



House Journal

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First Day

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The House of Representatives of the Thirteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened in its First Day, Fifth Special Session, on Wednesday, July 3, 2002, at 9:55 a.m., in the House Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Heinz S. Hofschneider, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

In accordance with Rule XIII, § 2(a), seventeen members were recorded present; Representative Oscar M. Babauta was excused.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

Floor Leader Attao moved for the adoption of the Journals for the 2nd Day, Second Special Session, 1st Day, Third Special Session, 1st Day, Fourth Special Session and 2nd Day, Fourth Special Session, was seconded and carried by voice vote.

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 13-139: A Bill for an Act to establish a Solid Waste Management Revolving Account to provide financial support to Commonwealth Solid Waste Management Systems; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Arnold I. Palacios
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 13-140: A Bill for an Act to improve education in the Northern Marianas by putting resources in the hands of teachers; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 13-141: A Bill for an Act to improve education in the Northern Marianas by increasing autonomy and accountability through public charter schools; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Education

H. B. NO. 13-142: A Bill for an Act to improve education in the Northern Marianas by encouraging creativity and experimentation in public schools; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Education

H. B. NO. 13-143: A Bill for an Act to improve education in the Northern Marianas by providing opportunities for learning earlier and later in each student's life; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Education

H. B. NO. 13-144: A Bill for an Act to amend Public Law No. 13-03 to include Rota Youth Summer Employment Program; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 13-145: A Bill for an Act to provide tax credit for contributions to the Northern Marianas College Endowment; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 13-146: A Bill for an Act to establish the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation within the Office of the Attorney General; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera

H. B. NO. 13-147: A Bill for an Act to promote the use of paper bags and to prohibit the use plastic bags by stores in the CNMI; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan
Referred to: Committee on Natural Resources

H. B. NO. 13-148: A Bill for an Act to create a Workforce Investment Agency within the Office of the Governor to promote employment training and services; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb and eleven others

H. B. NO. 13-149: A Bill for an Act to appropriate Five Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (\$575,000.00) from the Saipan Trust Fund, which was originally established as “Special Deposit Fund” and is presently managed by the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) on behalf of the United States Navy for lands use on Tinian during the Trust Territory period for the designing, engineering, construction and curator of a Tinian Museum; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Norman S. Palacios
Referred to: Committee on Ways and Means

H. B. NO. 13-150: A Bill for an Act to abolish the Scholarship Advisory Board created by Executive Order 94-3, to transfer its functions and those relating to post-secondary educational financial assistance to a Higher Education Financial Assistance Board, to authorize a guaranteed student loan program; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider
Referred to: Committee on Education and Ways and Means

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

H. R. NO. 13-056: A House Resolution expressing a deep sense of appreciation to the Saipan Garment Industry’s buyers and retailers, namely, Liz Claiborne, The Limited, Sears, Jones Apparel Group, The GAP, Abercrombie and Fitch, JC Penny, Polo Ralph Lauren, Calvin Klein and all the other buyers and retailers for their many contributions and assistance to the people of the Commonwealth.

Offered by: Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan
Referred to: Committee on Commerce

H. R. NO. 13-057: A House Resolution to commend Dr. Artin Mahmoudi for his contributions and services to ensure optimal health care for the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Offered by: Rep. Benjamin B. Seman

H. R. NO. 13-058: A House Resolution to commend Dr. Hilmer O. Negrete for his contributions and services to ensure optimal health care for the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Offered by: Rep. Benjamin B. Seman

H. R. NO. 13-059: A House Resolution requesting the Board of Public Lands to reserve at least five hectares (50,000 square meters) of public land per exhibit (A) for the development of a Chamorro Village to protect and promote Chamorro culture, traditions and customs.

Offered by: Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio and four others

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Mr. Speaker, if there's no objection and if I'm not out of order I would to recall the previous resolution, H. R. NO. 13-055 and replace it with this one. Thank you.

Speaker Hofschneider: For a recall we wait until we get down to Resolution Calendar. Any other resolution?

H. R. NO. 13-060: A House Resolution to express the CNMI's appreciation to the United States Marines during the Exercise Millennium Edge 2002 on the island of Tinian for their unselfish participation in numerous community relations projects (COMREL) on the island of Tinian and the Northern Island of Anatahan, and to encourage greater use of the islands for military exercises, training, reconnaissance missions, rest and recreation, and joint military-civilian civic projects; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. William S. Torres and eleven others

Rep. W. Torres: If there's no objection, Mr. Speaker, I would like to place on today's calendar.

There was no objection from the floor.

H. J. R. NO. 13-012: A House Joint Resolution to approve the Standard Carolinian Language Orthography, and request the PSS BOE & NMC BOR to require the teaching of Carolinian Language Orthography; and for other purposes.

Offered by: Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb and five others

H. J. R. NO. 13-013: A House Joint Resolution to authorize expanded reprogramming authority for the Governor under 1 CMC § 7402(d).

Offered by: Rep. Stanley T. Torres and two others

Speaker Hofschneider: Thank you. Any other resolutions? Vice Speaker Tenorio?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to apologize, if there's no objection I would like to go back to Item 3 on our Agenda.

There being no objection, the House went back to Item 3, Prefiled and Introduction of Bills.

PREFILED AND INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

H. B. NO. 13-151: A Bill for an Act to name the Koblerville High School the Saipan Southern High School to provide the school with a distinctive name.

Offered by: Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio and four others
 Referred to: Committee on Education

H. B. NO. 13-152: A Bill for an Act to name the Kagman High School the Chacha Middle School in recognition of the indigenous name of this area.

Offered by: Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio and four others
 Referred to: Committee on Education

Speaker Hofschneider: We move down to Item 5, Messages from the Governor.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Chair declared a recess at 10:10 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 10:13 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We're back to our session. For the benefit of the members please insert GOV. COMM. 13-207, which is in your materials but inadvertently left out on the agenda. This has to do with the deadline of July 1 for a submission on any revision to the budget submission and pursuant to the requirements, it was submitted on July 2nd. Essentially in the message, the Department of Finance projected a decrease in the revenues previously submitted to the Legislature as a result of the poker license fee being increased. Therefore, logically, that will be less machines renewed or applied for and on the basis of the letter, the Secretary of Finance has projected a "best estimate" that thirty percent of the licensed machines will not be renewed. Therefore a revision on the estimated 2003 revenue purports to go downwards. In anticipation of that, the Administration submitted a cushion in the form of a gaming machine jackpot tax increase from ten percent to twenty percent. This is purported to cushion the downward projection on poker licensing. So please include GOV. COMM. 13-207. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: We have to expedite our session today. Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a motion if there's no objection from the members to refer GOV. COMM. 13-170, 13-180, 13-191, 13-206 and 13-207 to the Committee on Ways and Means for review.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion to refer the Governor's Communications enumerated by the Floor Leader has been seconded. Discussion on the motion?

There was no discussion, and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried.

Rep. S. Torres: Mr. Speaker?

The Chair recognized Rep. S. Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: I have an unnumbered Governor's Communication I'd like included in today's session. Monica is in the picture today.

GOV. COMM. 13-139 – January 28, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Department of Public Safety.

GOV. COMM. 13-140 – May 6, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 13-141 – May 6, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

GOV. COMM. 13-142 – May 6, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Rota Health Center.

GOV. COMM. 13-143 – May 6, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Carolinian Affairs Office.

GOV. COMM. 13-144 – May 7, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Board of Elections.

GOV. COMM. 13-145 – May 7, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Tinian Health Center.

GOV. COMM. 13-146 – May 7, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Paras Enterprises Saipan, Inc.

GOV. COMM. 13-147 – May 8, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Hotel Riviera Saipan.

GOV. COMM. 13-148 – May 8, 2002 – P. L. Exemption for Choice Radio Inc.

GOV. COMM. 13-149 – May 10, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-002, S1, D1 (re SLL 11-2 Appropriation of \$320,000.00) into Saipan Local Law 13-1.

GOV. COMM. 13 150 – May 13, 2002 – Notification that all flags are to be flown at half-mast on May 15, 2002.

GOV. COMM. 13-151 – May 13, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-001, S1, (re SLL 11-2 Appropriation of \$400,000.00) into Saipan Local Law 13-2.

GOV. COMM. 13-152 – May 13, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-003, D1 (re SLL 11-2 Appropriation of \$185,000.00) into Saipan Local Law 13-3.

GOV. COMM. 13-153 – May 13, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-004, S1, D1 (re SLL 11-2 Appropriation of \$1,081,000.00) into Saipan Local Law 13-4.

GOV. COMM. 13-154 – May 13, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-011 (re Gualo Rai Sewer Appropriation) into Saipan Local Law 13-5.

GOV. COMM. 13-155 – May 15, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Division of Revenue & Taxation.

GOV. COMM. 13-156 – May 15, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

GOV. COMM. 13-157 – May 20, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Office of Aging.

GOV. COMM. 13-158 – May 20, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

GOV. COMM. 13-159 – May 23, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Office of Aging.

GOV. COMM. 13-160 – May 23, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Office of the Attorney General.

GOV. COMM. 13-161 – May 23, 2002 – Certifications for vacant positions at the Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 13-162 – May 24, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Public Health.

GOV. COMM. 13-163 – May 24, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Carolinian Affairs Office.

GOV. COMM. 13-164 – May 24, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Saipan Employment Agency & Services.

GOV. COMM. 13-165 – May 24, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Hotel Riviera Saipan.

GOV. COMM. 13-166 – May 24, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Health Professional Corporation Saipan Health Clinic.

GOV. COMM. 13-167 – May 24, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Triple J Saipan, Inc.

GOV. COMM. 13-168 – May 24, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Micronesian Health Corporation (MHC) dba Island Medical Center

GOV. COMM. 13-169 – May 31, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed S. B. NO. 13-17, SD1 (re Surrender of a Person's Driver's License) into Public Law 13-6.

GOV. COMM. 13-170 – May 31, 2002 – Certification of Salary in Excess of \$50,000.00 for certain positions.

GOV. COMM. 13-171 – May 31, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-020, S1 (re Appropriation of \$250,000.00 from S. L. L. 11-2) into Saipan Local Law 13-7.

GOV. COMM. 13-172 – May 31, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-007 (re Mr. Guillermo Romolor Kileleman) into Saipan Local Law 13-6.

GOV. COMM. 13-173 – June 3, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Dental Care, Inc.

GOV. COMM. 13-174 – June 3, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Advance Pacific Corporation dba Puffy.

GOV. COMM. 13-175 – June 11, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-017, CD1 (re \$1,720,000.00 China Town Sewer System) into Public Law 13-7.

GOV. COMM. 13-176 – June 11, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-009, CS1 (Fish & Game Conservation Fund) into Public Law 13-8.

GOV. COMM. 13-177 – June 11, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Rolando D. Pamintuan dba R.P. Enterprises.

GOV. COMM. 13-178 – June 11, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for FSC Corporation.

GOV. COMM. 13-179 – June 11, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Division of Revenue & Taxation.

GOV. COMM. 13-180 – June 13, 2002 – Submitting a proposed legislation (re CUC Liquid Fuel Tax Repealer) for consideration.

GOV. COMM. 13-181 – June 11, 2002 – Federal Grant Application Review re Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Study for the CNMI.

GOV. COMM. 13-182 – June 11, 2002 – Federal Grant Application Review re State Plan for Vocational Rehabilitation Services and the Supplement for Supported Employment Services.

GOV. COMM. 13-183 – June 14, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Rota Health Center.

GOV. COMM. 13-184 – June 14, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Seashore, Inc.

GOV. COMM. 13-185 – June 14, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Stephan J. Lebamoff dba Abok Computer.

GOV. COMM. 13-186 – June 17, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed S. B. NO. 13-12, HS1 (re Qualifications of the Board of Directors of the CUC) into Public Law 13-9.

GOV. COMM. 13-187 – June 17, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-018, S1, D1 (Poker & Pachinko Machines Licensing Fees P.L. 7-31 Salary Adjustment Payments) into Saipan Local Law 13-8.

GOV. COMM. 13-188 – June 18, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Office of the Governor.

GOV. COMM. 13-189 – June 19, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-092 (Re-appropriate Fund Balances from P. L. 11-119 for China Town & Chalan Laulau Water Reservoir) into Public Law 13-10.

GOV. COMM. 13-190 - June 19, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Department of Lands & Natural Resources.

GOV. COMM. 13-191 - June 19, 2002 – Submitting 5 proposed legislations (re Educational Excellence Initiative) for consideration.

GOV. COMM. 13-192 – January 28, 2002 – Certification for vacant position at the Department of Public Safety.

GOV. COMM. 13-193 – June 17, 2002 – Federal Grant Application Review re Protection 7 Advocacy Traumatic Brain Injury Program.

GOV. COMM. 13-194 – June 20, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Boraam Wakil Lamie Tanyous dba The Pyramid Construction Co.

GOV. COMM. 13-195 – June 24, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Finance.

GOV. COMM. 13-196 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Labor & Immigration.

GOV. COMM. 13-197 – June 25, 2002 - Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-003 (Ambulance Fee Fund) into Public Law 13-11.

GOV. COMM. 13-198 – June 25, 2002 - Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-004, HD1 (Ambulance Fee Fund) into Public Law 13-12.

GOV. COMM. 13-199 – June 25, 2002 - Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-006, CD1 (CIP Appropriations) into Public Law 13-13.

GOV. COMM. 13-200 – June 25, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-069, HD1 (CIP for Precinct IV) into Public Law 13-14.

GOV. COMM. 13-201 – June 26, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. L. B. NO. 13-028, D2 (R. L. L. 11-1 Appropriation of \$142,000.00 for Rota) into Rota Local Law 13-2.

GOV. COMM. 13-202 – June 26, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Attorney General's Office.

GOV. COMM. 13-203 – June 26, 2002 – Certification for vacant positions at the Department of Finance.

GOV. COMM. 13-204 – July 1, 2002 – Informing the Legislature that he signed H. B. NO. 13-134 (re Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement) into Public Law 13-15.

GOV. COMM. 13-205 – June 27, 2002 – P. L. 11-6 Exemption for Richard P. Kautz, Jr. dba Kautz Glass Company.

GOV. COMM. 13-206 – June 20, 2002 – Submitting a proposed legislation (re Environmental Beautification Tax of 2002) for consideration.

GOV. COMM. 13-207 – July 1, 2002 – Regarding changes in FY'03 Revenue Projections and submitting a proposed legislation on gaming devices jackpot winnings for consideration.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move for the acceptance of SEN. COMM.13-035 through SEN. COMM. 13-053.

The motion was seconded.

SEN. COMM. 13-035: Return of H.J.R. NO. 13-004, re CNMI and Guam Legislature Alliance, which the Senate adopted on May 13, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-036: Return of H. J. R. NO. 13-006, re Japan/Northern Mariana Islands Parliamentary League of Friendship, which the Senate adopted on May 13, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-037: Return of H. B. NO. 13-003, re \$39,317.00 Ambulance Fee Appropriation, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-038: Return of H. B. NO. 13-004, HD1, re Ambulance Fee Revolving Fund Accounts, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-039: Return of H. B. NO. 13-006, CD1, re Capital Improvement Project Act of 2002, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-040: Return of H. B. NO. 13-009, CS1, re Fish and Game Conservation Fund, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-041: Return of H. B. NO. 13-017, CD1, re Provide Appropriation for China Town Asbestos Pipeline Replacement, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-042: Return of H. B. NO. 13-069, HD1, re Capital Improvement Project for Precinct IV, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-043: Return of H. B. NO. 13-092, re P. L. 11-119 Re-appropriate of \$1,000,000.00, which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-044: Transmittal of S. B. NO. 13-38, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to amend P. L. NO. 12-84 to include motorcycles and to repeal 1 CMC § 5703; and for other purposes," which the Senate passed on May 20, 2002. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 13-045: Transmittal of S. R. NO. 13-10, entitled, "A Senate Resolution recognizing and commending Mr. Ambrose Milton Bennet for his contribution to the Public School System's curriculum by authoring a social studies book, entitled 'People and Villages'," which the Senate adopted on May 13, 2002. [For information]

SEN. COMM. 13-46: Informing the House that the Senate accepted the House amendments to S. B. NO. 13-12 (CUC Board Qualifications).

SEN. COMM. 13-47: Transmittal of S. B. NO. 13-14, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to lower water rates for local farmers and ranchers and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on June 7, 2002. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 13-48: Transmittal of S. B. NO. 13-42, SD1, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to amend and repeal certain sections of the Commonwealth Code relative to the term and composition of Boards and Commissions; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on June 7, 2002. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 13-49: Transmittal of S. B. NO. 13-57, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to provide for the disposition of government property; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on June 7, 2002. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 13-50: Return of H. B. NO. 13-031, re OAPS Arrest Power, which was passed by the Senate without amendment on June 7, 2002. [Will go to Governor]

SEN. COMM. 13-51: Return of H. B. NO. 13-136, Rota and Tinian Dialysis Center \$2 Million Appropriation, which was passed by the Senate without amendment on June 7, 2002. [Will go to Governor]

SEN. COMM. 13-052: Transmittal of S. B. NO. 13-66, SD1, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to provide for service on the Civil Service Commission and other boards, commissions and councils; and for other purposes," which was passed by the Senate on June 18, 2002. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 13-053: Return of H. B. NO. 13-134, re Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, which was passed by the Senate without amendment on June 29, 2002. [For information]

There was no discussion and the motion to accept the Senate communications was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: SEN. COMM. 13-035 through SEN. COMM. 13-053 has been accepted by the House.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 13-4 – April 24, 2002 – From Chairman Stanley T. Torres requesting for Extension on Referrals of House Bills & House Joint Resolution.

HSE. COMM. 13-5 – May 9, 2002 – From Chairman Andrew S. Salas requesting for Extension on Referrals of House Bills.

HSE. COMM. 13-6 – June 6, 2002 – From Representative Stanley T. Torres regarding Bank of Saipan.

HSE. COMM. 13-7 – June 13, 2002 – From Representative Stanley T. Torres regarding Bank of Saipan Case.

HSE. COMM. 13-8 – June 17, 2002 – From Legislative Assistant Liana S. Hofschneider, Sub-Committee on Labor & Immigration, requesting for Extension on Report for H. B. NO. 13-049.

HSE. COMM. 13-9 – June 19, 2002 – From Acting Chairperson Gloria DLC. Cabrera, Committee on Health & Welfare, requesting for Extension on Referrals of House Bills.

The Chair recognized Rep. S. Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: Mr. Speaker, relative to House Communications 13-6 and 13-7 just to apprise the members, I read in the paper yesterday and today that the shareholders-Directors are still adamant and arguing that the \$1.3 million dollars is not their money anymore and they are trying to convince the court that the court should handle it. I think that interprets or ... trying to get away from criminal action. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take the opportunity under the House Communications if I may? I have a speech to deliver. [M]y dear Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, I am on the verge of a head-on collision with our Governor on two issues: the current dilemma of (1) the salary cap and (2) contractual obligations incurred within our Executive Branch. I am not satisfied with the way this administration is heading. The Governor's course is like the Titanic's maiden voyage to America. When she left England, it was said that she unsinkable. Our Governor too, during the election was unsinkable. But with the current trend, he is heading towards a political debacle. As we are the elected representatives of the people, we must come to a closure on these two issues that I have mentioned. It is our constitutional responsibility to safeguard the way our government operates and ensure that taxpayers are protected in how their money is spent. What is disturbing is that this administration promised changes and hope; but what I see is different. To me, the fox has become a permanent fixture in the chicken coop and has forgotten his manners. Basically, we have laws that are not being obeyed. It seems that when one is appointed or sole sourced by the Governor, they are given a free reign to decide how much they should make and not comply with our laws. When we came into office as our people's representatives, we swore to uphold the laws. I am sure that those souls that were appointed have done likewise. In all fairness, when they chose to accept their appointment, they also chose to serve the people. Public service is a virtue not a means for a pay raise or to carry over their higher salary. The next item is about Mr. Chuck Jordan's contract with the Governor. On June 24, 2002, I requested the Public Auditor to provide your Committee on Ways and Means for copies of Mr. Charles (Chuck) Jordan Statement of Financial Interest. They declined to release such. However, they recommended I ask Mr. Jordan for a waiver, in order to get such documents. Two days ago, I wrote a letter to Mr. Jordan to authorize the Public Auditor to release these documents. Mr. Jordan responded that he would not waive such right and wanted to protect his privacy. Mr. Speaker and fellow colleagues, it disturbs me that he would use this to protect his privacy. If nothing is amiss, then why should he hide? Another aspect that disturbs me most of Mr. Jordan's current contract with the Governor is that it creates a new type of employment status within our government. The proposed status that the Governor wants us to accept is that Mr. Jordan would become both an employee of the CNMI and a contractor. Since, Mr. Jordan has chosen to enter the doors of being a public servant and contractor, and in the best interest of our taxpayers, I am asking this house to authorize your Committee on Ways and Means to conduct a full investigation into Mr. Charles Jordan. This investigation is needed and comes not a minute too late, since we are all accountable and must ask ourselves: Do we really need another Special Assistant for CIP and a contractor at the same time? Wouldn't it be more reasonable for the Governor to rely on the Department of Public Works for technical matters of such magnitude? While the financial aspect of CIP projects be resolved with the CIP Administrator at the Office of Management and Budget. I think these type of pipedreams need to stop and we could better use the money saved for more pressing issues. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I again ask this house for immediate approval and support for this investigation. Furthermore, your Committee solicits your approval to issue a subpoena to secure a copy of any and all Statement of Financial Interest submitted to the Office of the Public Auditor, by Mr. Charles Jordan. In closing, I've included copies of correspondences in regards to this matter and what really confuses me is that when Mr. Jordan responded to my request, he used the Governor's letterhead!!! Again, is he an employee of the government or a contractor? Commonsense would dictate that using a Governor's letterhead would originate from a true

bonafide government employee and not from a contractor. *Ai adai*, Mr. Speaker, *ton-tu este na taotao*. Thank you. [Stamped and numbered as HSE. COMM. 13-10]

HSE. COMM. 13-10 – From Representative Stanley T. Torres regarding contractual obligations within the Executive Branch.

Speaker Hofschneider: Any other House Communication?

The Chair recognized Rep. Herman Palacios.

Rep. H. Palacios: Mr. Speaker, if the Chairman of Ways and Means is asking for support or vote on that, I would like to put that into a motion.

Seconded by the Floor Leader.

At this time the Chair declared a short recess and the House recessed at 10:37 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 10:45 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our Session. The proper Rule of Procedure is that we delineate boundaries through a resolution sanctioned by the House and we allow the legal counsel to work on those languages.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 13-7 – May 15, 2002 – From Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan re H. B. NO. 13-084.

There was no discussion on this item of the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE

WASH. REP. COMM. 13-6 – April 25, 2002 – From Sr. Legislative Assistant Malinda S. Matson re H. R. 4546, the Fiscal Year 2003 Defense Department Appropriations Bill.

WASH. REP. COMM. 13-7 – June 4, 2002 – From the Honorable Pedro A. Tenorio, Resident Representative to the United States, re Budget Request for FY' 2003.

There was no discussion on this item of the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-34 – April 29, 2002 – From Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan, Office of the Public Auditor, to Commissioner of Education Dr. Rita H. Inos, re Kagman Elementary School Project.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-35 – May 1, 2002 – From Executive Director Felix R. Nogis, Workforce Investment Agency, re Summer Youth Employment Program.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-36 – May 3, 2002 – From Executive Director Carlos H. Salas, Commonwealth Ports Authority, re H. L. B. NO. 13-024.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-37 – May 7, 2002 – From Secretary Thomas B. Pangelinan, Department of Lands and Natural Resources, re Nursery Revolving Fund and the Animal Health Fund.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-38 – May 10, 2002 – From Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan, Office of the Public Auditor, to Executive Director Doris C. Pladevega, Criminal Justice Planning Agency, re Compilation Report - Department of Public Safety's Confidential Informant Funds for Fiscal Years 2000 and 2001.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-39 – May 15, 2002 – From Acting Special Assistant Nace N. Soalablai, Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review, acknowledging receipt of H. R. NOS. 13-041, 13-047 through 13-050.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-40 – May 30, 2002 – From Attorney General Robert T. Torres, Attorney General's Office, re Opposition and Request to Reject/Disapprove Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Admission to the Supreme Court.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-41 – May 22, 2002 – From Commissioner Bertha C. Leon Guerrero, Marianas Public Lands Authority, re H. B. NO. 13-105.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-42 – June 3, 2002 – From Acting Special Assistant Nace N. Soalablai, Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review, acknowledging receipt of H. J. R. NOS. 13-004 and 13-006.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-43 – June 17, 2002 – From Acting Special Assistant Nace N. Soalablai, Special Assistant for Programs & Legislative Review, acknowledging receipt of H. R. NOS. 13-052 through 13-054.

DEPT. & AGENCY COMM. 13-44 – June 10, 2002 – From Public Auditor Michael S. Sablan, Office of the Public Auditor, to Acting Chairperson Zania Fleming, Board of Directors, and to Acting Executive Director Bernard P. Villagomez, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, re Compilation Report on A & E Services for the Design of the Upgrade (Phase II) of the Saipan Beach Road Sewer System.

There was no discussion on this item of the agenda.

OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 13-34 – April 10, 2002 – From the Honorable Valentin I. Taisakan, Mayor of the Northern Islands, requesting for a status report regarding the Anatahan School Classroom Project.

MISC. COMM. 13-35 – May 14, 2002 – From Joan K. Ongrung, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Secretary, transmitting a certified copy of S. N. I. Local Resolution No. 13-03.

MISC. COMM. 13-36 – May 14, 2002 – From Joan K. Ongrung, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Secretary, transmitting a certified copy of S. N. I. Local Resolution No. 13-04.

MISC. COMM. 13-37 – May 14, 2002 – From Joan K. Ongrung, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Secretary, transmitting a certified copy of S. N. I. Local Resolution No. 13-05.

MISC. COMM. 13-38 – May 14, 2002 – From Joan K. Ongrung, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Secretary, transmitting a certified copy of S. N. I. Local Resolution No. 13-06.

MISC. COMM. 13-39 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y. C. Bill No. 4-03 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-40 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y. C. Bill No. 4-04 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-41 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y. C. Bill No. 4-07 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-42 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y.C. Bill No. 4-08 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-43 May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y.C. Bill No. 4-09 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-44 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y.C. Bill No. 4-10 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-45 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting Y.C. Bill No. 4-11 for consideration.

MISC. COMM. 13-46 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting a certified copy of Y. C. Resolution No. 4-12.

MISC. COMM. 13-47 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting a certified copy of Y. C. Resolution No. 4-13.

MISC. COMM. 13-48 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting a certified copy of Y. C. Resolution No. 4-14.

MISC. COMM. 13-49 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting a certified copy of Y. C. Resolution No. 4-15.

MISC. COMM. 13-50 – May 20, 2002 – From Youth Congress Clerk Nancy I. Sanchez transmitting a certified copy of Y. C. Resolution No. 4-16.

MISC. COMM. 13-51 – May 23, 2002 – From Joan K. Ongrung, Saipan & Northern Islands Legislative Delegation Secretary, transmitting a certified copy of S. N. I. Local Resolution No. 13-07.

MISC. COMM. 13-52 – May 22, 2002 – From Administrative Officer Frances C. Muna, Saipan Municipal Council, transmitting certified copies of the Seventh Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council Resolution Nos. 7SMC-2RS-20 through 7SMC-2RS-28.

MISC. COMM. 13-53 – May 23, 2002 – From Administrative Officer Frances C. Muna, Saipan Municipal Council, transmitting certified copies of the Seventh Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Resolution Nos. 7SMC-2RS-29 through 7SMC-2RS-33.

MISC. COMM. 13-54 – May 31, 2002 – From the Honorable Valentin I. Taisakan, Mayor of the Northern Islands, re H. L. B. NO. 13-025.

MISC. COMM. 13-55 – June 10, 2002 – From the Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona, Mayor of Rota, re Rota Share of Santa Magarita Treasure.

MISC. COMM. 13-56 – June 11, 2002 – From the Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona, Mayor of Rota, re Reprogramming Authority for Mayor.

MISC. COMM. 13-57 – June 24, 2002 – From Administrative Officer Frances C. Muna, Saipan Municipal Council, transmitting certified copies of the Seventh Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council Resolution Nos. 7SMC-2RS-34 through 7SMC-2RS-37.

There was no discussion on this item of the agenda.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao moved for the adoption of S. C. R. NO. 13-024, S. C. R. NO. 13-025, S. C. R. NO. 13-026, S. C. R. NO. 13-027, S. C. R. NO. 13-028 and S. C. R. NO. 13-029.

The motion was seconded.

S. C. R. NO. 13-024: Reporting on H. B. NO. 13-028, entitled, “To amend 1 CMC Section 8314(a) to provide and reserve one seat for the Commonwealth Association of Retired Persons, Inc. to the Board of Trustees of the Retirement Fund; and for other purposes.” Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends passage in the form of H. B. NO. 13-028, CD1.

S. C. R. NO. 13-025: Reporting on H. B. NO. 13-019, entitled, "To amend Public Law 12-43, Section 3 to give the Speaker of the Youth Congress the authority to appoint individual members of the Youth Congress to serve as non-voting honorary members of each Commonwealth Board and Commission; and for other purposes." Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the passage in the form of H. B. NO. 13-019, CD1.

S. C. R. NO. 13-026: Reporting on H. B. NO. 13-055, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC §§ 6423 and 6705 as enacted by Public Law 12-18, (Northern Mariana Islands Election Reform Act of 2000); and for other purposes." Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that H. B. NO. 13-055 be filed.

S. C. R. NO. 13-027: Reporting on H. B. NO. 13-080, entitled, "To establish an Agriculture Equipment Service Revolving Fund Program within the Division of Agriculture; and for other purposes." Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends the passage in the form of H. B. NO. 13-080, CD1.

S. C. R. NO. 13-028: Reporting on H. B. NO. 13-110, entitled, "To create a marine reserve area on Tinian extending from the north point of the municipal breakwater to Puntan Diablo Point; and for other purposes." Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends the passage in the form of H. B. NO. 13-110, CD1.

S. C. R. NO. 13-029: Reporting on S. B. NO. 13-22, entitled, "To amend 2 CMC Division 4 § 4144 by adding a new subsection (d) relating to land in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes." Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends the passage of S. B. NO. 13-22.

Speaker Hofschneider: Discussion on the motion? I recognize Representative Ada.

Rep. Martin B. Ada: I would like to include a couple of standing committee reports. Am I in order, Mr. Speaker?

At this time the Chair declared a recess and the House recessed at 10:48 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 10:49 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our session. Any discussion on Standing Committee Reports? Ready?

Several members voiced, "ready."

The motion to adopt S. C. R. NO. 13-024, S. C. R. NO. 13-025, S. C. R. NO. 13-026, S. C. R. NO. 13-027, S. C. R. NO. 13-028 and S. C. R. NO. 13-029 was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Chair declared a short recess at 10:50 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 10:53 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our Session. I would like to ask the indulgence of the members to act on H. J. R. NO. 13-013 first so we can transmit it up to the Senate in exchange for two legislations that we recently passed. No objection?

There was no objection from the floor.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I now move for the adoption of the following resolutions, H. J. R. NO. 13-012, H. J. R. NO. 13-013, H. R. NO. 13-059 and H. R. NO. 13-060. I have two more resolutions missing.

Speaker Hofschneider: It's being copied. Any second?

The motion was seconded.

H. R. NO. 13-059: REQUESTING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC LANDS TO RESEVE AT LEAST FIVE HECTARES (50,000) SQUARE METERS OF PUBLIC LAND PER EXHIBIT (A) FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CHAMORRO VILLAGE TO PROTECT AND PROMOTE CHAMORRO CULTURE, TRADITIONS AND CUSTOMS.

H. R. NO. 13-060: TO EXPRESS THE CNMI'S APPRECIATION TO THE UNITED STATES MARINES DURING THE EXERCISE MILLENIUM EDGE 2002 ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN FOR THEIR UNSELFISH PARTICIPATION IN NUMEROUS COMMUNITY RELATIONS PROJECTS (COMREL) ON THE ISLAND OF TINIAN AND THE NORTHERN ISLAND OF ANATAHAN, AND TO ENCOURAGE GREATER USE OF THE ISLANDS FOR MILITARY EXERCISES, TRAINING, RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS, REST AND RECREATION, AND JOINT MILITARY-CIVILIAN CIVIC PROJECTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. J. R. NO. 13-012: TO APPROVE THE STANDARD CAROLINIAN LANGUAGE ORTHOGRAPHY, AND REQUEST THE PSS BOE & NMC BOR TO REQUIRE THE TEACHING OF THE CAROLINIAN LANGUAGE ORTHOGRAPHY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

H. J. R. NO. 13-013: TO AUTHORIZE EXPANDED REPROGRAMMING AUTHORITY FOR THE GOVERNOR UNDER 1 CMC § 7402 (D).

There was no discussion, and the motion was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried. H. J. R. NO. 13-012, H. J. R. NO. 13-013, H. R. NO. 13-059 and H. R. NO. 13-060 are hereby adopted by the House.

The Chair recognized Rep. S. Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: If I may, I'd like to make a motion for unanimous approval by roll call that the House would approve my request that a resolution be prepared for the investigation of Chuck Jordan and a subpoena for his statement of financial interest.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: The motion being placed on the floor for consideration by Representative Torres, Chairman of Ways and Means is for a preparation of a House Resolution sanctioning a subpoena power to be granted relative to documents required by the Committee on the contract relating to Mr. Chuck Jordan. It has been seconded. Discussion on the request? Representative Quitugua?

Rep. Quitugua: Isn't that inherent on the Standing Committee, Mr. Speaker, the power to subpoena?

Speaker Hofschneider: It is. More specifically the statute requires that either the President or the Speaker of the House issue the subpoenas with the consent and is normally with the consensus of majority of the body. It adds to the layer of consensus by a majority to allow the Speaker or the Presiding Officers to issue a subpoena. Any more comments? Vice Speaker Tenorio?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Point of information, Mr. Speaker. In the subpoena aren't we required to be specific in what we're after and what would that be that we're looking for?

Speaker Hofschneider: Representative Stanley Torres, in the request seeking a preparation of a House Resolution, could you go over your request specifically on what you intend to acquire?

Rep. S. Torres: At this time, the document that Mr. Jordan has filed with the Public Auditor's Office. I don't know if I can add any other but at this time that's about where I am focusing. But in the event that a document or information arises, I ask the body to probably allow flexibility for another subpoena to be issued to other agencies that requires subpoena.

Speaker Hofschneider: Representative Quitugua, to answer your question specifically under our CNMI statute, Chapter 13, subsection 1301(b), every investigating committee when authorized by either house or both houses, as the case may be, may issue by a majority vote of all of its members subpoenas requiring the attendance of witnesses and subpoena duces tecum requiring the production of books, documents or other evidence in any matter pending before the committee. So it does require the consensus of majority. Any other discussion? Representative Quitugua?

Rep. Quitugua: Mr. Speaker, I'm supporting the issuance of a subpoena to the good Chairman of Ways and Means and Committee. I would like however, Mr. Chairman, that the specifics of the subpoena be articulated so that we go after a specific purpose. I realize, Mr. Speaker, that his power to subpoena documents, to subpoena individuals to appear an appropriate committee is an awesome power. And although I trust the good Chairman of Ways and Means of his prudent pursuit for information, I just want, Mr. Speaker, for the record to state that we use that as prudently as possible. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Hofschneider: Clerk, roll call.

The roll was called the motion offered by Representative Torres, Chairman of Ways and Means for a House Resolution to be prepared sanctioning subpoena power to be granted the Committee relative to documents required by the Committee relating to Mr. Chuck Jordan's contract, which was carried by roll call vote.

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: With that vote, the House Counsel is now instructed to prepare the House Resolution delineating the boundaries and specificity of the subpoena interrogation to the Ways and Means Chairman Stanley Torres. Vice Speaker Tenorio?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, we're still under Resolution Calendar, and I would like at this time to move to recall H. R. NO. 13-055.

Speaker Hofschneider: Floor Leader, recall motion requested by the Vice Speaker.

Floor Leader Attao: What's the number?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: H. R. NO. 13-055.

Speaker Hofschneider: Vice Speaker, could you explain why you're recalling it?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Mr. Speaker, if the members will recall for one I didn't realize because I was just looking at the resolution and it was meant to be five hectares not five thousand square meters on the Chamorro Village resolution. And not only that, I have located a site that was pointed out to me by the MPLA which would meet the requirements of the Chamorro Village [end of recording]...

The House recessed at 11:09 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:09 .m.

[Beginning of recording]

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our session and I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, [end of recording]...

[Beginning of recording]

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Instead of offering amendments to H. R. NO. 13-055, I went ahead and introduced this resolution in its new form, Thank you.

Floor Leader Attao: Mr. Speaker, point of information. I don't think we need to withdraw that from the Committee since the replacement Resolution has already been adopted. So why don't we just leave that with the Committee?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: The committee doesn't need to take that out, they could just file it if that's the case.

At this time the Chair declared a recess and the House recessed at 11:12 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:16 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our session. I think we're going about the reverse. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: I move for the suspension of Rule VII, Section 10, Rule IX, Sections 9, 10 and 11 for the adoption of the following Resolutions and House Joint Resolutions: H. R. NO. 13-057, H. R. NO. 13-058 also, Mr. Speaker to include previously adopted H. R. NO. 13-059, H. R. NO. 13-060, H. J. R. NO. 13-012 and H. J. R. NO. 13-013. Thank you.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: Suspension motion for the passage for those resolutions enumerated by the Floor Leader has been seconded. Discussion on the suspension motion?

Floor Leader Attao: Ready.

There was no discussion and the motion carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Vice Speaker?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Mr. Speaker, you went too fast on the motion. I just wanted to find out what particular resolutions we're going to be entertaining? And it's odd because I'm sure part of that suspension of motion we passed may be First and Final Reading and maybe some of the members have to review more closely what we're adopting.

Speaker Hofschneider: Floor Leader, could you restate the House Resolutions and the House Joint Resolutions for the benefit of the Vice Speaker?

Floor Leader Attao: Okay, previously adopted H. J. R. NO. 13-012, H. J. R. NO. 13-013, H. R. NO. 13-059 and H. R. NO. 13-060. The other two Resolutions are H. R. NO. 13-057 and H. R. NO. 13-058 to be adopted.

Vice Speaker Tenorio: This is only House Resolution, Mr. Speaker not a House Joint Resolution.

Speaker Hofschneider: H. J. R. NO. 13-012, H. J. R. NO. 13-013 and the rest are House Resolutions. Short recess.

The House recessed at 11:27 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:35 a.m.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Mr. Speaker, I now move for the adoption of H. R. NO. 13-057 and H. R. NO. 13-058.

The motion was seconded.

H. R. NO. 13-057: TO COMMEND DR. ARTIN MAHMOUDI FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES TO ENSURE OPTIMAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

H. R. NO. 13-058: TO COMMEND DR. HILMER O. NIGRETE FOR HIS CONTRIBUTIONS AND SERVICES TO ENSURE OPTIMAL HEALTH CARE FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion for the adoption of H. R. NO. 13-057 and H. R. NO. 13-058 has been seconded. Discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced, "ready."

There was no discussion; the motion to adopt H. R. NO. 13-057 and H. R. NO. 13-058 was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, if there's no objection from the members, I would like to go back to Item 6 to include in the Agenda SEN. COMM. 13-054 and SEN. COMM. 13-055.

There being no objection, the House went back to back to Item 6.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

Speaker Hofschneider: With no objection, we're back to Item 6 for the inclusion of SEN. COMM. 13-054 and SEN. COMM. 13-055.

SEN. COMM. 13-054: Return of H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1, re Land Compensation, which was passed by the Senate with amendment on July 3, 2002. [For action on the Senate amendments]

SEN. COMM. 13-055: Return of H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1, re P. L. 11-64 \$ 2.6 Million Appropriation, which was passed by the Senate with amendment on July 3, 2002. [For action on the Senate amendments]

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move for the acceptance of SEN. COMM. 13-054 and SEN. COMM. 13-055.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: SEN. COMM. 13-054 and SEN. COMM. 13-055 are hereby accepted by the House. I recognize the Floor Leader under Bill Calendar.

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On Item 16, Bill Calendar, I move to withdraw from the Committee H. B. NO. 13-111 for today's action.

Speaker Hofschneider: Could you state the title of the Bill?

Floor Leader Attao: H. B. NO. 13-111: A Bill for an Act to amend Section 7 of Public Law 12-64 to appropriate funds to build dialysis treatment facilities on the islands of Tinian and Rota.

Speaker Hofschneider: Thank you. Is there a second?

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: A recall motion on H. B. NO. 13-111 from the Committee has been seconded. Discussion on the recall motion?

There being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: H. B. NO. 13-111 is hereby placed on Calendar. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Rep. S. Torres: Mr. Speaker?

The Chair recognized Representative Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: I'd like to recall from the Committee H. B. NO. 13-084, entitled, To create a Marshal Service Division, to be placed on today's calendar, please, for action.

Speaker Hofschneider: Chairman on JGO, what is the status of that Bill?

Rep. Ada: The Report is actually ready, Mr. Speaker, except the forty-eight hours rule for pre-filing of reports.

The Chair recognized Representative S. Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: I don't want to put words to my colleague's mouth but I think there ... [end of recording] [beginning of recording] ... report prepared for the approval. So I am recalling that for the House to take action as a full House, if I may make that into motion.

Speaker Hofschneider: Is there a committee report ready?

Rep. Ada: Yes, Mr. Speaker, we have the original. I am in support of the Bill.

Speaker Hofschneider: Floor Leader, to be in line and in order, you don't want to deviate from the House Rule of forty-eight hours reporting for the privilege of the members. Let's all agree to suspend the motion to allow the committee report to appear today until the next session for action so that everyone can digest the committee report.

Floor Leader Attao: Is that for the next session, Mr. Speaker?

Speaker Hofschneider: Yes, if that is the consensus. Representative Palacios?

Rep. Herman T. Palacios: Along with that, Mr. Speaker, we're also preparing a Minority Report on the report to be submitted.

Floor Leader Attao: Is the minority report against the Bill?

Rep. Ada: May I, Mr. Speaker? This Bill is quite controversial but as Chairman and after meeting with the Chief Justice and the Presiding Judge, I have all the backing to justify and defend this part of the Bill and the passage of the Bill.

Rep. S. Torres: Mr. Speaker, I have no problem putting that for the next session. The more it weighs probably, the more members would agree to pass.

Speaker Hofschneider: Chairman Ada, please submit the report to the Floor Leader for the suspension or placement under the Standing Committee Reports.

Rep. Ada: For next session?

Speaker Hofschneider: For next session.

Rep. Ada: Thank you.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker I would like to make a motion to place H. B. NO. 13-146, H. B. NO. 13-148, H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 (SEN. COMM. 13-054) and also H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1 (SEN. COMM. 13-055) on today's Calendar for action.

Speaker Hofschneider: Floor Leader, my computer is not working today, can you rephrase that motion?

Floor Leader Attao: Motion to place on today's Calendar H. B. NO. 13-146, H. B. NO. 13-148, H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 (SEN. COMM. 13-054) and H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1 (SEN. COMM. 13-05) on today's Calendar for action.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion for placement on the Calendar for today's action H. B. NO. 13-146, H. B. NO. 13-148, H. B. NO. 13-138 relative to SEN. COMM. 13-055 and H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 relative to SEN. COMM. 13-054 has been seconded. Discussion on the motion? Ready?

Several members voiced, "ready."

The motion was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move for the suspension of Rule VII, Section 10, Rule IX, Section 9, 10 and 11 for the passage of the following Bills: H. B. NO. 13-028, HD1, H. B. NO. 13-019, HD1, H. B. NO. 13-080, HD1, H. B. NO. 13-110, HD1, S. B. 13-22, H. B. NO. 13-111, H. B. NO. 13-146, H. B. NO. 13-148, H. B. NO. 13 001, HS1, HD1, SD1 and H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Hofschneider: Suspension motion for those House Bills and Senate Bill has been seconded. Discussion on the motion? Vice Speaker?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Can I have a copy of the Bills or at least the title before we act on the motion?

Speaker Hofschneider: May we dispose of the suspension motion first and then discuss that? Ready?

Floor Leader Attao voiced, “ready.”

The being no discussion, the motion was carried by voice vote.

Speaker Hofschneider: Motion carried. Floor Leader, for the benefit of everyone can we go one by one?

Floor Leader Attao: You want me to read all the Bills now?

Speaker Hofschneider: No, for the passage now.

Floor Leader Attao: Mr. Speaker, I think the procedure is to go one by one. I now move for the passage of H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$2.6 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE FEES GENERATED UNDER PUBLIC LAW 11-64 TO THE MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY.

Speaker Hofschneider: Discussion on the motion, discussion on the Bill?

Several members voiced, “ready.”

Speaker Hofschneider: This is to provide \$2.6 million dollars to MVA. Clerk, roll call.

The roll called on the motion to pass H. B. NO. 13-138, SS1 on First and Final Reading is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: By a vote of seventeen yes, one absent, H. B. NO. 13-138, as amended by the Senate is hereby passed by the House. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move for the passage of H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AUTHROIZE THE MARIANAS PUBLIC LANDS AUTHORITY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO INCUR PUBLIC DEBT IN AN AMOUNT OF UP TO FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000.00) FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF LAND COMPENSATION CLAIMS AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Speaker Hofschneider: Discussion on the Bill?

Several members voiced, “ready.”

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: This is just for the record. On page 3, Section 4 subsection 3, the Senate made an amendment to include, subject to the approval of claims by the Board and also on page 4, Section 8, land exchange option. Those are the two amendments made by the Senate. This is just for the record, Mr. Speaker, Thank you.

Speaker Hofschneider: Since this is a borrowing endeavor it requires a two third majority. Clerk, roll call. Before roll call, Representative Ada?

Rep. Ada: *Hagas ha' ta nanga este na Bill. Esta kuarentai kuaru anos yu pa'go. Fa'naan anai disisieti anos yu guenao na tiempo. Na'magof este para i taotao-ta yan hagas ha' ta didibi. Maolek este ti bai hu maleffa ni este na lehislatura yan i gubietno ni para hu sign este.* Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized Representative Stanley Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: Just before we vote on the measure, I'd like to declare conflict of interest. However the magnitude and the length and the benefit it outweighs is my conflict, I will be voting in favor of the Bill.

Speaker Hofschneider: State your conflict, Representative Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: I am still awaiting for my title for land exchange on my Capitol Hill area.

Speaker Hofschneider: Are you seeking monetary compensation?

Rep. S. Torres: No, I'm waiting for an exchange. The previous three governors have approved it; however, I think it's only a paperwork delay. It's considered done.

Speaker Hofschneider: Then you don't have a conflict because you're not seeking monetary compensation. That's a separate business; it's land-to-land exchange; it's not included in the Bill. Thank you. Vice Speaker?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Mr. Speaker, I talked earlier with you about this issue. At first I thought that I might not have a conflict of interest but after reviewing the people that will be receiving funds, I found out that I'm one of the recipients from land I purchased years ago. While this land is still in contest at the court, there's potential that I might be receiving money. So, I looked at the research again myself and I thought that I have a potential conflict of interest. I voted yes on the original package of the Bill and then I found this out so I thought that you should know.

Speaker Hofschneider: You hold title to the property?

Vice Speaker Tenorio: It's a deed that I have, it's questionable now.

Speaker Hofschneider: Vote conflict, Representative Tenorio.

Vice Speaker Tenorio: Thank you.

The Chair recognized Representative Deleon Guerrero.

Rep. Deleon Guerrero: Mr. Speaker, point of clarification. When you mentioned that Representative Torres is not in conflict because this issue of monetary exchange I just want to offer a point clarification because Section 8, subsection (d) does provide for land exchange and he may in fact have a conflict.

Speaker Hofschneider: The statute in existence allows for land-to-land compensation and in practice also monetary compensation. This legislation has to do with borrowing specifically to retire those that are seeking monetary compensation and not land compensation, since it is in place in the Constitution and statutorily provided for. Unless the legislation is specifically granting land exchange, then he has a conflict.

Rep. Deleon Guerrero: Mr. Speaker, that's what this subsection 8(d) provides for. I just want to commend Representative Torres for declaring his conflict.

The Chair recognized Representative Quitugua.

Rep. Quitugua: Mr. Speaker, to what extent does conflict of interest apply that requires a representative to declare?

Speaker Hofschneider: If you have the potential of receiving benefits or interest directly or indirectly on any of the legislations that you are voting for then you are in conflict.

Rep. Quitugua: How about a family member?

Speaker Hofschneider: A family member? Explain.

Rep. Quitugua: On the listing that was provided early on when we were discussing the Bill in the House I found out that my father is one of the individuals that may be receiving either land exchange or compensation, whichever he decides to go for. I just wanted that for the record.

Speaker Hofschneider: Do you expect any benefit of him?

Rep. Quitugua: Personally, no.

The Chair recognized Representative Ada.

Rep. Ada: I think I'll be one of the recipients. Remember Nan Ocha Road? The newly finished road? We have been advised that it has taken a portion of our land. So do we just abstain from voting?

The Chair declared a short recess at 11:41 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:44 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We're back to our session and for further clarification on conflict of interest. Under our CNMI law under Chapter 3 on Conflict of Interest, Subsection 8535(c) a public official may participate in, vote on, or influence, or attempt to influence an official decision if the only pecuniary interest or potential benefit that may accrue to the public official is incidental to the public official's position or which accrues to the public official as a member of a profession, occupation or a larger class. Large class to no greater extent than the pecuniary interest or potential benefit could reasonably be expected to accrue to all other member's of the profession, occupation or a large class. So if you don't have an overriding benefit other than the larger class of your family for instance, this is what it means then you can vote on it.

The Chair recognized Representative Palacios.

Rep. H. Palacios: Mr. Speaker, I would like one of these days to get that terminology changed because the more interest you have the more you would vote yes.

Speaker Hofschneider: Exactly. And the more you're inclined not to vote the more you're in conflict.

Rep. S. Torres: Mr. Speaker, can you expand the meaning of incidental? I know the meaning in my understanding but can you expand?

The Chair declared a short recess at 11:45 a.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Speaker Hofschneider: We are back to our session. Under discussion. Ready?

Several members voiced, “ready.”

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Attao: *Antes di ta bota este komu guahu prime author nui este na akto, magof yo’, Mr. Speaker para bai na’i un dangkulu na si Yu’us Ma’ase’ para hagu yan i membrun este San Papa’ na Guma’, i membrun i senadót anai ma pasa maseha dangkulu na dibati gi senadót, ma fa’tinas disision-niha pa’go. Este na akto, Mr. Speaker, ma intrudusi gi Febrebru ya tinaka’ kana’ sais mesis ni para hu ma pasa ni both houses. Pa’go na ha’ane ta silelebra ya ta na’i lakkue’ un dangkulu na si Yu’us Ma’ase’ para todus etyo I manmannananga ni este na salape’ osino land exchange. Pa’go na ha’ane lakkue’, Mr. Speaker, sumen na’magof para este San Papa’ na Guma sa uno na akto ni dosse años, ta polo na dosse años distiki man mannanga i taotao-ta. Ya este gue’ na a’anok na i both houses macho’cho’ parehu, masahalom parehu pa’go na ha’ane. I Acting Governor lakkue’, Mr. Speaker, ha nananga este na atko para hu fitma kosaki siña ma daggao papa’ gi CDA ya hu ma float i bond, mentras mas taftaf, mas maulek. Ya u ma risibi lakkue’ ni i taotao-ta ni manananga taftaf, ya ola mohon ya este na forty million uma alulayi ya u ma disburse before September. Este ha, Mr. Speaker talu’ hu nana’i hamyo si Yu’us Ma’ase pot todus siha ayudun miyu ni este na atku. Thank you.*

The Chair recognized Representative Torres.

Rep. S. Torres: *Para bai hu add ha iyona speech si Congressman Attao. Entitle iyona forty million dollars speech. Thank you.*

Speaker Hofschneider: For the House record, these two legislations represent a good portion of our accomplishment on our agenda in the economic revitalization here in the Commonwealth. The \$2.6 million is much needed infusion into the aggressive promotions and advertising for the tourism industry, we have accomplished that. The forty million would be further augmenting the revitalization of the economy by providing in the hands of those recipients greater economic buying power and hopefully they spend it on island and not elsewhere. So we need the economy to rebound itself. We still have one other legislation in the local delegation and that is the Garment User Tax Increase which is the final component to the economic stimulus package of the House and hopefully we all see eye-to-eye on the issue and support the legislation increasing the Garment User Fee for the tourism revitalization project in Garapan, clean it out and retrofit the Garapan as a central focal point of our island in the Commonwealth for the tourism and the citizens alike. With that, Clerk, roll call.

The roll called on the motion to pass H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 on First and Final Reading is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	conflict of interest

(Mr. Speaker, allow me. The record will reflect that I was the only one who abstained on the passage of this Bill, due to reasons. This is a very unique Bill, it’s really the first Bill that we introduced or we passed. However, I must decline and I must abstain due to conflict of interest.)

Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
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(Mr. Speaker, based on the clarification of conflict of interest provision in the book, I am voting yes.)

Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: By a vote of sixteen yes, one conflict of interest, one absent, H. B. NO. 13-001, HS1, HD1, SD1 is hereby passed by the House. Floor Leader, H. B. NO. 13-146?

Floor Leader Attao: Can we pass H. B. NO. 13-111, Mr. Speaker? That's the replacement of the two million appropriation that is still with the Speaker.

Speaker Hofschneider: Proceed.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you. I now move for the passage of H. B. NO. 13-111 on First and Reading.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 13-111: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 7 OF PUBLIC LAW 12-64 TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO BUILD DIALYSIS TREATMENT FACILITIES ON THE ISLANDS OF TINIAN AND ROTA.

Speaker Hofschneider: Discussion on the Bill?

Several members voiced, "ready."

Speaker Hofschneider: Clerk, roll call.

The roll called on the motion to pass H. B. NO. 13-111 on First and Final Reading is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: By a vote of seventeen yes, one absent, H. B. NO. 13-111 is hereby passed by the House.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Speaker Hofschneider: Floor Leader, since we passed the substitute Bill, could you make a motion for the House to recall its action on H. B. NO. 13-136, since I have not transmitted it?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker

Speaker Hofschneider: For the benefit of the members H. B. NO. 13-136 is the dialysis appropriation, which I have been holding back from sending to the Governor due to technical problems. The substitute has been passed or the replacement legislation introduced by Representative Quitugua is now to be transmitted to the Senate. So it is in proper order for the House to recall its action and file that Bill. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: You want me to recall that Bill?

Speaker Hofschneider: Put a note then that we'll act on it on our next Session. You may continue with H. B. NO. 13-146.

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move for the passage of H. B. NO. 13-146 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 13-146: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COMMONWEALTH BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Speaker Hofschneider: This is the Bill to finally establish the proper office of internments in back, right corner of our Chamber. This is the Criminal Investigation arm of the Attorney General's Office and this is a long overdue piece of legislation to include them in the Investigative Unit of the Attorney General's Office by law. Discussion on the Bill?

Several members voiced, "ready."

Speaker Hofschneider: Ready? Clerk, roll call.

The roll called on the motion to pass H. B. NO. 13 13-146 on First and Final Reading is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: By a vote of seventeen yes, one absent, H. B. NO. 13-146 is hereby passed by the House. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I now move for the passage of H. B. NO. 13-148 on First and Final Reading.

The motion was seconded.

H. B. NO. 13-148: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO CREATE A WORKFORCE INVESTMENT AGENCY WITHIN THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR TO PROMOTE EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND SERVICES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Speaker Hofschneider: Discussion on the Bill? This is an important piece of legislation that has been awaited by the Administration. This is to establish the working relationship in cohesive manner on the workforce investment. Ready?

Floor Leader Attao voiced, "ready."

Speaker Hofschneider: Clerk, roll call.

The roll called on the motion to pass H. B. NO. 13-148 on First and Final Reading is as follows:

Rep. Martin B. Ada	yes
Rep. Francisco DLG. Aldan	yes
Rep. Jesus T. Attao	yes
Rep. Oscar M. Babauta	excused
Rep. Gloria DLC. Cabrera	yes
Rep. Pedro P. Castro	yes
Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Rep. Arnold I. Palacios	yes
Rep. Herman T. Palacios	yes
Rep. Norman S. Palacios	yes
Rep. Daniel O. Quitugua	yes
Rep. Andrew S. Salas	yes
Rep. Benjamin B. Seman	yes
Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb	yes
Rep. Manuel A. Tenorio	yes
Rep. Stanley T. Torres	yes
Rep. William S. Torres	yes
Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider	yes

Speaker Hofschneider: By a vote of seventeen yes, one absent, H. B. NO. 13-148 is hereby passed by the House. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Attao: I move to recess until Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.

Rep. S. Torres: Can you call recess and clarify with the Clerk because I think there's a tight schedule?

The motion to recess until Tuesday, July 9, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. was seconded, and carried by voice vote.

The House recessed at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lavida S. Palacios, Acting Journal Clerk
House of Representatives

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

H. L. B. NO. 13-031: To establish local license fees for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. [2nd Appearance]