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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Second Day, Sixth Special Session, on Wednesday, May 31, 2000, at 11:35 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), sixteen members were present and Representatives Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr. and William S. Torres were excused.

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is duly constituted for the Second Day of our Sixth Special Session.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. R. NO. 12-55: A House Resolution urging the CNMI State Board of Education to fast-track the construction of a new junior high school in Kagman to alleviate the overcrowding at Hopwood Junior High School and to create an atmosphere at both junior high schools that is conducive to learning and teaching.

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

Speaker Fitial: If there is no objection, can we all co-author the subject resolution and we place such resolution on today's Calendar for adoption.

There was no objection raised.

Speaker Fitial: So ordered. Can we number the Resolution?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, since the interest of time and since there will be a Committee Public Hearing this afternoon at one o'clock, I request the indulgence of the members to go directly to Item Number 15 of our Order of Business so we can dispose of those Resolutions.

There was no objection raised.

Speaker Fitial: Item 15, Resolution Calendar.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Speaker Fitial: We have four plus the one just introduced by Representative Pangelinan.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: For the member's information, I believe in advertently the Clerk omitted H. R. 12-53, which we have concurred yesterday that it be also placed in the Calendar together with H. R. 12-51 and H. R. 12-52. So, please indicate on the Calendar –

Speaker Fitial: What is 12-53?

Floor Leader Babauta: That is the gratitude Resolution to Mr. Raymond Brown. Ready, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: So, we have six Resolutions on the Calendar. The one that just introduced is House Resolution No. 12-55, House Resolution 12-54 is Jeff Shorr's Resolution.

Rep. Attao: Mr. Speaker, are we going to adopt House Resolution No. 12-54?

Speaker Fitial: No. We are going to conduct a hearing.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader recognized.

Floor Leader Babauta: Ready for –

Speaker Fitial: You may effectuate a motion to consider these six Resolutions.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, because House Resolution Nos. 12-48 and 12-49 have a Committee Report attached, I move for the suspension of Rule VII, Section 9, and subsequent move for the passage of House Resolution Nos. 12-48, 12-49, 12-51, 12-52, 12-53 and 12-55.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

H. R. NO. 12-48: A HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION TO PROMOTE AND IMPLEMENT CHARACTER EDUCATION IN EVERY SCHOOL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

H. R. NO. 12-49: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND ENDORSE THE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY THE MIYAZAWA GAKUEN SCHOOL IN JAPAN WITH THE MARIANAS HIGH SCHOOL IN SAIPAN, AND EXTEND A SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE FOUNDER OF THE PROGRAM, MR. YASUO MIYAZAWA

H. R. NO. 12-51: A HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE PASSING OF THE FORMER JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER KEIZO OBUCHI.

H. R. NO. 12-52: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS OUR CONCERN REGARDING THE UNITED STATES POLICY OF SHIPPING TOXIC WASTES TO THE PACIFIC REGION FOR STORAGE, AND TO REQUEST THAT THE UNITED STATES

GOVERNMENT FIND METHODS OF DISPOSING OF THESE WASTES THAT DO NOT INVOLVE SHIPPING THROUGH, AND STORAGE IN THE PACIFIC REGION.

H. R. NO. 12-53: A HOUSE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO MR. RAYMOND PAUL BROWN, JR. FOR GIVING HIS TIME TO CONDUCT THE CNMI'S FIRST EVER BASEBALL CLINIC AND CERTIFICATION FOR UMPIRES AND COACHES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. R. NO. 12-55: A HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE CNMI STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FAST-TRACK THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN KAGMAN TO ALLEVIATE THE OVERCROWDING AT HOPWOOD JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL AND TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE AT BOTH JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS THAT IS CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND TEACHING.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. So, we have six Resolutions adopted. Floor Leader recess motion?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move to recess until tomorrow morning at nine o'clock.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Fitial: Nine o'clock a.m.?

Rep. Jones: Mr. Speaker, cannot there's a public hearing.

Rep. Peter: Public Hearing.

Speaker Fitial: There's a public hearing at nine o'clock in the morning.

Rep. Jones: 8:30.

Speaker Fitial: 8:30. So, can we recess until –

Rep. Jones: I'm sorry, it is in the afternoon – wait, Public Hearing 8:30 a.m.

Rep. Peter: Mr. Speaker, we have Public Hearing, Education Committee and JGO in Tinian, all day tomorrow.

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader can you change your recess motion?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, unless the members are willing to sit down for three minute and iron out the District Court House Bill. We have until this Saturday for this matter to be address.

Rep. Attao: Let us pass it today.

Speaker Fitial: So, can you please withdraw your recess motion?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, can we have the standing members to sit down? I so recognize, I withdraw my original motion for a recess.

Speaker Fitial: Okay. Let us proceed to Item 16.

BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, so move to suspend Rule VII, Section 9; Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 for the placement and passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-200.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Passage motion now, please?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move now for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-200.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 12-200: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REPEAL CERTAIN SECTIONS OF PUBLIC LAW 11-105; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There was no discussion raised.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill No. 12-200 on First and Final Reading 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.	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	excused
Speaker Benigno R. Fitial	yes

Speaker Fitial: House Bill No. 12-200 passes the House. Okay, Floor Leader, we have public hearings scheduled for tomorrow both morning and afternoon.

Floor Leader Babauta: Yes.

Speaker Fitial: So, I don’t think we could recess anytime tomorrow. So let us do it on Friday.

Floor Leader Babauta: Friday afternoon, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. Jones: Mr. Speaker, JGO will be having a public hearing on Friday, at 8:30 a.m.

Floor Leader Babauta: Friday morning?

Rep. Jones: Yes. From 8:30 a.m.

Speaker Fitial: I know it’s in the morning, so Friday afternoon is free. Recognize, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: So move to recess, Mr. Speaker, for two o’clock Friday afternoon.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Fitial: That is a motion recess. The House stands recess until 2:00 p.m., Friday.

The House recessed at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives