



TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

## FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2025

### LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL

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Tuesday, March 11, 2025

*The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Third Day, First Regular Session on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 10:07 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

*The Honorable Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez, Speaker of the House, presided.*

*A moment of silence was observed.*

#### ROLL CALL

*The Clerk called the roll for attendance with the following results:*

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Present
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Present
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Present
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao	Present
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Present
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Absent (Excused)
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Present
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Present
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Present
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Present
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Present
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Present
Representative Malcolm Jason Omar	Absent (Excused)
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Present
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Present
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Present
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Present
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Present
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Present
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, 17 members are present and 3 members are absent.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present, a quorum is duly established. Let the record reflect that Representatives Angelo Camacho, Malcolm Omar, and Ralph Yumul are excused for today's session. We will now proceed to Item No. 2, Public Comments. The podium is open to receive any comments. Please state your name and the entity you represent, you have five minutes. If you have prepared statements, please submit them to the Sergeant-at-Arms for forwarding to the Clerk's office.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Public Comments was presented by five individuals on the following items:*

**S. B. NO. 24-15, SD1:** To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC§ 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes.

**S. B. NO. 24-16, SD1:** To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes.

**S. B. NO. 24-17, SD1:** To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename “Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority” to “Commonwealth Economic Incentive District Authority”; and for other purposes.

*There being no further public comments presented and none under Adoption of Journals, the Chair moved down to Item 4, Introduction of Bills, and recognized Representative Joseph Arriola Flores under House Bills.*

### **ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

None

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

#### ***House Bills:***

*Representative Joseph Arriola Flores formally introduced the following bill; subsequently requested the Chair to place on the Bill Calendar for consideration:*

**H. B. NO. 24-7:** To ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it. **Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 to place House Bill No. 24-7 on the Bill Calendar.*

**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; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussions on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following bill which was then referred to the House Committees on Natural Resources, and Ways and Means:*

**H. B. NO. 24-8:** To amend 1 CMC § 2803 to ensure that public land revenues are managed and invested by the Marianas Public Land Trust in accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. **Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

*Representative Joel Castro Camacho formally introduced the following bill which was then referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means, and Tourism:*

**H. B. NO. 24-9:** To amend 4 CMC § 1803 by reallocating a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax received by the Marianas Visitors Authority to the Division of Parks and Recreation to support beautification efforts. **Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

*Representative Joel Castro Camacho formally introduced the following bill which was then referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations:*

**H. B. NO. 24-10:** To establish a change of name legal procedure in the CNMI. **Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

*Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan formally introduced the following bill; subsequently requested the Chair to place on the Bill Calendar:*

**H. B. NO. 24-11:** To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 *(for himself)*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 to place House Bill No. 24-11 on the Bill Calendar.*

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Vice Speaker.*

*Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho formally introduced the following bill which was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means:*

**H. B. NO. 24-12:** To promote economic recovery and provide relief to CNMI taxpayers by waiving penalties and interest on unpaid taxes due to financial and socioeconomic hardships; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 *(for himself)*

*Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona formally introduced the following bill which was referred to the House Committee on Commerce:*

**H. B. NO. 24-13:** To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees. **Prefiled by: REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 *(for himself)*

*The Chair moved down to House Local Bills and recognized Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas.*

#### ***House Local Bills:***

*Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas officially introduced the following bill:*

**H. L. B. NO. 24-2:** To appropriate Eighty Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

*The Chair moved down to Item 5, Introduction of Resolutions, and recognized Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai under House Resolutions.*

***House Legislative Initiatives:***

None

**INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

***House Resolutions:***

*Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai formally introduced the following resolution:*

**H. RES. NO. 24-5:** To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2025 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day. **Prefiled by: REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas John DLC Manglona, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

*There being no objections on the floor, H. Res. No. 24-5 was introduced by the Committee of the Whole, and the Chair placed the resolution on the Resolution Calendar.*

***House Joint Resolutions:***

*Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following resolution:*

**H. J. R. NO. 24-1:** To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security. **Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

*There being none under House Commemorative Resolutions and House Concurrent Resolutions, the Chair moved down to Item 6, Messages from the Governor, and recognized the Clerk.*

***House Commemorative Resolutions:***

None

***House Concurrent Resolutions:***

None

**MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

*The Clerk announced the following Messages from the Governor:*

GOV. COMM. 24-11: (2/12/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Molly Kay Dennert, who is employed as an Assistant Public Defender at the Office of the Public Defender, to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-12: (2/14/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-6, HD1 (*To amend the Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of Fiscal Year 2025, Public Law 23-26, to appropriate the balance of funds allocated for the Minimum Annual Payment to the Settlement Fund and to return government employees subject to austerity to 100% work hours; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 24-01** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-13: (2/28/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-1, D1, (*To appropriate \$11,877.00 for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 and 1 CMC § 1405.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 24-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-14: (3/4/2025) Informing Representative Vincent R. Aldan, of his appointment to serve as the House of Representatives' representative on the State Workforce Development Board (SWD). [*For info-U.S. P.L. 11-128*]

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. Any discussion under Messages from the Governor? I recognize Representative San Nicolas.

Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. This is just to thank the governor for signing House Local Bill 24-1, D1: To appropriate \$11,877.00 for the personnel operation for the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission pursuant to 10 CMC § 1405. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Representative San Nicolas. I recognize Representative Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to extend our appreciation to the administration for signing House Bill No. 24-6, HD1, into Public Law 24-01. The amendment to the Budget Act of 2025 in a timely manner, where we averted the government employees reverting to 70 hours to maintain their 80 hours and to make sure that the payments to the retirees 25% were addressed. Thank you, again, Mr. Speaker.

*There being no further discussion on the floor, the Chair moved down to Item 7, Senate Communications, and recognized the Clerk.*

### **SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Clerk announced the following Senate Communications:*

SEN. COMM. 24-3: (2/14/2025) Returning H. B. No. 24-6, HD1, entitled, “*To amend the Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of Fiscal Year 2025, Public Law 23-26, to appropriate the balance of funds allocated for the Minimum Annual Payment to the Settlement Fund and return government employees subject to austerity to 100% work hours; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on February 14, 2025. [*For info-Now P.L. 24-1*]

SEN. COMM. 24-4: (2/14/2025) Returning H. C. R. NO. 24-1, entitled, “*To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2025, beginning October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2025.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on February 14, 2025. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 24-5: (2/14/2025) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 24-01, entitled, “*Supporting the Commonwealth Ports Authority’s request for exemption from Federal Limitations on Scheduled Chinese Air Service to the CNMI and for the Reinstatement of Annex VI under the US Department of State’s “US-China Air Transport Agreement of 2007.”*”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 14, 2025. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 24-6: (3/3/2025) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 24-02, entitled, “*To call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the Governor’s State of the Commonwealth Address.*”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 28, 2025. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 24-7: (3/3/2025) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 24-15, SD1, entitled, “*To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC § 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on February 28, 2025. [*For action*]



SEN. COMM. 24-8: (3/3/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-16, SD1**, entitled, *“To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes.”*, which was passed by the Senate on February 28, 2025. [For action]

SEN. COMM. 24-9: (3/3/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-17, SD1**, entitled, *“To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename ‘Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority’ to ‘Commonwealth Economic Incentive District Authority’; and for other purposes.”*, which was passed by the Senate on February 28, 2025. [For action]

*The Floor Leader moved to accept Senate Communication 24-3 through 24-9. The motion was seconded. The Chair opened the floor for discussion, and there being no discussions, the motion carried by voice vote without objection. There was no “nay” vote.*

*Pursuant to the action taken, Senate Communication No. 24-5, referencing S. J. R. No. 24-01, entitled “Supporting the Commonwealth Ports Authority’s request for exemption from Federal Limitations on Scheduled Chinese Air Service to the CNMI and for the Reinstatement of Annex VI under the US Department of State’s ‘US-China Air Transport Agreement of 2007,’” was referred to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs; Senate Communication No. 24-6, referencing S. J. R. No. 24-02, entitled “To call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the Governor’s State of the Commonwealth Address,” was placed on the Resolution Calendar; Senate Communication No. 24-7, referencing S. B. No. 24-15, SD1, entitled “To amend 4 CMC § 4266 to add a filing number to incorporation filings; to amend 4 CMC § 4269 to create an internet portal for public search of corporate existence by filing number; and for other purposes,” was referred to the House Committee on Commerce; Senate Communication No. 24-8, referencing S. B. No. 24-16, SD1, entitled “To promote trade and investment economic development and diversification in the CNMI; to encourage foreign and domestic investments through incentives and streamlined processes, as well as to promote the CNMI as a trade and investment hub; and for other purposes,” was referred to the House Committee on Commerce; and Senate Communication No. 24-9, referencing S. B. No. 24-17, SD1, entitled “To globally amend Divisions 1 and 5 of Title 4 to rename ‘Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority’ to ‘Commonwealth Economic Incentive District Authority’; and for other purposes,” was referred to the House Committee on Commerce.*

*The Chair moved down to Item 8, House Communications, and recognized the Clerk.*

## **HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Clerk announced the following House Communications:*

HSE. COMM. 24-15: (2/11/2025) From Representative Elias M. Rangamar informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth for personal matters from February 12, 2025, to February 15, 2025, and requests to be excused



from any legislative sessions, committee meetings, or official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-16: (2/14/2025) From Representative Denita K. Yangetmai informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from February 23, 2025, to March 1, 2025, and requests to be excused from all official functions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-17: (2/18/2025) From Representative Joseph A. Flores informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from February 19, 2025, to February 24, 2025, and requests to be excused from all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-18: (2/19/2025) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from February 23 to March 1, 2025, and in his absence, designates Vice Speaker Diego V.F. Camacho as Acting Speaker. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-19: (2/20/2025) From Representative Joel C. Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from February 24, 2025, to March 3, 2025, and requests to be excused from all sessions and meetings during this period. In his absence, he designates Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao to serve as Acting Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-20: (3/6/2025) From Representative Angelo A. Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from March 7, 2025, to March 19, 2025, and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, committee meetings, and other official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-21: (3/6/2025) Representative Malcolm J. Omar informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from March 7, 2025, to March 14, 2025, and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

*The floor was opened for discussion, and there was none. The Chair moved down to Item 9, Communications from the Judiciary Branch, and recognized the Clerk.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

*The Clerk announced the following Communications from the Judiciary Branch:*

JUD. BR. COMM. 24-1: (3/5/2025) From NMI Judiciary re: *Judiciary FY 2026 Budget Request*. [*For info*]

*The Chair opened the floor for discussions and there was none.*

*The Chair referred Jud. Br. Comm. No. 24-1 to the House Committee on Ways and Means and moved down to Item 10, Communications from Departments & Agencies, and recognized the Clerk.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES**

*The Clerk announced the following Communications from Departments & Agencies:*

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-5: (2/14/2025) From the DPL (Department of Public Lands) re: *DPL's Proposed Budget for FY 2026*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-6: (2/25/2025) From the DPL (Department of Public Lands) re: *Amendment to Suwaso Corporation dba Coral Ocean Resort's New Lease (specifically on Article 28(a))*. [For consideration]

*The Chair opened the floor for discussions and there was none.*

*Pursuant to the action taken, the Chair referred Dept./Agcy. Comm. No. 24-5 referencing the Department of Public Land's (DPL) Proposed Budget for FY 2026 to the House Committee on Ways and Means, and Dept./Agcy. Comm. No. 24-6 referencing the DPL request to the legislature to amend the Suwaso Corporation dba Coral Ocean Resort's New Lease (specifically on Article 28 (a)) to the House Committee on Natural Resources. There being nothing further, the Chair moved down to Item 11, Miscellaneous Communications, and recognized the Clerk.*

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communications:*

MISC. COMM. 24-10: (2/11/2025) From the Chairperson of the 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council informing the House that it is duly organized and formally conveys the following officers:

- **Chair:** Marian DLG. Tudela
- **Vice Chair:** Antonia M. Tudela
- **Secretary:** Carmen C. Pangelinan

MISC. COMM. 24-11: (2/19/2025) From the Legislative Bureau & CNMI Youth Congress submitting *FY 2026 Budget Proposal to the Office of Management and Budget*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-12: (2/21/2025) Correspondence from U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King- Hinds urging the CNMI Legislature to convene public

discussions and consider potential Covenant amendments on birth tourism. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-13: (2/27/2025) From the Mayor of the Northern Islands re: *Submission of the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands budget request for FY 2026*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-14: (2/27/2025) From the Chairperson of the NMI Museum Board of Governors re: *Submission of the NMI Museum budget request for FY 2026*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-15: (2/28/2025) Request from the Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) for the Department of Finance to *Reconsider Issuance of Board Compensation Authorized Under Public Law 24-01*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-16: (2/28/2025) From the Chairperson of the 18th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council re: *Submission of the 18th SNIMC budget for FY 2026*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-17: (3/1/2025) From the CEO, Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation (CHCC) informing the Governor and the 24th NMCL re: *2025 Health Network Program Analysis*. [*For info consideration*]

MISC. COMM. 24-18: (3/4/2025) Certification of election results for the 20th CNMI Youth Congress. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-19: (3/4/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of SNILD Resolution No. 24-1, entitled, “*To adopt the Interim Rules of Procedure of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature*.”, which was adopted by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation on January 17, 2025. [*For info*]

*The floor was opened for discussion, and there was none.*

*Pursuant to the action taken, the Chair referred Misc. Comm. No. 24-11, referencing the Legislative Bureau & CNMI Youth Congress FY 2026 Budget Proposal to the Office of Management and Budget; Misc. Comm. No. 24-13 referencing the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands budget request for FY 2026; Misc. Comm. No. 24-14, referencing the NMI Museum budget request for FY 2026; and Misc. Comm. No. 24-16 referencing the 18th SNIMC budget for FY 2026 to the House Committee on Ways and Means.*

*Misc. Comm. No. 24-12 referencing the Correspondence from U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds urging the CNMI Legislature to convene public discussions and consider potential Covenant amendments on birth tourism, to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs and Judiciary and Governmental Operations.*

*Misc. Comm. No. 24-15, referencing the Request from the Commonwealth Casino Commission (CCC) for the Department of Finance to Reconsider Issuance of Board Compensation Authorized Under Public Law 24-01 to the House Committee on Gaming.*

*Misc. Comm. No. 24-17 referencing the Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation (CHCC) informing the Governor and the 24th NMCL re: 2025 Health Network Program Analysis to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.*

*There being none under Reports of Standing Committees, Reports of Special and Conference Committee, and Unfinished Business, the Chair moved down to Item 15, Resolution Calendar, and recognized the Floor Leader.*

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

None

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

*The Floor Leader moved for the adoption of H. Res. No. 24-2:*

**H. RES. NO. 24-2:** To amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that were appended to House Resolution 24-1.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussions on the floor, the Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt H. Res. No. 24-2 with the following results:*

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Yes
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Yes
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao	Yes
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Yes
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Absent (Excused)
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Yes
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Yes
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Yes
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Yes
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Yes
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes

Representative Malcolm Jason Omar	Absent (Excused)
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Yes
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting “yes,” House Resolution No. 24-2 is hereby adopted. Thank you, colleagues. I recognize the Floor Leader.

*The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. Res. No. 24-5:*

**H. RES. NO. 24-5:** To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2025 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt H. Res. No. 24-5 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. J. Res. No. 24-1:*

**H. J. R. NO. 24-1:** To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the Clerk called the roll on the motion to adopt H. J. Res. No. 24-1 with the following results:*

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Yes
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Yes
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao	Yes
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Yes
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Absent (Excused)
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Yes
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Yes

Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Yes
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Yes
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Yes
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcolm Jason Omar	Absent (Excused)
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Yes
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution 24-1 is hereby adopted. Thank you, colleagues. The last resolution on our calendar, Senate Joint Resolution 24-02, calls for the Governor to give a state-of-the-Commonwealth address. If you have read the joint resolution from the Senate, there is no date. And that is why I mentioned earlier that we are going to just leave this calendar and try to figure that part out. Because if we were to call for joint resolution, there has to be a set date and venue. Are we clear? Okay, so we will be leaving it on the calendar until the next session when we square out with our colleagues up in the Senate and also on the executive branch side. I am sure you guys have read the news. Was it yesterday? When the governor said he is looking at sometime in May to give that. So when we call this, we are going to—even to adopt this resolution, we need to put the information in there. Clarified? Okay, thank you. We now move down to Bill Calendar, and I recognize the Floor Leader.

## BILL CALENDAR

*The Chair called for a recess.*

The House recessed at 10:44 a.m.

Recess

The House reconvened at 10:46 a.m.

*The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule VII, Section 9 and Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.*

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Floor Leader moved for the passage of First and Final Reading of H. B. No. 24-7:*



**H. B. NO. 24-7:** To ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the Clerk called the roll on motion for the passage on First and Final Reading of H. B. No. 24-7 with the following results:*

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Yes
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Yes
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao	Yes
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Yes
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Absent (Excused)
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Yes
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Yes
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Yes
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Yes
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Yes
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcolm Jason Omar	Absent (Excused)
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Yes
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting “yes,” House Bill No. 24-7 hereby passes the house. Before we go to the next House Bill, I would like to call for a quick recess.

The House recessed at 10:48 a.m.

Recess

The House reconvened at 11:09 a.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Before we went recess, we just adopted House Bill 24-7. We now are on House Bill 24-11. And with that, I recognize the Floor Leader.

**CLERK’S NOTE:** *At this time, the main publicly available audio and video feed experienced a complete outage, beginning when the session reconvened under the Bill Calendar—during which House Bill 24-11 was under discussion—and continuing through Miscellaneous Business,*

*Announcements, and Adjournment. Consequently, these proceedings were not captured in the official video and audio record. The following is a summary of the floor actions taken.*

*The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule VII, Section 9 and Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.*

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussions on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule VII, Section 9, and Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10, was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader moved for the passage of First and Final Reading of H. B. No. 24-11:*

**H. B. NO. 24-11:** To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussions and recognized Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao.*

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just for the record, I know Counsel explained the changes from the 23<sup>rd</sup> and this legislation, this specific legislation that we are discussing right now. We want to make sure that the motion the Floor Leader placed is inclusive of that technical amendment regarding the legal sufficiency section.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Yes.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Counsel, can we clarify for the record?

Counsel Joseph Taijeron: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Speaker and Representative Attao. Just for the record, the original document that was provided to the Clerk was signed only for introduction purposes. That has been amended, the technical amendment. The Clerk and I have already executed the signed and executed version of 24-11 for legal sufficiency. For the record, 24-11 is legally sufficient. Thank you.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you for that, Counsel. Just so we are clear and the public is clear, 24-11 is now officially legally sufficient and not just for introduction purposes so that we can take action on it. Any further discussions?

*There being no further discussions on the floor, the Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage on First and Final Reading, H. B. 24-11 with the following results:*

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Yes
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Yes
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Yes
Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao	Yes
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Yes
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Absent (Excused)
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Yes
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Yes
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Yes
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Yes
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Yes
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Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Yes
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting “yes,” House Bill 24-11 hereby passes the House. Thank you, colleagues. With nothing further under Bill Calendar, we now move down to Miscellaneous Business. The floor is open. Ready? We now move down to Item No. 18, Announcements. Any announcements? I recognize Representative John Paul Sablan.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just a quick announcement to remind the members of this august body and the SNILD Delegation that we have an audience with Eastern Energy tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. here in the House Chamber. Thank you.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Representative John Paul Sablan. I recognize Representative Yangetmai.

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai: In case we do not meet again, you are all invited to the Women’s Summit on March 25<sup>th</sup>, where the ladies and the Speaker will present the wonderful plaques. You are all invited- yes, *Biba Famalaoan! Mwareitil Schóóbwt!* Please support us by

donating a case of water. The event will take place at the Multipurpose Center on the 25<sup>th</sup> from 08:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.- just a half day. So come and discover the secrets that women have. Thank you.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Representative Yangetmai. Any further under Announcements? I recognize Representative Julie Ogo.

Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to extend an invitation to our colleagues and the people of Saipan and Tinian to join us for the *Gilitai* Festival on the 21<sup>st</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please join us if you can- there will be delicious *Gilitai* food. You cannot bring the food with you; you have to come down and enjoy it in person. *Biba Gilitai!*

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Representative Ogo. Any further under announcements? Alright, I have an announcement to make. Recently, we held the Board of Directors meeting in Majuro, Marshal Islands. The CNMI will be hosting the General Assembly, and I just wanted to give everyone a heads-up. We have proposed holding it around mid-October this year. This is a great opportunity for us to meet, network, and collaborate with our brothers and sisters in Micronesia. Of course, Hawaii and American Samoa are also involved, and we hope they will attend this year. More details will be shared as we get closer to the date. I now recognize Representative Vincent Aldan.

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I am not sure if I should have done this in the Miscellaneous Business or not, but I just wanted to read something that came from the United States Department of Labor.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Okay. Before we go there, colleagues, if there are no objections, I would like to move back to Miscellaneous Business.

*Members of the House voiced "no objection."*

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you. I recognize Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan.

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan: Thank you, Speaker. I just wanted to make sure that the people understand what is really going on with the PUA and FPUC or funding. This letter came from the United States Department of Labor on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to the Governor. And it says here:

*It is our understanding that CNMI is seeking authorization to utilize the remaining PUA and FPUC funds to help restore economic stability. The Department is not able to provide such authorization. Federal law only permits the use of these appropriated funds for the purposes intended – payment of PUA and FPUC benefits for the weeks of unemployment covered by the programs. These funds may not be used for any other purpose.*

I just want to make sure that the people understand that all of this chaos with PUA funding and trying to use it for local government expenses is not a lot. So, I do not know. Maybe. Am I reading

this thing wrong? So, the people understand that this money, yes, it is there. But the expiration has come and gone. We have been out of this COVID situation for a couple of years already. It cannot be used. And then it says that:

*“CNMI must comply with the provisions contained in the Agreement with the Department to administer PUA and FPUC and all applicable PUA and FPUC funding instruments. CNMI must also perform such duties and functions in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards at 2 C.F.R. Part 200 and 2 C.F.R. Part 2900 applicable to all grants and cooperative agreements, including return of unused funds.”*

So, this money came, was not fully used, and guess what? It has to be returned. So, for those people that think they are going to get PUA funds, do not. It is gone. And the government cannot use it. At least, our local government, but it is going back to Uncle Sam. Therefore, there is no funding. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Representative Aldan. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Given this sad news, I would like to make a request with a sense of urgency. As budget submissions are in and budget are coming in and budget discussions are approaching, I urge the Commerce Committee- under which the Department of Labor falls, if I am not mistaken- as well as the committee chairman or JGO, or both, to meet and discuss this matter. I have constituents in my village, Precinct 3, who have yet to be paid, and there has been no communication- past or present- regarding their status. Now, this recent communication with the Governor has triggered concerns regarding the supposed \$400,000 in excess external funds under the PUA. The response back from the federal government should prompt us, as a legislative body, to bring in the key individuals who can at least provide us with an update. We do not even know how many people have yet to be paid. If it means anything to anyone, the committees that are tasked to spearhead such an investigation, I urgently request, respectfully, for my constituents and all the people of the Commonwealth that are still owed PUA. Because now we are probably faced with other concerns that have not come to the surface. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Floor Leader. Any further under Miscellaneous?

*Members of the House voiced “ready.”*

*The Chair moved back to Announcements and recognized Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai.*

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai: Thank you. Yes, about our trip to Majuro, our Speaker was officially installed as the President of APIL. Thank you, Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you. Any further announcements? I recognize Representative Aldan.

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan: I just wanted to say to be the bearer of bad news.

*There being nothing further under Announcements, the Chair moved down to Adjournment and recognized the Floor Leader.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I hereby move to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. So move.

*The motion was seconded.*

*The motion was seconded. The floor was open for discussion; there being no discussion on the floor, the motion for adjournment was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The House adjourned at 11:23 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Bernalyn T. Santos  
House Journal Clerk

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### **APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS**

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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#### ***Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on February 14, 2025:***

H. B. NO. 24-1: To amend provisions in Title 6, Chapter 3, Sexual Offenses, Article 1. General Provisions, relating to sexual abuse/assault of minors. Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on February 14, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 24-2: To establish a process for the delivery of a State of the Commonwealth Address to the Legislature by the Governor. Prefiled by: REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Joel C. Camacho, and Marissa R. Flores) on February 14, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.



H. B. NO. 24-3: To eliminate the 10% distribution to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, and redistribute those funds equally between the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Department of Public Works to enhance their operational capacities; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT S. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 14, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. B. NO. 24-4: To amend the Investment Incentive Act of 2000 by refining eligibility criteria for Qualifying Certificates, strengthening procedural safeguards, mandating detailed reporting on investments and performance, and enhancing oversight mechanisms. Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on February 14, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

H. B. NO. 24-5: To establish provisions for jaywalking; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 14, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 24-6: To amend the Appropriations and Budget Authority Act of Fiscal Year 2025, Public Law 23-26, to appropriate the balance of funds allocated for the Minimum Annual Payment to the Settlement Fund and to return government employees subject to austerity to 100% work hours; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Joseph A. Flores, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar. *[Public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of 2/14/2025]*

H. L. B. NO. 24-1: To appropriate \$11,877.00 for the operations of the Mayor Tinian and Aguiguan pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 and 1 CMC § 1405. Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 14, 2025.

H. RES. NO. 24-2: To amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that were appended to House Resolution 24-1. Prefiled by the Ad Hoc Committee on Rules: Representatives Marissa R. Flores, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Diego V.F. Camacho on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 24-3: Expressing profound gratitude to Paul Atalig Manglona, his wife, Lydia Manibusan Manglona, and their children, Deanna, Paul Jr., Denn, Pauline, Marla, and Amelia, for unselfishly sharing their husband and father with the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and extending best wishes to him and his family on the occasion of his retirement. Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R.S. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 24-4: Objecting to the acquittal of Shayne Blanco Villanueva on charges of legislative contempt; urging the CNMI Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney to investigate and prosecute any and all CNMI and federal crimes related to the BOOST program; condemning the demonstrated bias against CNMI Assistant Attorney General James Kingman; denouncing the denial of due process with respect to the Commonwealth's ability to effectively prosecute its case; and urging the Judiciary and the CNMI Bar Association to review and investigate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo's in-court comments made in Criminal Case No. 24-0028, as said comments undermine public confidence in the judiciary's impartiality and reflect a personal bias that was unbecoming of a member of the CNMI Judiciary. Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

C. RES. NO. 24-1: To recognize and commend Dr. David S. Grauman and Dr. Elizabeth A. Kohnen for their exemplary service and selfless dedication to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Prefiled by: REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, and Elias J.M. Rangamar, Vincent R.S. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Julie M. A. Ogo, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. C. R. NO. 24-1: To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2025, beginning October 1, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2025. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R.S. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 14, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.