



AMENDED
Sept. 25, 2014

THE SENATE
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION – 2014

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3 rd Day	Thursday, September 25, 2014 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	3:30 P.M.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL – Eight (8) present
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT – 1) Stanley Torres re SCR 18-71 – Dr. Markoff
2) Manuel Pangelinan re HB 18-25, HD1

RECESS: 3:50 p.m. RET.: 3:53 p.m.

- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)

- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-367](#): September 04, 2014 – Copy of resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test/result of Mr. Gilbert J. Birnbrich appointed to serve as the Attorney General.
2. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-368](#): September 04, 2014 – Copy of drug test result for Dr. Tiffany Willis nominated to serve as a member of the Medical Profession Licensing Board.
3. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-369](#): September 04, 2014 – Copy of drug test result for Dr. Allan Markoff re-nominated to serve as a member of the Medical Profession Licensing Board.
4. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-370](#): September 04, 2014 – Signed into law H.B. No. 18-165, SD1 – To amend the standards for the renewable energy portfolio for electrical power producers and to amend 4 CMC § 8532 to authorize the installation of net energy

- metering for all eligible residential customer-generators; and for other purposes; became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-62**.
5. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-371](#): September 05, 2014 – Signed into law S.B. No. 18-66 – To prohibit a person from running for more than one public office in a general, local or special election; and for other purposes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-13**.
 6. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-372](#): September 05, 2014 – Re-nominate Mr. Jesus I. Sablan to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing Third Senatorial District.
 7. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-373](#): September 08, 2014 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Chester M. Hinds, Assistant AG to receive \$59,000.00 per annum.
 8. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-374](#): September 12, 2014 – Nominate Mr. Kodep Ogumoro-Uludong to serve as an initial member of the Scholarship Board of Directors representing Third Senatorial District.
 9. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-375](#): September 12, 2014 – Nominate Ms. Jacqueline P. Che to serve as an initial member of the Scholarship Board of Directors representing Third Senatorial District.
 10. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-376](#): September 12, 2014 – Nominate Ms. Chellette San Nicolas to serve as an initial member of the Scholarship Board of Directors representing Second Senatorial District.
 11. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-377](#): September 15, 2014 – Nominate Mr. Alfred B. Ada, Ed.D to serve as an initial member of the Scholarship Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
 12. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-378](#): September 16, 2014 – Executive Order – Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency (CUC).
 13. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-379](#): September 16, 2014 – Signed into law H.B. No. 18-201, HD3, SS1, SD2, CCS1 – To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide **budget** authority for government corporations for **Fiscal Year 2015**, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-66**.
 14. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-380](#): September 16, 2014 – Signed into law H.B. No. 18-118, SD1, SD2, CCD1 – To gradually increase the tax on cigarettes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-64**.
 15. [Gov. Msg. No. 18-381](#): September 16, 2014 – Signed into law H.B. No. 18-166, HD1–To provide an amnesty period for the filing of delinquent returns under Title 4, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Act of 1982, as amended, and the payment of delinquent taxes without imposition of penalty and

interest, with certain exceptions and for the waiver of penalty for failure to obtain a business license; and for other purposes, became PUBLIC LAW NO. 18-65.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT : (NONE)

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. [Hse. Comm. No. 18- 230](#): September 02, 2014 – Certified copy of H.R. 18-61 – Chamorro & Carolinian cultures of the CNMI during Cultural Heritage Month in September.
2. [Hse. Comm. No. 18- 231](#): September 05, 2014 – Adopted Conference Committee Report No. 18-6 – To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2015. *[For information only]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. [Sen. Comm. No. 18-06](#): Sept. 05, 2014 – Senator Reyes’ regarding CUC’ s implementation of PL 18-19 – To mandate CUC to change the water and waste water rate for PSS to commercial rate.
2. [Sen. Comm. No. 18-07](#): Sept. 08, 2014 – Senator Reyes’ to Acting Attorney General Gil Birnbrich on the enforcement of PL 18-19 – To mandate CUC to change the water and waste water rate for PSS to commercial rate.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. [Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 18-21](#) – To honor and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI Committee, and to thank them and their volunteer members for their outstanding service by recognizing the

week of September 15th through September 19th, 2014, as “ Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week.” (SEN. PETE P. REYES AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – 09/15/14)

2. [Senate Resolution No. 18-39](#): To recognize and acknowledge Ms. Haidee V. Eugenio for her outstanding dedication to public service and commitment to the journalism profession by serving the people of the CNMI through raising public awareness about issues, policies, ideas and events and to wish her farewell as she embarks on new endeavors. (SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 09/16/14)

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. S.B. No. 18-68
2. S.R. No. 18-40
3. S.R. No. 18-41

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. [Standing Committee Report No. 18-70](#): Sept. 05, 2014 – From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigation (EAGI) reporting on the re-appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a Member of the Health Care Profession Licensing Board. (ADOPTED AND CONFIRMED)
2. [Standing Committee Report No. 18-71](#): Sept. 05, 2014 – From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigation (EAGI) reporting on the re-appointment of Dr. Alan S. Markoff to serve as a Member of the Health Care Profession Licensing Board. [PENDING WITH EAGI COMMITTEE]

RECESS: 4:00 p.m. RET.: 4:05 p.m.

3. [Standing Committee Report No. 18-72](#): Sept. 05, 2014 – From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigation (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Profession Licensing Board. (ADOPTED AND CONFIRMED)

AMENDED TO INCLUDE:

4. [Standing Committee Report No. 18-73](#): – Sept. 25, 2014 – From the Committee on Executive Appointments & Government Investigation (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Mr. Gilbert Birnbrich to serve as the Attorney General of the CNMI. (ADOPTED AND CONFIRMED)

RECESS: 4:15 p.m. RET.: 4:25 p.m.

RECESS: 4:30 p.m. RET.: 4:35 p.m.

- N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)
- O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: **(ALL ADOPTED & COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE)**
1. Senate Comm. Res. No. 18-21 – ESGR
 2. S.R. No. 18-39
 3. S.R. No. 18-40
 4. S.R. No. 18-41
- P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 18-58 Referred back to Comm EDUCATION	To designate the Northern Marianas College as the State Higher Education Agency for the CNMI; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 18-94, HD1 (See HC 18-202)	To repeal and re-enact Public Law 17-69 to effectively repeal and re-enact Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code, sections 6106 (i), 6513, repeal and re-enact 4 CMC §6453, amending section 6514 to add a new subsection, and amending section 6454 to add a new subsection as set forth herein

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 18-190 (See HC 18-201) Next Session	To repeal and re-enact 9 CMC Section 8210 (a) (1) and (2) entitled, “ Penalties for Violations of 9 CMC §§8203 and 8204” and amend Section 2107 Registration: Expiration and Renewal; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 18-25, HD1 (See HC 18-84) Referred back to REDP Committee	To add a new Chapter 9 to Division 3 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code to authorize the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to develop a system for the assessment of fees on non-residents visiting Marine Protected Areas in order to better invest in the Marine Resources of the Commonwealth RECESS: 4:49 p.m. RET.: 4:50 p.m.

<p>S.B. No. 18-52</p>	<p>To amend certain sections of PL 16-51; and for other purposes [Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. Act of 2008]</p>
<p>Referred back to COMM</p>	

RECESS: 4:50 p.m. RET.: 4:51 p.m.

- Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS: (NONE)
- R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
- S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
- T. ADJOURNMENT at 4:52 p.m.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.