the Governor, is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. David M. Apatang	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	yes
Rep. Diego T. Benavente	yes
Rep. Antonio M. Camacho	yes
Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho	yes
Rep. Florencio T. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes
Rep. Brigida DLG. Ichihara	yes
Rep. Dino M. Jones	yes
Rep. Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr.	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan	yes
Rep. Maria “Malua” T. Peter	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Speaker Benigno R. Fitial	yes

Speaker Fitial: The motion to recall from the Governor, House Bill No. 12-154, HD1, SD1, is adopted. If there is no objection, can we go back to Item 15, so we can consider the Resolution introduced by Representative Norman Palacios?

There was no objection raised.

## RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend Rule VII, Section 9 for the placement and adoption of House Resolution No. 12-74.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Adoption.

Floor Leader Babauta: I now move for the adoption of House Resolution No. 12-74.

**H. R. NO. 12-74:** A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONDOLENCES OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO MRS. SERAFINA R. KING-NABORS AND CHILDREN, ON THE OCCASSION OF THE PASSING OF HER AND THEIR FATHER, WILLIAM B. NABORS.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Hofschneider?

Rep. Hofschneider: Just a typo on line 15, on the word “War” instead of “Was”.

The motion to adopt House Resolution No. 12-74 was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Resolution No. 12-74 is adopted.

Floor Leader Babauta: Privilege, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Privilege.

Floor Leader Babauta: If there is no objection from the author, can we allow this to be introduced by the Committee of the Whole?

Speaker Fitial: If there is no objection from the author?

Rep. Palacios: No problem.

Rep. Peter: Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: Thank you, author. Miscellaneous.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Speaker Fitial: I just want to announce that the session scheduled to be hold in Tinian has been cancelled, so, our Friday session will be here on Saipan. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: So move, Mr. Speaker, to recess until tomorrow morning at 10:00.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The House stands recess until tomorrow at 10:00 a.m.

The House recessed at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk  
House of Representatives