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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Seventh Day, Second Regular Session, on Friday, August 18, 2000, at 10:38 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), seventeen members were present. Representatives Antonio M. Camacho was absent and Norman S. Palacios came in late.

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is constituted for the Seventh Day of our Second Regular Session. Representatives Palacios and Camacho are excused due to the weather. I guess both of them, due to the weather –Representative Palacios is stuck at the airport trying to catch the flight this morning to Saipan.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-252: A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC Section 3101 to make it easier and more efficient for the public to comply with motor vehicle registration renewal requirements; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Jesus T. Attao and one other
Referred to: Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations

H. B. NO. 12-253: A Bill for an Act to amend 3 CMC 4331; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Benigno R. Fitial
Referred to: Committee on Commerce and Tourism

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, at the request of Chairman Ton Camacho, do to illness, he has requested me to... with the indulgence of the members, I would like to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) so that I may officially introduce a House Resolution for him, for the late Honorable Luis Cepeda. A House Resolution to extend the condolences of the House of Representatives and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to Mrs. Guadalupe M. Cepeda and children on the untimely passing of her husband and their father, Luis Manibusan Cepeda. He wishes to request, if there is no objection from the members, to have it introduced by the Committee of the Whole.

There was no objection raised.

H. R. NO. 12-76: A House Resolution to extend the condolences of the House of Representatives and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to Mrs. Guadalupe M. Cepeda and children on the untimely passing of her husband and their father, Luis Manibusan Cepeda.

Offered by: Rep. Antonio M. Camacho and seventeen others

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, the standing committee reports has been passed out. Please insert Standing Committee Report Nos. 12-146, 12-147 and 12-148. With that, Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of Standing Committee Report Nos. 12-146, 12-147 and 12-148.

S. C. R. NO. 12-146: Reporting on House Resolution No. 12-67, entitled, “To request the Mobil Oil Mariana Islands Inc. and Shell Marianas to restrain from raising fuel prices and as much as possible make price of fuel to be in uniform to that of the Island of Guam.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications recommends adoption in the form of HR 12-67, CD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 12-147: Reporting on House Resolution No. 12-68, entitled, “To request the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to explore the feasibility of constructing water storage facilities throughout the Commonwealth to collect, manage, control and deliver rain water runoffs as another source of water supply.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications recommends adoption in the form of HR 12-68, CD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 12-148: Reporting on House Bill No. 12-212, entitled, “To amend the Weapons Control Act to promote and allow resort developments offering target ranges for competitive rifle competition, and skeet shooting; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends passage in the form of HB 12-212, CD1.*

The motion to adopt Standing Committee Report Nos. 12-146, 12-147 and 12-148 was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, thank you. Since we just adopted the Committee Reports that reflects House Resolution Nos. 12-67 and 12-68, I move that we adopt both House Resolutions.

The motion was seconded.

H. R. NO. 12-67, CD1: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE MOBIL OIL MARIANA ISLANDS INC. AND SHELL MARIANAS TO RESTRAIN FROM RAISING FUEL PRICES AND AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE MAKE PRICE OF FUEL TO BE IN UNIFORM TO THAT OF THE ISLAND OF GUAM.

H. R. NO. 12-68, CD1: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO REQUEST THE COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION TO EXPLORE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONSTRUCTING WATER STORAGE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH TO COLLECT, MANAGE, CONTROL AND DELIVER RAIN WATER RUNOFFS AS ANOTHER SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Benavente?

Rep. Benavente: Mr. Speaker, on line –

Speaker Fitial: Which resolution?

Rep. Benavente: On House Resolution No. 12-67, I would just like to ask the author, if the intent on line 3, where it says, “WHEREAS, the CNMI is unique among the states...” -- are we referring to the 50 states in that particular WHEREAS clause?

Speaker Fitial: The author is, Representative Rosiky.

Rep. Rosiky Camacho: On line 3, and what is the question?

Rep. Benavente: The question is whether we are referring to the 50 states, as being unique among the 50? Are we referring to the 50 states, Representative?

Rep. Rosiky Camacho: Yes.

Rep. Benavente: I am just concern if there is any other word that we maybe use since we've placed the argument in the past that we're different from that of a state, or different from that of a territory. Or not even a state, but we understand that, we might be referring to one of the 50 states and 6 insular areas, but we've used the argument in the past that we are not similar, or we are not like the 50 states, or even like any of the other insular areas. I just wonder if there is any other words we can use, otherwise, if the members wish to live it at that, I am ready to support the resolution. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: If I may suggest, we could just insert the letters "US" before "the states" and then extend it to include after "states", "and territories". So, it would read, "the CNMI is unique among the US states and territories." That would clarify the intent of this WHEREAS in the Resolution.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection from the members, because concerns are raised, I would like to move to suspend Rule IX, Section 11, for the concerns to be incorporated or otherwise discuss in the Order of Business, Item Nos. 15 and 16.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries.

Rep. Attao: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Representative Attao?

Rep. Attao: Mr. Speaker, on House Resolution No. 12-67, CD1, page 1, line 18, I would like to make an oral Floor Amendment to change "50 miles" to "125 miles".

Rep. Rosiky Camacho: Objection, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, that mile is considered from Rota to Guam, simply to, a little bit circumventing the idea that is very close because Rota is part of the Commonwealth.

Rep. Attao: So, Rota is the island that is --?

Rep. Rosiky Camacho: Rota is actually the magic distance between what this resolution is trying to tell.

Rep. Attao: So, I withdraw my oral Floor Amendment.

Floor Leader Babauta: No objection on the withdrawal.

Speaker Fitial: Further discussion? Do you want to make that oral Floor Amendment?

Rep. Benavente: Can you reinstate your proposal, Mr. Speaker, and I'll put it in motion?

Speaker Fitial: Just add the word "US" in between the word "states", and insert "and territories" after the word "states".

Rep. Benavente: So move on that proposal.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Further discussion?

Several member voiced, "ready".

The motion to adopt House Resolution Nos. 12-67, Committee Draft 1, House Draft 1, and 12-68, Committee Draft 1, was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Resolution Nos. 12-67, CD1, HD1, and 12-68 are adopted.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, since the Resolution that I introduced on behalf of Representative Tony Camacho is being passed out, and if there is no objection from the members, I wish to place this on today's calendar. I move, Mr. Speaker, that we suspend Rule VII, Section 9, so that we may place House Resolution No. 12-76 under Resolution Calendar for its adoption.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Adoption motion?

Floor Leader Babauta: So move, Mr. Speaker, for the adoption.

H. R. NO. 12-76: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND THE PEOPLE OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS TO MRS. GUADALUPE M. CEPEDA AND CHILDREN ON THE UNTIMELY PASSING OF HER HUSBAND AND THEIR FATHER, LUIS MANIBUSAN CEPEDA.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion?

Several members voiced, “ready”.

Speaker Fitial: Did you mentioned that the author requested that this Resolution be introduced by the Committee of the Whole?

Floor Leader Babauta: Yes.

The motion to adopt House Resolution No. 12-76 was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Resolution No. 12-76 is adopted.

BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: I move to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 for the placement and passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-212, Committee Draft 1, as it appears under Standing Committee Report No. 12-148.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Passage motion, Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: So move, Mr. Speaker, for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-212, Committee Draft 1.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 12-212, CD1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE WEAPONS CONTROL ACT TO PROMOTE AND ALLOW RESORT DEVELOPMENTS OFFERING TARGET RANGES FOR COMPETITIVE RIFLE COMPETITION, AND SKEET SHOOTING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Hofschneider?

Rep. Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I support the inclusion of expanding the shooting range or shooting galleries as an expansion of the tourism industry. However, I am greatly disturbed by certain inclusions on page 3 of the Bill, line 5. We are relieving the restrictions of caliber beyond 22. We are now including 32, 38, 45, 9 mm, 12 gauge, it is restricted and prohibited, 5.5 mm, is a huge elephant caliber. We have been very good in preventing possessions of illegal firearms, and thank God that our law still prevents gang related incidences of pass by shootings and so forth. Having the privilege of being shot at four o'clock in the morning, Mr. Speaker, I cannot buy this idea. For the sake of the tourism industry, handguns may be permitted. Now, there have been so many guns in the records of DPS today that have been stolen. These are rifles stolen and the investigations are still open. Now, unless I am reading it wrong – are we opening it up for the enjoyment of the individual or visitors? I think rifle is sufficient to enjoy that sport and still comply with the Constitution, the right to bear arms. May I ask the counsels, is this section permitting expanded calibers beyond 22?

Speaker Fitial: Before we ask the counsels to respond, any member who wishes to respond to the concern raised by Representative Hofschneider?

Floor Leader Babauta: The Committee had deliberated three times during committee meetings with respect to this Bill. We have sought the Department of Public Safety's comment to which they have endorsed the legislation with a recommendation that such language be incorporated in the Bill to further limit and restrict the so called word "any firearm" as it appears stricken-out from line 5. The specification of the firearm is limited to shooting resorts and not to mention that the resort has to comply personally with Title 6 of our Code and also the International Sports Shooting Federation rules and regulations. That is the reason why we have incorporated the Rules and Regulations of the ISSF as part of the statute in this Bill, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Hofschneider: Mr. Speaker, may I continue?

Speaker Fitial: Yes, you may.

Rep. Hofschneider: There is a bill that Representative Attao introduced and I do not recall the fate of that bill whether that is still considered by the Committee. The bill attempted to correct the registration confusion of having more than five guns on one license. But it also addresses the issue of correcting the technical aspect of a .22 caliber. In that sense, our people that really have been lobbying this Legislature for the last nine years that I have been here, to open up a legal possession of 12 gauges for instance, or larger caliber than a 22 caliber. Now, to allow a business establishment to be in legal possession of a larger caliber would open up the Pandora's Box, Mr. Speaker, for us to be lobbied? What is the difference between that one individual company as oppose to that individual citizen of the Commonwealth, seeking the same privilege to be allowed to have legal possession of a 12 gauge or a 9 mm? Do we really want to see rampant possession of guns other than what is being permitted today? Now, here is a policy decision that we all must seriously think about

and draw the line. Now, look at Japan, they have very, very strict rules or laws governing possessions of firearms and that is the reason why they want to come here and advocate or open up our backyard for their enjoyment because they are not allowed to use handguns in Japan. Now, what are we succumbing to? Look at the national issue on violence in school. A fourteen year old going up with a handgun and shooting the teacher, or opening fire amongst the school students... No matter what kind of restriction we put in terms of permitting possession in the first place will not be enough. There is always that chance, once you allow those handguns or large calibers of rifles to enter our porch, then the possibility probability of an individual stealing it has increased. Whether they put in vaults, DPS puts in vaults. Look at the outbreak in DOC recently. They overtook the guard, they took the gun and started shooting at authorities. I beg you guy – I beg you guys – just live it at a .22 caliber please. If you had the experience having to be waken up four o'clock in the morning because someone parked their car in front of your driveway and unloaded the whole clip at your house, trying to target, make a spot shot out of your house or yourself... four o'clock in the morning and looking at three or four years old shaken up and having to be guarded for months, this is an automatic rifle, that is restricted. It ended up in someone with malicious intention. Please, please I beg you, let us amend this section and remove everything that does not conform to a .22 caliber. All those citizens in the Commonwealth that have long yearn for larger than a .22 caliber like a 12 gauge have accepted the fact. What kind of a game that we have that requires a larger caliber than a 22? Do we have lions? Do we have elephants that we are now calling for 5.56 mm caliber, a 9 mm? For that short moment of satisfaction of having to hold a 9 mm in your hand and shooting at a target, is it worth risking that particular gun ending up in a youth and going to school and shooting a fellow student, or a citizen, or an innocent by stander? Please, please let us help each other by commonsense. I beg you, let us amend this and remove anything that is not in conformance to a 22 caliber. I honestly beg you to consider that.

Rep. Peter: Can you call for a recess, Mr. Speaker?

Rep. Jones: Can we have one-minute recess?

Speaker Fitial: Okay. One minute recess.

The House recessed at 11:03 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:33 a.m.

Speaker Fitial: The House shall reconvene. We are discussing the motion to pass House Bill No. 12-212, CD1.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: I wish to withdraw my original motion for passage and retain House Bill No. 12-212, Committee Draft 1, on the Calendar and defer action.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Chair recognized Rep. Rosiky Camacho.

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, just to enlighten the Committee and the Body, **siña baihu fino Chamorro, Mr. Speaker?**

Speaker Fitial: **Hago lamon.**

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: **Mr. Speaker, nigap man hanoa ham yan i kumite gi sagan batku guato ya in antan etyu i masusesedi ni hafa masusedi gi alacha. Pues guaha siha dokumento hu chuchuli, i mapa, i dangkulu na inestodba korasonhu anai gaige yo' gi eyto ma'alok, "dock", ya hu atan etyu i machogue na pier, they call, ni manma u'udai turista, parasailing, yan hafa siha. Dangkulu na na'mamalao para i turista. Pues hu manao yu' katan gi etyu i sankatan na banda etyu i otimu, etyo ma'alok dry dock, en li'e tourist manunuk sa para ufan mauda gi un batku para huyong Mañagaha, yan untan etyu na lugat, dangkulu na namamalao. Guaha mafatinas fasilidat para i turista ya pot i achakin manehan taotao, problema ni adid. Mr. Speaker, dangkulu este na sinenti ya i kumite para uma hear este na Bill i House Bill No. 12-250 gi September 5th. Pues i kumite listu para umakonsigi i hafa ma dignifika ya puedi ha mohom antes di September 5th, i administrasion hu chogue manu siña na chinadik, ya umabira tatte este i turista ya ufan modai gi gasgas na lugat. Guaha siha batku, etyu ma'alok -- nuebu este talo napalabra etyu ilekniha, "dry dock", or etyu "docking". Mr. Speaker, kulan mapolo etyu i batku gi etyu guato na banda, ma-apase yan hafa siha, este siha na klasen malabida, gi hita mismu ni taotao-tano para tachogue, ilekku na ti kombeni. Mampos a naputi yu', sa guaha oppotunidat para tafanu'i turista. Kulan mohon ta a'atanha etyuha na tourist i matu, ya' etyu para hu fatu. Etyu na mensahi tana'i i man gaigi guini para ufanmodai guihi, dangkulu na binaba para uma na'e i tano-niha. Hu gagagao manu siña i administering authority umachogue manu siña na chinadik. Ya munga na hita ni Legislature para tasigiha mumanda policy siha etyu tinisisariu komu ma chogue i checho', enague otro. I otro, Mr. Speaker, guini gi Lunes, buenti guaha siha na membru timan membrun i PUTC, hu na'e mapan etyu hachogue si Efrain pot i traffic. Dangkulu lokkue concern-ña i DPS, yan todú i depatamentu. Gi mamaila na Lunes, para baihu fan ali'e talu yan i DPS, DPW, si**

Efrain yan si, Jesus Kilili, sa guaha dangkulu iyoña concern gi menan i Grand Hotel in reference to the traffic flow. Mr. Speaker, hu gagagao i members na i membrun i PUTC, yangen unuhao gi halom Legislatura, ya unli'e dangkulu na infotmasion ni siña ta satba, este siha i dikiki yan dangkulu na problema, hu gagagao na i ofeshu mabababa ya guaha siha na membru hu na'e este timan gaige gi PUTC, para ufan ma atan este para tafan a'ayuda. Sa, este ginagagao Marianas na hita mismu debi ta satba este. Baihu na tungo hamyu, Mr. Speaker, tihu tutuna si Efrain, lao si Efrain manggi kata para guattu Chamber of Commerce in Guam. Yan humanao talo guato Guam, i rekomendasion-ña niha fatinas, matatiyi. Hungan dangkulu na hesitate, kulan etyu minasa, lao potfin machogue. Parehuha yan hita guine siempreha kalan makat. Lao, hu gagagao kada uno giya hita para tanafan komprendi i taotaota espisiatmenti depatamentu. Mr. Speaker, este siha para ta satba puruha etyu ma'aluk sinenti yan hafa siha. Sentimentu lokkue este sinenteku sa kulan hu lili'e na guaha obligasionhu yan obligasionña este na House para huchagi sumatba este gimanera ni ti para unginasta dankulu na salape. Ginen enao, Mr. Speaker, si yu'us ma'ase, yan dispensa sa fimino' Chamorro yu'. Kumu pumininiti este korasonhu gos bonitu sinenteku yangen hu pula gi linguahihu. Enao ha, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Jones?

Chairman Jones: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Guaha membrun Kongressu ha agan guatu i Motor Vehicle Section gi DPS, mamamaisen kao si Congressman Jones, ha fahan i Pathfinder na kareta ni hu fahane i asaguahu? -- Para etyu na Kongressu ni mamamaisen, maila ya ginen guahu este baihu sangani hao, hungan, hu fahan i kareta lao i banku ma'apapase. I otru, Mr. Speaker, guaha lokkue unu na Kongressu gi halom i House, humalom ki kemon famalao'an, untungo ha haye hao, pot fabot basta humalom gi kemon famalao'an.

Speaker Fitial: Anymore Miscellaneous? Representative Pangelinan?

Rep. Pangelinan: (Inaudible)

Speaker Fitial: This is not professional journalism for this newspaper to be reporting out something that is completely false and misleading. I don't know what kind of tolerance this is a flat erroneous reporting? I don't know why Jojo is not present in today's session, because, I was going to tell him, that this morning, I went to church to pray for him. Everyday, I wake up early to go to church to pray for God's Blessing, and for him to give me patience and understanding, to endure the pressures that I encounter daily here at work. Especially, to endure, the negative reports that Marianas Variety has been constantly lodging against me. I don't think they mug my name in this type of reporting. This means that, Joeten is not supposed to be selling cars because if we buy cars from Joeten, then, we will be implicated that Joeten is influencing us. The car that Representative Palacios is driving, he bought it and Jojo doesn't know that. When he called me up to ask me, I told him, "I don't come here to discuss nonsense." I have been elected by the people to look after their

livelihood. So, I was going to tell Jojo that, he should look into Younis's affairs with the Filipina, because that is more damaging than what he is putting out. And I pray to God, that the Lord God, will keep Younis from abandoning his family. This is too much -- don't tell me that this is professional journalism. Representative Pangelinan, I shared your concern about zero tolerance.

Rep. Pangelinan: (Inaudible)

Speaker Fitiaf: I pray for all of you. I pray for all of us so that our mission, as public servants, can be easily accomplished. For this monkey to be – I'm sorry.

Rep. Hofschneider: **Ilekku na, nisisario para tafan dañā unbiahe ya'-- not in a session setting. Ta atituyu muna suha etyu i sinentin malaet, yan bengansa, yan --**

Speaker Fitiaf: **Taya. Estague baihu sangani hamyo na, taya gi leadership enao siha na klasen sinenti.**

Rep. Hofschneider: **Mr. Speaker, malagu yu' man offer na, kada para'un dakut i matiyumu ya' ilekmu, "please all rise for a moment of silence", malagu yo' mushare na, maseha unu na tatanmame todū i tiempo, ya gi otimu'mu, una'halom etyu i, "Asaina dirihiyu gi disisionhu todū pago na ha'ane para minaulek taotao-tano," it works. Guaha na baihe hu'atan si Representative Jones, hana bubu yo', lao sumuaha i binibu.**

Speaker Fitiaf: **Guahu, taya yo' ni bubu, tihu tungo lalalu.**

Rep. Hofschneider: **Ginen etyu, Mr. Speaker, taya esta tiempo ni para ta sigiha man ala'lalu'e -- basta, pues agupa talu ta' yagaihit-ha, enague problemata.**

Speaker Fitiaf: **Ta napara este checho' kaduku. Sa menan Yu'us, baihu sangani hamyu, na todo baba ti mauleg. Kada kumanta-hao nu etyu, i hinasu ni para un'hasuye baba kontra otro, hasu na ti mauleg enoa. Loa, guaha etyu bisioña para hufan haso ti mauleg pues etyugue na klansen taotaogue siha hutai'tataye kada dia. Representative Peter, hu tunguha na gof malagu-hao kumentus esta --**

Chairwoman Peter: **Mananaitai-yo', Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, na'piniti este siha i man masusesedi. Man a'afana-hit guini kumu manma'ilihi-hit ni publiku. Gaigi i konfiansas-niha i publiku na para tafan dañā na disiochu, para tanafan dañā i sinenteta i hafa gaigi gi nasota-siha, yan intires, yan todū intires publiku. Lao, man distract-hit ni petsunat na agenda at the expense of the public. Ilekku na, prisiuña hu gaige etyu i "Oath" ni tachogue gi iyota inauguraral day gi me'nata ya' tasigi-ha tumaitai kada di'a ya' unahaso-hit hafa na rason namangaigehit guine, sa manmalelefahit. Ta gagasta tiempota yan tiempun publiku, yan salapen publiku. Kada gumaha enao siha na klase gi news, yan otro siha ni ti man prisiu, ha chuchuli tiempo-ta etyu tasasangan na' ti ha estototba hit lao, yet, ta'chuchu'li tiempun publiku ya ta tataitai enao siha**

timan prisisu, ha'distratract hit gi hafa siha na mangaigi hit guine. Mangekuentus i publiku, ma'atanhit guini yangen para ta gasta tiempuniha, ta resignahit ya ta ritirahit, ya tanafan halom etyu siha nagurupu ni siña mangaigi guini ya' mafachochu'i kabales i publiku, i rason ni manafan halom siha. Kada ilekkmu, Mr. Speaker, i moment of silence, un'mensiona na', un tayuyuti, enagui i very short moment ni tachuli, “dirihi mona' ya' hu maulek chechu'mami para i taotaomu”. Lao, tihu tungo taimanu, Mr. Speaker, para tafan unestu gi publiku. Man gaigi hit guini, ya tana para este petsonat na agenda sa timan giage hit guine para tafachochu'i ya' para tafan sigiha man'asangani ni baban i otro, yan tasigiha mu'spy, mu FBI, hafa karetahu --You know, to tell this body, Mr. Speaker, I once asked you para baihu fahan etyu na karetamu ni ha chuli si Norman, pago. Tihu tungo kao blessing in disguise na, taotao Tinian si Norm, ya' taya karetanniha guine ya' etyugue na un'na'e. Hu tunguha na unsangani yu', “well, he is very happy” – pues, hu'sangnihao na unna'e ni gof baratu ya' hagas malagu yo' nu etyu na kareta, sa tisiña i primahu para u'modai gi karetahu. But, why are we dignifying this? This is none of their business. We just cannot help but say it, sa guaha etyo tiha chochogue chechoña gi hafa na rason ni mabota ni publiku. Para hu sigiha muna problema and that distracts us from the purpose of why we are here. Debi i publiku pago na hu'atanhit kao mangaibalihat guini pago, ya' umafatinas disision very soon. Pot i ha'tisiña na para tafan mabota huyong, or recall, or whatever process there is, sa man'atungohit todus. Lao, para i minalagu publiku esta manmalago ha na tafan man malaknos guini sa taya balita. Ta pass hafa -- malak i Senate -- lalalu i Senate nu hita ti ma pass -- mato maggi man lalalu -- hekua hafa siha, Mr. Speaker, esta frustrated yu' lokkue ni hafa manmasusesedi guini. Ta atan i newspaper puru ha petsonat -- so, I think we need to kind of grow up little bit, and look back and see --

Speaker Fitial: Before it is too late.

Chairwoman Peter: It is kind of too late lokkue sa esta gaigihit pago gi August, ya sigihahit manafatani guine ya' tagagasta i teimpun publiku yan salape publiku, Mr. Speaker. Si yu'us ma'ase.

Speaker Fitial: This is nonsense. For this paper to put this nonsense in their headline, that is a reflection. Announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair recognized Rep. Ichihara.

Chairwoman Ichihara: Para u'guaha Education Committee meeting gi Tuesday, follow ups of reports, at 8:30 a.m.

Speaker Fitial: Chairwoman Peter?

Chairwoman Peter: Health and Welfare Committee follows in the afternoon at 1:30. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: Chairman Rosiky?

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: PUTC change of time, from 8:30 a.m. move to 1:30 p.m. due to length of discussion that is needed. Also on September 5th at 1:30 p.m., public hearing on House Bill No. 12-250. On September 11 at 1:30 p.m., public hearing on the electronic signature. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: Anymore announcements? None? Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: I move to recess until ten o'clock Monday morning.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. The House recess until Monday at 10:00 a.m.

The House recessed at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives