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The House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Forth Day, Third Regular Session on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 1:56 p.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Rafael S. Demapan, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll and eighteen members were present; Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao and Jose I. Itibus were absent and excused.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d).

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 4. Format of Bills and Resolutions

(d) Bills and resolutions for introduction may be pre-filed with the House Clerk for formal introduction at the next session, provided that it is pre-filed in sufficient time to appear on the session agenda as required under Rule III. The 72-hour notice and agenda requirements may be dispensed with for Special Emergency Sessions and Sessions called by the Governor in accordance with Rule III.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Clerk. Again, motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 4 (d) so that the House amends its agenda hereby carries. Item II, now the floor is open for public comment. Anyone who wishes to comment, you may proceed to the podium. I ask that you state your name for the record.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One individual made comments pertaining to the following:

SEN. COMM. 20-145: (2/22/18) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 20-87, SS1**, entitled, “To repeal and reenact 4 CMC §2313 (c) (6) to make 1 CMC §2901 applicable to the Commonwealth Casino Commission; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 22, 2018. [*For action*]

Ms. Ana Teregeyo

The Chair directed the members to item III, Adoption of Journals and recognized the Clerk.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Clerk announced the following journal ready for adoption:

Second Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 31, 2018

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following journal:

Second Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 31, 2018

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the Second Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 31, 2018 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair directed the members to item IV, Introduction of Bills and recognized Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero officially introduced the following House Bill and welcome the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. NO. 20-156

To establish the level of funding for the Legislature and provide the Legislature with control of the expenditure of funds appropriated for its operations.

REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

The Chair officially introduced the following House Bill and welcome the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. 20-157

To establish a retirement plan for Commonwealth Government employees.

REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan)

The Chair recognized Representative Alice S. Igitol.

Representative Alice S. Igitol officially introduced the following House Bill and welcome the members to coauthor the bill:

H. B. 20-158

To add a new Article 5 to Chapter 5, Division 8 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code to establish the Pregnancy Related Medical Leave and the Parental Leave Act; and for other purposes.

REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representative Janet U. Maratita)

The Chair referred House Bill 20-156 to the Committee on Ways and Means; House Bill 20-157 and 158 to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

The Chair directed the members to (b) House Local Bills and recognized Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero.

House Local Bills:

Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero officially introduced the following House Local Bill:

H. L. B. NO. 20-60

To amend Article 9, Section 902(c) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by granting the Saipan Zoning Board with the authority to exempt temporary residential structures of the parking requirements.

REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

House Legislative Initiatives: None

The Chair directed the members to item V, Introduction of Resolutions and recognized the Representative Angel A. Demapan.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS***House Resolutions: None******House Joint Resolutions: None******House Commemorative Resolutions:***

Representative Angel A. Demapan officially introduced the following House Commemorative Resolution and request that the resolution be introduced by the Committee of the Whole:

C. RES. NO. 20-16

Conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable Jose Santos Rios and to pay tribute to his outstanding contributions and dedication of public service for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

Several members voiced “no objection.”

The Chair placed House Commemorative Resolution 20-16 on the Bill Calendar.

House Concurrent Resolutions: None

The Chair directed the members to item VII, Senate Communications and recognized the Floor Leader.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Floor Leader made a motion to accept Senate Communications 20-140 to 20-145 so they may become property of the House.

SEN. COMM. 20-140: (2/22/18) Returning H. B. No. 20-53, (To establish and clearly define the authority of the Department of Public Works to promulgate rules and regulations within the Rights Of Way (ROW); and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on February 22, 2018. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-141: (2/22/18) Returning H. B. No. 20-128, (To amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on February 22, 2018. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-142: (2/22/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-29, HD1, entitled, “To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs.,” which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 22, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-29, HD1, SD2**, to read: “*To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs and to appropriate four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000.00) from the Second Senatorial District’s Solid Waste Revolving account for the payment to Docomo Pacific, Inc.*” [***For action on Senate amendments***]

SEN. COMM. 20-143: (2/22/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-83, entitled, “To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes.,” which was passed by the Senate with amendments on February 22, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-83, SS1**. [***For action on Senate amendments***]

SEN. COMM. 20-144: (2/22/18) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 20-83**, entitled, “To empower and define the authority of Community Supervision Officers and Compliance Officers in treatment courts; and for other purposes.,” which was passed by the Senate on February 22, 2018. [***For action***]

SEN. COMM. 20-145: (2/22/18) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 20-87, SS1**, entitled, “To repeal and reenact 4 CMC §2313 (c) (6) to make 1 CMC §2901 applicable

to the Commonwealth Casino Commission; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 22, 2018. [**For action**]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to accept Senate Communications 20-140 to 20-145 so they may become property of the House was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair referred the following accordingly:

*Senate Communication 20-142 referred to Ways and Means
Senate Communication 20-145 referred to Gaming*

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 so they may place Senate Communication 20-143 reference to House Bill 20-83, SS1 on the Bill Calendar for action.

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

Section 8. Referral of Bills and Resolutions

(a) Bills and resolutions shall be read by title upon introduction and (except as provided in subsection (b), the Speaker shall refer such measures to an appropriate committee or to more than one committee, jointly or sequentially. The Clerk shall endorse such reference on the measure before duplication and shall enter such reference upon the Journal. In the case of error of reference, correction may be made by the House, with debate, immediately after the reading and approval of the Journal, by unanimous consent, or upon motion of either committee claiming jurisdiction or the committee to which the measure has been erroneously referred.

(b) The Speaker may place a resolution directly on the Resolution Calendar, rather than refer it to a committee, subject to appeal to the House.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 and to place Senate Communication 20-143 reference to House Bill 20-83, SS1 on the Bill Calendar was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 so they may place Senate Communication 20-144 reference to Senate Bill 20-83 on the Bill Calendar for action.

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(b) The Speaker may place a resolution directly on the Resolution Calendar, rather than refer it to a committee, subject to appeal to the House.

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 and to place Senate Communication 20-144 reference to Senate Bill 20-83 on the Bill Calendar was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair directed the members to item VIII, House Communications and recognized the Clerk.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM 20-96: (2/18/18) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Sunday, February 18, 2018 to Monday, February 26, 2018 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM 20-97: (2/21/18) From Representative Attao informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth beginning Thursday, February 22, 2018 on personal matters and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. Furthermore, Representative Attao officially authorizes Representative Villagomez to formally introduce his legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

There was no discussion; the Chair directed the members to item XII, Report of Standing Committees and recognized the Floor Leader.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-106: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-24, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to prohibit cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-24, HD1.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-106 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following Standing Committee Report:

S. C. R. NO. 20-107: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-141, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees..” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-141 in its current form.*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt Standing Committee Report 20-107 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair directed the members to item XV, Resolution Calendar and recognized the Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to adopt the following House Commemorative Resolution:

C. RES. NO. 20-16

Conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable Jose Santos Rios and to pay tribute to his outstanding contributions and dedication of public service for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt House Commemorative Resolution 20-16 was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The Chair called for a short recess.

The House recessed at 2:15 p.m.

RECESS

The House reconvened at 2:21 p.m.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, members. Back from our recess. Prior to our recess, we were on item XVI, under the Bill Calendar. Let me recognize the Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-141

A Bill for an Act to give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-107]*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-141 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes

Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative House Bill 20-141 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

S. B. NO. 20-83

To empower and define the authority of Community Supervision Officers and Compliance Officers in treatment courts; and for other purposes. [SEN. COMM. 20-144]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of Senate Bill 20-83 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Clerk. Again, with all 18 members voting in the affirmative Senate Bill 20-83 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

H. B. NO. 20-83, SS1

To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes. [SEN. COMM. 20-143]

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-83, Senate Substitute 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: All 18 members voting in the affirmative House Bill 20-83, SS1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-24, HD1

A Bill for an Act to prohibit cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes. *See* [S. C. R. NO. 20-106]

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Your motion has been seconded. Discussion on the motion? Recognize Representative Deleon Guerrero.

Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just have a question to the mover. Not that I'm objecting to the bill. This bill has come a long way from earlier versions. My question would be about regarding enforcement of these provisions or violations rather. I see that it – under definition officer means law enforcement officer. Officer of a humane society or officer for pound or animal regulation department of a public agencies. As I look at this, I think the authority to investigate violations of this what would fall on them. I just wanted to ask the mover, I guess under the definition a law enforcement officer could be the police. I am not sure if we have an officer of humane society yet and maybe we do have the Mayor's Office who's currently handling the dog pound facility and I guess it could include them. I just wanted to get clarification from the mover whether the intent is for them who would be the ones enforcing this or whether we will have a animal police as they do in other jurisdictions that would be responsible for enforcing the provision of this act if it becomes law. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you. Recognize Representative Propst to respond.

Representative Edwin K. Propst: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Thank you, Chairman. A very good question in fact I thank you for bringing this up because we actually discuss this during a committee meeting in JGO, I was present to answer a few questions. The hope is we will have officers of a humane society. This is why we did include this language. A law enforcement officer of course we do want to ensure that they have the – they are within their rights and capacity to enforce this law. Of course, the pound or animal regulations are currently under the Office of the Mayor, but with the language of the officer of humane society we will be pushing for that eventually. Although, we don't have officers right now we did include that language in this bill with the intent that will eventually happen as it is in other counties, cities and jurisdiction. That is the plan but thank you. Very good question Chairman.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Propst. Further discussion? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-24, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes

Representative Edwin K. Propst	yes
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	yes
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	yes

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 18 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With all 18 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-24, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-35, HD1

A Bill for an Act to repeal and reenact 1 CMC §§ 8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-83]*

The motion was seconded.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Again, your motion has been seconded. Discussion on that motion? Recognize Representative JP Sablan.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. While the Sergeant at Arms is distributing the latest physical analysis from our physical analyst. At this time, I would like to offer a floor amendment which the floor amendment reflects the analysis provided by our physical analyst. If we can use ELMO.

Representative John Paul P. Sablan offered the following floor amendment:

FLOOR AMENDMENT

To: House Bill No. 20-35, HD1

Offered by: Representative John Paul P. Sablan

AMENDMENT:

House Bill No. 20-35, HD1 is hereby amended to read as follows:

- Page 3
 - Line 3, after the word “Review”:
 - **Delete** “\$54,000”
 - **Insert** “\$57,000”
- Page 4
 - Line 9:
 - **Insert** “Director, Planning and Development \$54,000”

Consistent with the intent of the forgoing amendment(s), I hereby also move to allow the Legal Counsel together with the House Clerk to make further non-substantive technical amendments that are strictly necessary to effectuate the intent of this floor amendment prior to transmittal.

Date: February 27, 2018 Offered by: /s/ Rep. John Paul P. Sablan

Reviewed for Legal Sufficiency by:
/s/ Legal Counsel John Cool

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion and the motion to adopt the floor amendment offered by Representative John Paul P. Sablan was carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Now back to the main motion. Discussion? Ready? Clerk for the roll call.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-35, House Draft 2 on First and Final Reading with the following results:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	yes
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	no
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	no
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	no

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, 15 members voted “yes” and 3 members voted “no.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. With 15 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-35, HD2 hereby passes the House. Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader made a motion to pass the following on First and Final Reading:

H. B. No. 20-36, HD1

A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes. *See [S. C. R. NO. 20-84]*

The motion was seconded.

There was no discussion; the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of House Bill 20-36, House Draft 1 on First and Final Reading:

Representative Francisco C. Aguon	yes
Representative Edwin P. Aldan	yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Donald C. Barcinas	yes
Representative Ivan A. Blanco	yes
Representative Francisco S. Dela Cruz	yes
Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero	no
Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero	yes
Representative Angel A. Demapan	no
Speaker Rafael S. Demapan	yes
Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero	yes
Representative Alice S. Igitol	yes
Representative Jose I. Itibus	absent (<i>excused</i>)
Representative Glenn L. Maratita	yes
Representative Janet U. Maratita	yes
Representative Edwin K. Propst	no
Representative Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.	yes
Representative John Paul P. Sablan	yes
Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan	no
Representative Edmund Joseph S. Villagomez	no

House Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, 13 members voted “yes” and 5 members voted “no.”

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: *Si Yu’us Ma’ase*, Clerk. Again, with 13 members voting in the affirmative, House Bill 20-36, HD1 passes the House. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: That takes care of our Bill Calendar Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Floor Leader. Again members, thank you for your support on any of the bills in the Bill Calendar. Item XVII, Miscellaneous Business recognize Representative Vinny Sablan.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Representative Vinny Vinson F. Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just wanted to on the record kinds of shed light on a community issue and concern with the recent happenings with the high schools – with the students. As a member of the PTA for two schools and also a member of the parent advisory counsel – the counsel of parents had a very emotional meeting today this morning to shed light on the recent tragedies in the schools and it was there where many of the parents felt that this is not only a school issue, not only a home issue, but a community issue for all of us to look into and to address and to act on. So there will be forthcoming communications and meetings to see how we can aid these school system and address these problem in the community. It is our jobs as legislators and leaders to see if we need to do anything legislatively. I know the school system is hurting in their counseling program. A lot were looking into what the counselors doing, but this is a very tough job for them to really identify and handle hundreds or

thousands of students. So, just to be on record and for all those who are watching we need to come together and speak to our kids and see what are the underlined factors in the issue. We sit here many days and session and handle issues and problems, but this particular one is something that is very detrimental to our communities especially to the family. It was our wish as parents and the school will do their part so we can all gather together as a community as we mourn the loss of these students. More so, just to find solutions and look at the factors and see what can be done to aid the families and the kids, the system as a whole. So, by looking into procedures and whatnot and we could change just to help out with this issue CNMI wide. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Rafael S. Demapan: Thank you, Representative Sablan for that concern. The leadership did meet yesterday in regards to that concern. In fact, I will be sending out a letter to PSS and perhaps seek audience with us and see how the legislative branch can come in and assist the PSS whether through any type of aid or assistance. So, I thought I'd mention that to the members. A letter is forthcoming from this body. Further? Item XVIII, Announcement? Ready? Floor Leader for the motion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Glenn L. Maratita: Mr. Speaker, I move that we adjourn subject to your call.

The motion was seconded and carried by voice vote. There was no nay vote.

The House adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Venetia S. Rosario
House Journal Clerk

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 20-57: To require all future developments within the Third Senatorial District to have the necessary infrastructure prior to request for any rezoning of an area; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C.

Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 16, 2018.

[H. L. B. NO. 20-58: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, and Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on February 16, 2018.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on February 16, 2018:

[Added-2/16/18] H. B. NO. 20-154: To amend 4 CMC §2103 to enhance Marianas Visitors Authority’s promoting capabilities in attracting tourists to visit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] H. B. NO. 20-155: To require all Commonwealth governmental entities to submit an annual “Citizen-Centric Report” of their activities. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representative Alice S. Igitol) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] H. L. B. NO. 20-57: To require all future developments within the Third Senatorial District to have the necessary infrastructure prior to request for any rezoning of an area; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] H. L. B. NO. 20-58: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, and Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero) on February 16, 2018.

[Added-2/16/18] H. L. B. NO. 20-59: To appropriate \$81,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 16, 2018.

H. RES. NO. 20-19: To respectfully encourage the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) to approve the request for services of China Eastern Airlines to provide air transportation services between the Francisco C. Ada Saipan International Airport (SPN) and the Shanghai Pudong International Airport (PVG) on a regular scheduled basis and to respectfully request the Administration to render their support of such request. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 16, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: None