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The House of Representatives of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its Third Day, Eighth Special Session, on Tuesday, July 18, 2000, at 03:00 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), seventeen members were present. Representatives Alejo M. Mendiola, Jr. is excused.

Speaker Fitial: A quorum is duly constituted for the Third Day of our Eighth Special Session. 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 Second Days of Sixth and Third Special Session journal.

Second Day, Sixth Special Session (05/31/00)
Second Day, Third Special Session (05/09/00)

The motion to adopt the Second Day of Sixth and Third Special Session journals was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. The two journals are adopted.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 12-218: A Bill for an Act to appropriate \$14,391.48 for a covered walkway project at San Vicente Elementary School; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Antonio M. Camacho and four others
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 12-219: A Bill for an Act to further amend Public Law 10-57 to place the Board of Public Lands and the Division of Public Lands as a single independent agency within the Executive Branch; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Antonio M. Camacho
Referred to: Committees on Judicial and Governmental Operations and Natural Resources

H. B. NO. 12-220: A Bill for an Act to amend Title 2 Section 5326 of the Commonwealth Code, to modify quarantine requirements; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Dino M. Jones
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

H. B. NO. 12-221: A Bill for an Act to create a commission to investigate the problem of landlocked properties throughout the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Dino M. Jones
Referred to: Committees on Judicial and Governmental Operations and Natural Resources

H. B. NO. 12-222: A Bill for an Act to assist prospective resident employees, particularly college students or graduates, who are unable to obtain employment because they lack work experience; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Dino M. Jones
Referred to: Committee on Education

H. B. NO. 12-223: A Bill for an Act to appropriate \$200,000 to reactivate the Village Inspection Program; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. NO. 12-224: A Bill for an Act to make a mandatory retroactive salary adjustment for all government employees who retired and did not received the 5% bonus on frozen step (PL 10-76), the 30% retirement bonus (PL 8-30), salary adjustment

pursuant to PL 7-31, lump-sum annual leave, etc., upon retirement; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Jesus T. Attao and three others
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

H. B. NO. 12-225: A Bill for an Act to provide for regulatory reform in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

H. B. NO. 12-226: A Bill for an Act authorizing the use of and granting legal effect to electronic records and signatures; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation & Communications

H. B. NO. 12-227: A Bill for an Act establishing the Commonwealth Government performance standards; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

H. L. I. NO. 12-3: A Legislative Initiative proposing to amend Article XI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands regarding public lands.

Offered by: Rep. Antonio M. Camacho and ten others
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. R. NO. 12-62: A House Resolution to amend House Rule XIII, Section 6 of the “House Rules” of the Twelfth Commonwealth Legislature.

Offered by: Rep. Oscar M. Babauta

H. R. NO. 12-63: A House Resolution requesting the Undersecretary of Farm and Foreign Agriculture Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, the Honorable August Schumacher, to extend the Federal Crop Insurance Program to farmers and ranchers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI); and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Health and Welfare

H. R. NO. 12-64: A House Resolution to bestow upon Ms. Jo-Anna Nakata, State Executive Director of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Honolulu, Hawaii, a distinguished legislative recognition “for innovative outreach in delivering supervised agricultural credit and training to ... framers in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands”, and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres

H. R. NO. 12-65: A House Resolution in recognition of the outstanding scholastic achievement of Mr. Ryan Dela Cruz Camacho as the first CNMI resident to partake in the U.S. Presidential Classroom Scholarships Program; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres

H. J. R. NO. 12-13: A House Joint Resolution requesting the Legislative Leadership to establish a Joint House/Senate Committee to conduct an oversight on the Commonwealth Employment and Training Programs.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres
Referred to: Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Comm. 12-60 – June 26, 2000 – Informing the Legislature that he disapproved Senate Bill No. 12-40, HD2 (Boards & Commission Retirement Credit).

Gov. Comm. 12-61 – June 26, 2000 – Informing the Legislature that he disapproved Senate Bill No. 12-42, HD1 (DPL Director duties and limits of liability).

Gov. Comm. 12-62 – June 26, 2000 – Informing the Legislature that he signed Senate Bill No. 12-50 (Commonwealth Bird Protection Act) into Public Law 12-8.

Gov. Comm. 12-63 – June 26, 2000 – Informing the Legislature that he disapproved Senate Bill No. 12-51, HS1 (PL 7-31 retroactive salary adjustment to vesting service credit).

There was no discussion raised.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move to accept Senate Communications 12-45, 12-46, 12-47, 12-48, 12-49, 12-50, 12-51, 12-53, 12-54, 12-55, 12-56, 12-57, 12-58, and 12-59.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Attao?

Rep. Attao: What about Senate Communication 12-52 is that part of the acceptance?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, if I am in order, we can include that for the acceptance and rejection of the amendments at the same time. With that, I so move.

The motion was seconded.

Floor Leader Babauta: Ready.

Rep. Hofschneider: Point of order, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: State your point of order.

Rep. Hofschneider: He has to recall his motion, Mr. Speaker, and if we are going to reject the Senate amendments it be adopted separately. We cannot accept in a general acceptance on all communications.

Floor Leader Babauta: If I may, Mr. Speaker, that is the whole purpose of skipping Senate Communication 12-52.

Speaker Fitial: For clarification, Senate Communication 12-45, the House does not require action because the Senate just accepted our Bill.

Rep. Attao: But the amendment, Mr. Speaker, pursuant to Rule IX, Section 12, the House needs to either refer, disagree or request for conference on the respective bill.

Speaker Fitial: I understand, but on Senate Communication 12-45 there is no amendment.

Rep. Attao: No, I am referring to 12-52.

Speaker Fitial: So let us take it one-by-one, either to accept, reject or refer.

Rep. Benavente: Point of clarification, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: State your point.

Rep. Benavente: In the past this leadership has not found it necessary to accept the communication and so there was never a necessary motion to accept the communications and therefore the Chair just assigns the different communication to the respective committees. I think if the leadership is now wanting to take action on a specific communication and maybe if I ask the Floor Leader to just recall his motion and make the necessary motion on that specific communication and the rest would be automatically be placed by the Chair to their respective committees. Unless we have now decided to accept as we have done in the past the communications, but again, with this leadership I found it not necessary.

Speaker Fitial: To simplify the process, let me just refer the following to the respective committees: Senate Communication 12-47 is hereby referred to the Committee on Education; 12-48 to the Committee on Health and Welfare; 12-50 to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism; 12-55 to the Committee on Health and Welfare; 12-57 to the Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations; and 12-46 and 12-59 to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sen. Comm. 12-45: Return of House Bill No. 12-45 (Penalty for Violation of Business License Requirements) which the Senate passed on June 16, 2000, without amendment. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-46: Return of House Bill No. 12-202 (Reappropriate fund balances from PL 9-24) which the Senate passed on June 16, 2000, in the form of H. B. No. 12-202, SD1. [For action on SD1] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)**

Sen. Comm. 12-47: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-38, entitled, “To give full effect to the salary increase for teachers and teacher aides mandated by Public Law 10-35; to clarify the terms of Public Law 10-35; and for other purposes,” which the Senate passed on June 16, 2000. [For action] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION)**

Sen. Comm. 12-48: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-65, entitled, “To establish a Task Force of Medical and Health Insurance; and for other purposes,” which the Senate passed on June 16, 2000. [For action] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND WELFARE)**

Sen. Comm. 12-50: Return of House Bill No. 12-173, HD1 (MVA to regulate tourist sites), which the Senate passed on June 16, 2000, in the form of H.B. No. 12-173, HD1, SD1. [For action on SD1] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON COMMERCIAL AND TOURISM)**

Sen. Comm. 12-51: Return of House Bill No. 12-7, HD1 (Display of Pornographic Materials), which the Senate passed on June 27, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-53: Return of House Bill No 12-115, HD1 (Lease to Own Housing Program), which the Senate passed on June 27, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-54: Return of House Bill No. 12-131 (100% Tax Rebate for Cash Compensation Received from Land Exchange) which the Senate passed on June 27, 2000. [Will go to Governor]

Sen. Comm. 12-55: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-11, entitled, “To establish provisions with respect to religious accommodation in employment and for other purposes,” which the Senate passed on June 27, 2000. [For action] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)**

Sen. Comm. 12-57: Transmittal of Senate Bill No. 12-71, entitled, “To defined the term ‘agency’ as used in Public Law 11-87 providing a preference to bidders on Commonwealth agency contracts; and for other purposes,” which the Senate passed on June 27, 2000. [For action] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL AND GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS)**

Sen. Comm. 12-59: Return of House Bill No. 12-100, HD1 (To re-appropriate fund balances from PL 11-67) which the Senate on June 27, 2000 in the form of H.B. No. 12-100, HD1, SD2. [For action on SD2] **(REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS)**

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: The Chair just recently assigned those communications, I wish now to recall my motion and restate a motion for the following communications for acceptance and House action.

Rep. Hofschneider: No objection.

Speaker Fitial: Proceed.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I move for the acceptance of Senate Communication 12-49 reference to House Bill No. 12-154, HD1, SD1; Senate Communication 12-56 reference to Senate Bill No. 12-70; and Senate Communication 12-58 reference to House Bill No. 12-16, SD1.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Fitial: Discussion? Representative Benavente?

Rep. Benavente: For clarification, Mr. Speaker, is the motion to accept these communications and place them on the Bill Calendar?

Speaker Fitial: The motion is to accept the Senate action.

Floor Leader Babauta: Clarification, placement will be done on the Bill Calendar for action.

Rep. Benavente: Clarification further, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Fitial: Proceed.

Rep. Benavente: We still need to discuss each one of the Bills as amended by the Senate and I think it is more proper that we place them on the Bill Calendar for those discussions. So, the motion would be to accept the communications and place them on today's Calendar for action.

Speaker Fitial: That is doing it the long way. Doing it the short way would be to discuss the motion to accept the Senate amendments on these various Bills since we already have the Bills in front of us, we can discuss the Senate amendments.

Rep. Benavente: One by one?

Speaker Fitial: One by one.

Rep. Benavente: We can do it on this.

Speaker Fitial: Because if we need to delay the action of the House it will be the same thing as referring it to the Committee first because the measures that are now being referred have been referred to the Committee will then review by the Committee and then report it back for House action.

Rep. Benavente: We can do either way.

Speaker Fitial: It is up to the pleasure of the body whether to place them first on the Bill Calendar and later discuss and take the necessary action on the amendments made by the Senate. So, it is really up to the body. Floor Leader, your motion is intended to –

Floor Leader Babauta: The motion is to accept those communications that I mentioned, Mr. Speaker, and once we arrive on the Bill Calendar I'll make a motion for placement and discussion for passage of the Senate amendments.

Speaker Fitial: Let us proceed with that then. Any further discussion on the simple acceptance motion?

The motion to accept Senate Communications 12-49, 12-56 and 12-58 was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. We have three Bills that will be placed on the Bill Calendar for consideration. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the rejection of Senate Communication 12-52 under House Bill No. 12-39, Committee Substitute 2, Senate Substitute 1.

The motion was seconded.

SEN. COMM. 12-52: RETURN OF HOUSE BILL NO. 12-39, CS2, (OMNIBUS LABOR REFORM ACT), WHICH THE SENATE PASSED ON JUNE 27, 2000, IN THE FORM OF H. B. NO. 12-39, CS2, SS1. [FOR ACTION ON SS1]

Speaker Fitial: Discussion?

Rep. Hofschneider: Rejection for conference or rejection to return to the Senate?

Speaker Fitial: Rejection for conference.

Rep. Hofschneider: Ready.

The motion to reject Senate Communication 12-52 was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: Senate Communication 12-52 is rejected. Conference will be set up immediately. Resolution Calendar.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Speaker Fitial: Do we have the Resolution introduced by the Floor Leader reproduced? Can we proceed to --

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, one-minute recess.

Speaker Fitial: Recess for few minutes.

The House recessed at 4:45 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 4:55 p.m.

Speaker Fitial: The House shall reconvene. We are under Resolution Calendar, Floor Leader, recognized.

Floor Leader Babauta: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I move for the suspension of Rule VII, Section 9 so that we may adopt the following House Resolutions: 12-62, 12-64 and 12-65.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the adoption of House Resolution Nos. 12-62, 12-64 and 12-65.

H. R. NO. 12-62: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO AMEND HOUSE RULE XIII, SECTION 6 OF THE “HOUSE RULES” OF THE TWELFTH COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE.

H. R. NO. 12-64: A HOUSE RESOLUTION TO BESTOW UPON MS. JO-ANNA NAKATA, STATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) FARM SERVICE AGENCY (FSA) IN HONOLULU, HAWAII, A DISTINGUISHED LEGISLATIVE RECOGNITION “FOR INNOVATIVE OUTREACH IN DELIVERING SUPERVISED AGRICULTURAL CREDIT AND TRAINING TO ... FRAMERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS”, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. R. NO. 12-65: A HOUSE RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE OUTSTANDING SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT OF MR. RYAN DELA CRUZ CAMACHO AS THE FIRST CNMI RESIDENT TO PARTAKE IN THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL CLASSROOM SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The motion to adopt House Resolution Nos. 12-62, 12-64 and 12-65 was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: House Resolution Nos. 12-62, 12-64 and 12-65 are adopted. Bill Calendar.

BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move again for the suspension for the placement of the following Bills on the Bill Calendar for action: House Bill No. 12-154 reference to Senate Communication 12-49; House Bill No. 12-16 reference to Senate Communication 12-58; and Senate Bill No. 12-70 reference to Senate Communication 12-56.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the suspension of Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 for the passage on First and Final Reading on the Bill Calendar the three Bills I stated earlier.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: With that, Mr. Speaker, I now move for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-154, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 12-154, HD1, SD1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE COMMONWEALTH STATE FUNERAL ACT (1 CMC § 4530); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

There was no discussion raised.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill No. 12-154, HD1, SD1, 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	no
Rep. Antonio M. Camacho	abstained
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. 12-154, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, passes the House on First and Final Reading. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the passage on First and Final Reading House Bill No. 12-16 reference to Senate Communication 12-58.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 12-16, HD1, SD1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROHIBIT NON-TRADITIONAL FISHING METHODS IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass House Bill No. 12-16, HD1, SD1, 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	yes
Speaker Benigno R. Fitial	yes

Speaker Fitial: House Bill No. 12-16, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, passes the House on First and Final Reading. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the passage on First and Final Reading Senate Bill No. 12-70 reference to Senate Communication 12-56.

The motion was seconded.

S. B. NO. 12-70: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO VACATE § 304(B) OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 94-3 TO RETURN THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ADMINISTERING DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES PROGRAM TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to pass Senate Bill No. 12-70 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	yes
Speaker Benigno R. Fitial	yes

Speaker Fitial: Senate Bill No. 12-70, passes the House on First and Final Reading.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, a while ago the Chair referred Senate Communications 12-46 and 12-59 to the Committee on Ways and Means. Because of the importance, Mr. Speaker, in the Senate amendment contained in Senate Communication 12-59, which is House Bill No. 12-100, I kindly request that the Chair meet with the authors also on House Bill Nos. 12-002, 12-100 and so as Chairman Norman Palacios on the Tinian Delegation so that we may act on either bill that will be consistent to the

Governor's request. The major importance of that, Mr. Speaker, I think CPA has already made up its mind in determining the construction of Tinian Airport and because the Senate amendment contained on House Bill No. 12-100, something that we need to straighten out because on Section 3, it says, which ever comes first. So if we passed House Bill No. 12-002 and that becomes law Tinian will be left out for the Capital Improvement Project for Tinian Airport. So even if we are to pass House Bill No. 12-100, Third Senatorial District will be left out also without the appropriated request for the Prison, American Memorial Park and the Outer Cove Marina so with this, Mr. Speaker, I urge the indulgence of the members to discuss the issue immediately to act on the Bills either Thursday or Friday. **Si Yu'us Ma'ase.**

Speaker Fitial: Chairman Tony, I know you are very tight up with your budget hearings, but this is also very important.

Chairman A. Camacho: **Pairiri.**

Floor Leader Babauta: Ready.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Fitial: Any announcements, committee meetings or hearings? None. Floor Leader?

Chairman Jones: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Representative Jones?

Chairman Jones: The JGO Committee will conduct public hearing this Friday on the Election Bill and we will also conduct public hearing on Thursday in Rota. Thank you.

Speaker Fitial: I would like to also announce that the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting for Thursday is still scheduled and all House members are invited to attend and participate. I have been asked to remind the members this is the joint Legislature meeting with the Chamber of Commerce. Representative Benavente?

Rep. Benavente: Mr. Speaker, also I would like to remind the members to call in if you are participating so they can make the arrangement of the sittings so they've asked members to RSVP if you are going to attend.

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Fitial: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. Speaker, I just want find out from the members of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation if it is still going on tomorrow? Is it 1:30 p.m.? So, Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation members be reminded. With that, Mr. Speaker, I now move to recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote.

Speaker Fitial: The House stands recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The House recessed at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan P. Kaipat, Journal Clerk
House of Representatives

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

H. L. B. 12-010: 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) **3RD APPEARANCE**

H. L. B. 12-011: A LOCAL BILL FOR AN ACT TO NAME THE SAIPAN AND NORTHERN ISLANDS MUNICIPAL COUNCIL BUILDING AS “HONORABLE PEDRO T NAKATSUKASA MEMORIAL BUILDING” IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF THE LATE COUNCIL SECRETARY PEDRO T. NAKATSUKASA AND TO APPROPRIATE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00) TO COVER THE EXPENSES OF THE DEDICATION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES. (REP. JESUS T. ATTAO +1 7/13/00) **3RD APPEARANCE**