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**THE SENATE
TWELFTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2000**

Fourth Day

Friday, March 10, 2000

The Senate of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fourth Day, First Regular Session, 2000, was called to order at 11:45 a.m. in the Rota Courthouse, Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Paul A. Manglona, President of the Senate, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

President Manglona: Before we begin, I would like to appoint a temporary Senate Clerk. I would like to appoint Leticia Palacios. Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll and all nine (9) members were present.

President Manglona: With all nine (9) members present, we have the necessary quorum to conduct today's session.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

1. 3rd Day, First Regular Session – 02/23/00

Floor Leader Reyes moved for the adoption of the journal of the Third Day, First Regular Session, and Senator Dela Cruz seconded.

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt the journal of the Third Day, First Regular Session, carried by voice vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-74: February 23, 2000 – Certification and justification for vacant positions that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution: Department of Public Safety, 5; Department of Finance, 5; Civil Service Commission, 1; Office of the Governor, 3; Department of Public Health, 1; Department of Labor & Immigration, 1; and Department of Lands & Natural Resources, 2.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-75: February 25, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Pacific World Enterprises.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-76: February 25, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Kosa Fisheries International.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-77: February 25, 2000 – Pl 11-6 Exemption for Law Office of Joseph A. Arriola, Attorney at Law.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-78: February 25, 2000 – From Acting Governor Sablan informing the Legislature HB 11-493, HD1, which was overridden by the Twelfth Legislature became Public Law No. 11-125.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-79: February 25, 2000 – From Acting Governor Sablan informing the Legislature that SB 11-148, which was overridden by the Twelfth Legislature became Public law No. 11-124.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-80: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for S2 Club (Marine Tech Saipan, Inc.).

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-81: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Diamond Tour.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-82: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Japan Airlines.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-83: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Asiana Airlines.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-84: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Auto Marine, Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-85: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Hotel Nikko Saipan.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-86: March 02, 2000 – PL 11-6 Exemption for CNMI-Department of Public Health.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-87: March 01, 2000 – From Acting Governor Sablan certifying to the Legislature that the position of Special Assistant for Projects and community services in the office of the Lt. Governor is vacant and must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-88: March 02, 2000 – Certification for 7 vacant positions in the Department of Public Health that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-89: March 01, 2000 – Certification for 2 vacant positions in the Office of Personnel Management that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-90: March 07, 2000 – Certification for vacant positions that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution: Department of Finance, 1; Department of Commerce, 21; JTPA, 2; Mayor of Tinian, 2; Department of labor & Immigration, 14; and Department of Lands & natural Resources, 1.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-91: March 07, 2000 – Certification for 31 vacant positions in the office of the Mayor of Rota that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-92: March 07, 2000 – Certification for a vacant position in the Department of Public Safety, Rota, that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-93: March 07, 2000 – Informing the Legislature that he had signed into law HLB 12-001, HD1, entitled, "To appropriate \$123,000 from the local license fees for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the First Senatorial District." (RLL 12-1 – 03/07/00)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

Judiciary Comm. No. 12-1: From the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court re certification for a vacant position that must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Hse. Comm. No. 12-4: Transmitting HB 12-46, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to vacate Section 214 of Executive Order 94-3 to combine the Civil Service Commission with the Office of Personnel management; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-5: Transmitting HJR 12-2, entitled, "A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the United States Department of Transportation to grant a Foreign Aircraft Permit under Part 375.42, to Armenian Airlines to operate charter flights between Saipan, CNMI, and Clark Field in Pampanga, Republic of the Philippines."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-6: Transmitting HB 12-14, CS1, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to provide law enforcement powers to investigators of the Office of the Public auditor by adding a new section 7841 to 1 CMC, Division 7, Chapter 4; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-7: Returning without amendment SB 12-19, the "Energy Sufficiency Assurance Act of 2000." (TRANSMITTED TO GOV. ON 2/25/00)

Hse. Comm. No. 12-8: Transmitting HJR 12-3, HD1, entitled, "A House Joint Resolution to express our support for keeping local control over labor and immigration, and to request the United States Congress not to pass S.1052."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-9: Transmitting HJR 12-4, entitled, "A House Joint Resolution to officially endorse and activate the formation of the Japan/Northern Mariana Islands Parliamentary League of Friendship, a league to promote the long-standing goodwill, friendship, social, economic, and cultural bonds between the people of Japan and the people of the Northern Mariana Islands."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-10: Transmitting HB 12-3, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to require landowners to grant a right of way or provide for any other reasonable access to a public road for any real property which has been subdivided and is offered for sale, or lease; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-11: Transmitting HJR 12-25, entitled, "A House Joint Resolution to consider Rota for the Unkai Distillery company to establish a Shochu plant."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-12: Transmitting HB 12-13, CS1, entitled, "A Bill for Act to provide for the issuance of certificates as certified public accountants; to regulate the practice of accountancy in the public interest; and to best establish a Board of Accountancy and prescribe its powers and duties; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-13: Transmitting HJR 12-1, HD2, entitled, "A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Honorable Pedro P. Tenorio, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana islands, to create a task force with the responsibility to access the circumstances surrounding the polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) issue in the village of Tanapag."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-14: Transmitting HB 12-7, HD1, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to amend 6 CMC, Sections 1322 and 1323; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-15: Transmitting HB 12-83, HD1, entitled, "A Bill for an act to amend Public Law 11-119 to reflect new CIP priorities in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-16: Transmitting HB 12-94, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC 8247(a); and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-17: Transmitting HB 12-97, HD1, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to establish a Tax Fairness and Review commission, and for other purposes."

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, there is a Committee Report from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Governmental Investigation which had been prepared. However, it is not available for this session. I would like to make a motion to waive pertinent rules to allow us to take action on the confirmation of Mrs. Laura Manglona.

Several members voiced, "second".

President Manglona: There's a motion to waive pertinent rules so we can take action on the nomination of Mrs. Laura Manglona to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors representing Rota without the necessity of the Committee Report. Is there any discussion?

There was no discussion, and the motion to waive pertinent rules carried by voice vote.

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, the Committee Report will be provided when we return to Saipan. For the record, members will be given copies of that. At this time, I would like to make a motion for the confirmation of Mrs. Laura Manglona to the Board of Directors of CUC.

Several members voiced, "second".

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the motion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Since this is a confirmation vote, Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, Mrs. Laura Manglona is hereby confirmed as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.

The Committee Report was numbered 12-2.

SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PREFILED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Sen. Res. No. 12-3: A Senate Resolution commending and gratefully acknowledging the outstanding achievements of Mr. Yoshitsugu Abe for his many years of friendship and his unwavering dedication in promoting

the CNMI as a vacation destination to his fellow countrymen in Japan, and in recognition thereof declaring Abe-san an honorary citizen of the CNMI. (SEN. PETE P. REYES – 03/01/00)

Sen. Res. No. 12-4: A Senate Resolution to instruct the Senate Legal Counsel to represent the Senate and prosecute any and all legal actions, by certification to the Commonwealth Supreme Court or otherwise, to obtain a judicial determination of the constitutionality of the advice and consent authority of the Senate as provided by law and the extent and limits of the Governor's appointment power; and for other related purposes.

Sen. Bill No. 12-54: A Bill for an Act to establish a CNMI Utility Regulatory Commission; and for other purposes. (SEN. RAMON S. GUERRERO – 02/29/00)

Sen. Bill No. 12-55: A Bill for an Act to establish a Guaranteed Student Loan Program; and for other purposes. (SEN. THOMAS P. VILLAGOMEZ (By Request) – 03/01/00)

Sen. Bill No. 12-56: A Bill for an Act to amend the Medical Practice Act (3 CMC §2201 et seq.) to provide for the licensing of foreign doctors; to promote the establishment of retirement communities in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 03/07/00)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senate Bill No. 12-57: A Bill for an Act to Amend subsection 2761(a), 2673(a), 2673(b), 2673(d), and 2673(e) article 3 of public land no. 10-57 (Lands and Natural Resources Act of 1997) as amended; and for other purposes. (SEN. J. A. G. ADRIANO)

Senate Bill No. 12-58: A Bill for an Act to amend the provision of Law Governing State bill and for other purposes. (SEN. E. U. MARATITA)

BILL CALENDAR

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President and members, I move to suspend pertinent rules for the passage of the bills listed on today's calendar.

Several members voiced, "no objection".

President Manglona: Please, proceed, Floor Leader.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-54: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CNMI UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on First Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the bill to establish a CNMI Utility Regulatory Commission.

The Chair recognized Vice President Villagomez.

Vice President Villagomez: Thank you, Mr. President. As Chairman of PUTC, I agree that we will pass this bill on First Reading only and then solicit comments. We will conduct a public hearing as requested by the author, Senator Ray Guerrero so that we can get public comments. Thank you.

President Manglona: Are we ready? Is there any motion for the previous question?

Several members voiced, "ready".

The motion to pass Senate Bill No. 12-54 on First Reading carried by voice vote.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-56: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT (3 CMC §2201 ET SEQ.) TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING OF FOREIGN DOCTORS; TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: It has been moved and seconded. Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, Senate Bill No. 12-56 passes the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-94: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND 1 CMC 8247(a), AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, House Bill No. 12-94 passes the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-50: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT, CONSERVE AND PROHIBIT THE HUNTING OF THE COMMONWEALTH BIRD (TOTTOT) DEFINED IN 1 CMC §233; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Senator Atalig.

Senator Atalig: Thank you, Mr. President. This is a simple bill that would prohibit the Commonwealth bird from becoming extinct. I hope that everybody would agree to this.

President Manglona: Thank you. Are we ready?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, Senate Bill No. 12-50 passes the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND 2 CMC §§4302 (a)(2) AND 4308 TO CREATE A WAIVER OF THE HOMESTEAD RESIDENTIAL DWELLING CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENT FOR PERIODS WHEN PUBLIC UTILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE; TO AMEND 2 CMC §4303(c) TO PERMIT OTHERWISE QUALIFIED OFF-ISLAND STUDENTS, ARMED FORCES MEMBERS AND THEIR ACCOMPANYING SPOUSES TO ACQUIRED RIGHTS TO A HOMESTEAD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, on page 3, line 8 of the bill, there appears "certificate of compliance by the Public Land Corporation". I would like to make a simple oral amendment that whenever "Public Land Corporation" appears in the section of the bill, to substitute that with "Division of Public Land". I so move.

Several members voiced, "second".

Floor Leader Reyes: I think that appears also on line 21 of the same page. The motion is, whenever "Public Land Corporation" appears, it should be substituted by "Division of Public Land."

President Manglona: Is the motion clear to the members?

The members voiced, "yes".

The oral amendment offered by Floor Leader Reyes carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: We're back to Senate Bill No. 12-1, as amended.

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Ready? Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, Senate Bill No. 12-1, as amended (SD1), passes the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-83, HOUSE DRAFT 1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND PUBLIC LAW 11-119 TO REFLECT NEW CIP PRIORITIES IN THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and Senator Atalig seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, House Bill No. 12-83, HD1, passes the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-36: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO REQUIRE INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES IN THE COMMONWEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	Yes
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Nine (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, Senate Bill No. 12-36 passes the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-57: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 2761(a), 2673(a), 2673(b), 2673(d), AND 2673(e) ARTICLE 3 OF PUBLIC LAND NO. 10-57 (LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES ACT OF 1997) AS AMENDED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading, and Senator Atalig seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on Senate Bill No. 12-57? Senator Adriano.

Senator Adriano: Mr. President, I have an amendment here. On page 1, line 4, on the words "by a Director" strike out "Director" and insert "Commissioner". And on line 6, after the word "Deputy", strike out the word "Director" and insert "Commissioner". I so move, Mr. President.

Senator Atalig: Second.

President Manglona: Are the amendments clear to the members? I guess you can make a single amendment like the other bill that we did earlier. That is to make the change every time we see the word "Director." There is also on page 2, line 8, "Deputy Director."

Floor Leader Reyes: That's line 16.

Senator Adriano: So corrected, Mr. President.

President Manglona: Short recess.

The Senate recessed.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened.

President Manglona: We are back to our session. We're still discussing Senate Bill No. 12-57 and there's a motion before us by Senator Adriano to change the word "Director" to "Commissioner."

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I have a clarification. The Division of Public Land is sub-headed by the Commissioner. So what about the members under the Commissioner? Are they going to be called Commissioners, too, or Board of Directors.

Senator Adriano: Board of Directors.

Floor Leader Reyes: Board of Directors. The reference made to the Commissioner is only for the people that are under the administrative provision of the law.

President Manglona: That's correct, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Reyes: I just want to make that clear on the record.

President Manglona: So the motion by Senator Adriano is to change the word "Director" on line 4, page 1, and line 6, page 1, from "Director" to "Commissioner."

The motion on the floor amendment offered by Senator Adriano carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on Senate Bill No. 12-57, as amended.

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, call the roll, please.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

Senator Joaquin G. Adriano	Yes
Senator Ricardo S. Atalig	Yes
Senator David M. Cing	Yes
Senator Jose M. Dela Cruz	Yes
Senator Ramon S. Guerrero	Yes
Senator Edward U. Maratita	Yes
Senator Pete P. Reyes	Yes
Senator Thomas P. Villagomez	No
President Paul A. Manglona	Yes

Eight (8) members voted yes and one (1) member voted no.

President Manglona: By a vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) no, Senate Bill No. 12-57, as amended (SD1), passes the Senate.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-3: A SENATE RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGEING THE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS OF MR. YOSHITSUGU ABE FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF FRIENDSHIP AND HIS UNWAVERING DEDICATION IN PROMOTING THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AS A VACATION DESTINATION TO HIS FELLOW COUNTRYMEN IN JAPAN, AND IN RECOGNITION THEREOF DECLARING ABE-SAN AN HONORARY CITIZEN OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-4: A SENATE RESOLUTION TO INSTRUCT THE SENATE LEGAL COUNSEL TO REPRESENT THE SENAT AND PROSECUTE ANY AND ALL LEGAL ACTIONS, BY

CERTIFICATION TO THE COMMONWEALTH SUPREME COURT OR OTHERWISE, TO OBTAIN A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION OF THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF THE ADVICE AND CONSENT AUTHORITY OF THE SENATE AS PROVIDED BY LAW AND THE EXTENT AND LIMITS OF THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT POWER; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12-2: A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION RESPECTFULLY REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO GRANT A FOREIGN AIRCRAFT PERMIT UNDER PART 375.42, TO ARMENIAN AIRLINES TO OPERATE CHARTER FLIGHTS BETWEEN SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AND CLARK FIELD IN PAMPANGA, REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 12-3, Senate Resolution No. 12-4 and House Joint Resolution No. 12-2, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the three resolutions as listed by Floor Leader Reyes?

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, on Senate Resolution No. 12-4, with the consent of the members and the author, I would like to offer a floor amendment. On page 2, after line 15, and before line 16, insert the following: "Whereas, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio has indicated that he is personally inclined to support the Senate's legal position but will not contradict the opinion of the Office of the Attorney General; and." This amendment is offered by myself and Senator Dela Cruz. Copies are being made for the members.

FLOOR AMENDMENT OF S. R. NO. 12-4

Page 2—after line 15 and before line 16 insert the following:

WHEREAS, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio has indicated that he is personally inclined to support the Senate's legal position but will not contradict the opinion of the Office of the Attorney General; and

Offered by: /s/
Floor Leader Pete P. Reyes

 /s/
Senator J.M. Dela Cruz

Vice President Villagomez: Second.

President Manglona: I would like to ask the members if they have other comments on any of the three resolutions. If none, we have a short recess.

The Senate recessed.

RECESS

President Manglona: We're still discussing the motion for the passage of the three resolutions. Copies of the amendment offered by Senator Dela Cruz and Floor Leader Reyes had been provided to the members. Is there any discussion on the floor amendment?

Several members voiced, "ready".

The adoption of the floor amendment offered by Floor Leader Reyes and Senator Dela Cruz carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: We're back to the main motion. Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

The motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 12-3; Senate Resolution No. 12-4 as amended (SD1), and House Joint Resolution No. 12-2 carried by voice vote.

PETITION, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Misc. Comm. No. 12-1: February 22, 2000 – From the Chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council submitting the Council's FY 2001 Budget request.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair recognized Senator Atalig.

Senator Atalig: Mr. President, I am inviting everybody to have lunch at my house after the session. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Senator Adriano.

Senator Adriano: Thank you, Mr. President. Yahu ha' na bai hu announce na i EAGI Committee will be having a public hearing next week on Wednesday in Tinian at 10:00 a.m. Please come to Tinian. Thank you.

There being no further announcement, Floor Leader Reyes moved that the Senate adjourns subject to the call of the Chair. Several members seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

The Senate adjourned at 12:50 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramona I. Kapileo
Senate Journal Clerk

ADOPTED: June 16, 2000