

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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FIRST DAY

July 21, 2000

The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its First Day, Tenth Special Session, on Friday, July 21, 2000, at 4:17 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.

***Mr. Perios Besong was appointed Acting Sergeant-At-Arms.***

A moment of silence was observed.

In accordance with Rule XIII, 2(a), fourteen members were present. Representatives Martin B. Ada, David M. Apatang, Antonio M. Camacho and Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr. are excused.

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is duly constituted for the First Day of our Tenth Special Session. All absent members are excused.

**ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

None

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

H. R. NO. 12-66: A House Resolution to request the Governor to seek assistance from the planning, design and construction of a comprehensive Water Runoff System Plan.

Offered by: Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider and eight others

Speaker Fitial: Any further introduction of Resolution?

Floor Leader Babauta: Ready.

Rep. Hofschneider: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Representative Hofschneider?

Rep. Hofschneider: May I ask the indulgence of the members if we could facilitate the passage of this resolution today? It seems innocuous.

There was no objection raised.

Speaker Fitial: So ordered.

### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

### SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

Sen. Comm. 12-60: Informing the House that the Senate passed H.B. 12-39, CS2, SS1, CD1, on July 20, 2000. [For inf.]

Sen. Comm. 12-61: Returning without amendment House Bill No. 12-003 (Subdivision rights of way), which the Senate passed on July 20, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-62: Returning without amendment House Bill No. 12-84, HD1 (Minors Firearm Control), which the Senate passed on July 20, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-63: Returning without amendment House Bill No. 12-162, CS1 (Managaha Marine Conservation Act), which the Senate passed on July 20, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-64: Returning without amendment House Bill No. 12-229 (To reappropriate local and 702 fund balances from PL 11-119), which the Senate passed on July 20, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-65: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-2, entitled, “To amend 3 CMC § 4322(d) to permanently ban a deported alien from reentry into the Commonwealth; and for other purposes,” which the Senate passed on July 20, 2000. [**Referred to Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations**]







Speaker Fitiaf: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: If I may, Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of Rule IX, Section 11 so that Representative Pangelinan may offer his floor amendment.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitiaf: The motion carries. Go ahead, Representative Pangelinan.

Rep. Pangelinan: Simply to add after, “comprehensive Water Runoff System Plan for Tinian, Rota and Saipan”.

Speaker Fitiaf: You don’t want to include to –

Rep. Peter: Commonwealth.

Rep. Pangelinan: If you include Commonwealth, then you are defining it for a comprehensive plan for all the islands north of Saipan, and that is a lot of expenditures, which is not need at the present time.

Speaker Fitiaf: Thank you.

The motion to adopt the oral Floor Amendment offered by Representative Pangelinan was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitiaf: The motion carries. Further deliberation?

Floor Leader Babauta: Ready.

The motion to adopt House Resolution No. 12-66, House Draft 1, was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitiaf: House Resolution No. 12-66, as amended is adopted. Bill Calendar.

## **BILL CALENDAR**

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 so that we may place and pass on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-188, House Draft 1.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.







Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, earlier I consulted with the author and with this, Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of Rule IX, Section 11 so that I may offer a simple oral floor amendment.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Proceed, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, my oral Floor Amendment will be on line 23 item number 3, after “San Vicente.” And insert the word “And Chalan Kanoa-entrance to U. S. Post Office”.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Further discussion? Roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill No. 12-122, House Draft 2, on First and Final Reading as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	excused
Rep. David M. Apatang	excused
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	yes
Rep. Diego T. Benavente	yes
Rep. Antonio M. Camacho	excused
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.	excused
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: House Bill No. 12-122, House Draft 2, passes the House on First and Final Reading. Floor Leader?

Floor leader: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I now move for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-149 under Standing Committee Report 12-123.



Speaker Fitial: If there is no further Miscellaneous, Announcements.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair recognized Rep. Rosiky Camacho.

Chairman Rosiky Camacho: Mr. Speaker, PUTC Committee is requesting the presence of the Committee members and all other House members that would like to go on a field trip with PUTC to some of the water wells and the other areas of the CNMI for information and further enrichment of our hearts and minds, on Monday. At 8:30n a.m., we will be meeting CUC, the bus will come up here and then we will go on a field trip. After the field trip, I try to secure the lunch at Halinas Kitchen so you can all have your lunch provided that you all go on field trip. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Representative Jones?

Chairman Jones: Judiciary and Governmental Operations Committee will be conducting Public Hearing on July 27 that is on a Thursday, relative to the Election Bill, at 10:00 a.m. in Tinian.

Speaker Fitial: Further Announcements? If none, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move for adjournment subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The House stand adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

The House adjourned at 4:30 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk  
House of Representatives