

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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SECOND DAY

July 14, 2000

The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Second Day, Eighth Special Session, on Friday, July 14, 2000, at 04:08 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), fifteen members were present. Representatives Dino M. Jones, Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr. and William S. Torres were excused.

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

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move for the adoption of the First Day, Fifth Special journal.

First Day, Fifth Special Session (05/19/00)

The motion to adopt the First Day, Fifth Special Session journal was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. The First Day, Fifth Special Session journal is adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-214: A Bill for an Act to declare the humphead parrotfish and humphead wrasse as endangered species and prohibit taking, fishing harassment and/or removal of these two species of fish from the marine environment surrounding the island of Saipan; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan and one other
Referred to: Committee on Natural Resources

H. B. NO. 12-215: A Bill for an Act to appropriate \$200,00 for the purchase and installation of playground equipment to create a children's playground center and dredging of the man-made swimming pool at Marine Beach; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 12-216: A Bill for an Act to appropriate \$800,000 to construct a reinforced concrete grandstand with a roof, bleacher-style seating, restrooms and related facilities as an upgrade to the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field in Susupe; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 12-217: A Bill for an Act to appropriate \$400,000 to construct a softball/little league baseball field at the Capitol Hill Park with bleacher-style seating, restrooms, press box, dugouts with concrete benches for the teams, electronic scoreboard, lighting for night games, public address system and paved parking; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Thomas B. Pangelinan
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

Rep. Ada came in at 4:10 p.m.

Speaker Fitial: Let the record reflect that Representative Ada is in attendance.

Rep. Ada: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. J. R. NO. 12-12: A House Joint Resolution supporting the immediate hiring of a lobbyist to defend the interests of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Washington, D. C.

Offered by: Rep. Oscar M. Babauta and two others

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: I would like to remind the Chair that because you have an appointment with the Governor in ten to fifteen minutes that we suspend discussion and probably conclude by either Monday or Tuesday session on the pending communications.

There was no objection raised.

Speaker Fitial: Miscellaneous.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you. Can I kindly request the Chair and the members' indulgence? There's a request by the Committee on Health and Welfare that on Item No. 12, Standing Committee Report No. 12-119 be referred back to the Committee for further enhancement.

There was no objection.

Speaker Fitial: So ordered. Objection?

Rep. Hofschneider: It is not an objection, it's just a matter of record.

Speaker Fitial: Proceed.

Rep. Hofschneider: I remembered deferring this, Mr. Speaker, simply to just clarify to the legal counsel whether it applies and if it is not then it is fine.

Speaker Fitial: Okay. There being no objection the subject measure is being referred.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Clarification also, probably the Clerk would just do this on the Bill Calendar. If I may again, Mr. Speaker, request for a two minutes recess if possible so that we adopt the House Joint Resolution that I just introduced and other members.

Speaker Fitial: Short recess.

The House recessed at 4:12 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 4:14 p.m.

Speaker Fitial: The House shall reconvene. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, if there is no objection from the members, I move for the suspension of Rule VII, Section 9 so that we may place House Joint Resolution No. 12-12 on today's Calendar for adoption.

There was no objection raised.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Speaker Fitial: Proceed.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I now move for the suspension of Rule VII, Sections 9 and 10 for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 12-12.

H. J. R. NO. 12-12: A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE IMMEDIATE HIRING OF A LOBBYIST TO DEFEND THE INTEREST OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

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

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. House Joint Resolution No. 12-12 passes the House. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, move to recess until Tuesday afternoon.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The House stands recess until Tuesday afternoon.

The House recessed at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

H. L. B. NO. 12-9: A House Local Bill for an Act to amend Saipan Local Law 1202, Section 2; and for other purposes. (REP. JESUS T. ATTAO +3 6/12/00) **3rd Appearance**

H. L. B. NO. 12-10: A Local Bill for an Act to appropriate the sum of \$78,100 on the fees collected from the Bingo and Cockfight; and for other purposes. (REP. JESUS T. ATTAO 7/13/00) **2nd Appearance**

H. L. B. NO. 12-11: A Local Bill for an Act to name the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Building as “Honorable Pedro T. Nakatsukasa Building” in honor and memory of the late Council Secretary Pedro T. Nakatsukasa and to appropriate Five Thousands Dollars (\$5,000.00) to cover the expenses of the dedication; and for other purposes. (REP. JESUS T. ATTAO +1 7/13/00) **2nd Appearance**