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Fifth Day

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The Senate of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Fifth Day, Third Regular Session, 2001, was called to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Rota Resort Hotel in Song Song Village, Rota.

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

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

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

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-541: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for Tano Group, Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-542: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for United Front Co., Ltd.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-543: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for United Front Co., Ltd.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-544: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for Cypress island Co., Ltd.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-545: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for ABA Corporation.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-546: February 14, 2001 – From Acting Governor Sablan re PL 11-6 Exemption for Western Sales Trading Company.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-547: February 16, 2001 – Informing the Legislature that he had disapproved HB 12-059, CS1, entitled, 'To appropriate Two Hundred Fifty Six Thousand Six Hundred Thirty Six Dollars (\$256,636.00) from fund balances from Public Law Nos. 9-1 and 10-38. **(DISAPPROVED ON 02/16/01)**

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-548: February 20, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Younis Art Studio, Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-549: February 20, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for the supermodel Saipan, Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-550: February 20, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Angel Wings Corporation.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-551: February 20, 2001 – Certification/Justification that the position of Assistant Public Defender within the Office of the Public Defender must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-552: February 20, 2001 – Certification that the position of Land Registration Team Chairperson within the Department of Lands and Natural Resources is vacant and must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-553: February 20, 2001 – Certification and justification that the positions of Community Worker and Administrative Assistant within the office of the Special Assistant for Administration, must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-554: February 21, 2001 – Certification for three positions at the Rota Health Center that are vacant and must be filled during the period of continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-555: February 21, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Resort Services International Company Limited.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-556: February 14, 2001 – From Lt. Governor Sablan re SR 12-28 (Puerto Rico Dump).

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-557: February 23, 2001 – Informing the Legislature that he had signed into law HB 12-006, CS1, entitled, "To Create the Commonwealth Telecommunications Commission by amending 4 CMC, Div. 8, to add a new Chapter 3, Section 8301, et. seq., the Commonwealth Telecommunication Act. (PL 11-39 – 02/23/01)

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-558: February 23, 2001 – Nominating Mr. Vianney B. Hocog to serve as a member of the Mariana Public Land Trust.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-559: February 23, 2001 – Nominating Mr. Victor M. Borja to serve as a member of the Civil Service commission to represent Tinian.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-560: February 23, 2001 – Nominating Mr. Benjamin M. Manglona to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Licensing to represent Rota.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-561: February 26, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for BSEA Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-562: February 26, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Management & Employment Consultants.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-563: February 26, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Seashore, Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-564: February 27, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Treasurers Inc.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-565: March 1, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Salon De Vina.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-566: March 1, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for SN-FIVE Enterprises.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-567: March 1, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Chanpac, Inc. dba Club Jama.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-568: March 1, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for Micropoly Express.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-569: March 2, 2001 – Certification for vacant positions of 3 Police Cadets; 1 Clerk Typist III, and 1 Fire Crew Supervisor at the Department of Public Safety on Rota, that must be filled during the period continuing resolution.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-570: March 5, 2001 – PL 11-6 Exemption for CMLC Artha company Limited.

Gov. Mesg. No. 12-571: March 6, 2001 – Informing the Legislature that he had signed into law HB 12-325, entitled, “to appropriate \$2,420,000 for the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation. (PL 12-40 – 03/06/01)

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

Hse. Comm. No. 12-198: Transmitting a certified copy of HR 12-113, entitled, “A House Resolution urging the Division of Environmental Quality, Fish & Wildlife, coastal Resources Management, CHC Sanitation Office and Marianas visitors Authority to pool resources and determine the source(s) of pollution of our beaches and lagoon and determine how the CNMI can control and prevent this environmental disaster from killing the coral, reducing fish populations in the Saipan lagoon and then killing tourism which is predicated on a beautiful tropical marine environment.

Hse. Comm. No. 12-199: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-288, CS1, entitled, “To appropriate funds for the design and construction of a visitor center, memorial garden, and exhibit design and construction for visitor center at American Memorial park, and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-200: Returning without amendments SB 12-100, entitled, “To amend 2 CMC, Div. 4, 4382; and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-201: Returning without amendments SB 12-101, entitled, “To reserve areas of public lands on the island of Rota that are suitable for village homesteads, specifically the Dugi, Finafa, Chudang, and Ginalangan areas; and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-202: Informing the Senate that the House has recalled from the Senate HB 12-265, entitled, “To eliminate companies providing services for the garment industry who should be considered as part of the garment industry rather than separate industry.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-203: Informing the Senate that the House has accepted the Senate amendments to HB 12-165, entitled, “To designate Bird Island and Forbidden Island as sanctuaries for the conservation of wildlife and marine life; and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-204: Informing the Senate that the House has accepted the Senate amendments to HB 12-46, entitled, “To repeal Sections 214 and 509 of Executive Order 94-3 in order to establish a non-partisan and independent civil service system; and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-205: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-299, CD1, entitled, “To amend Public Law 10-38, Section 3(d)(13); and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-206: Returning without amendment SB 12-79, entitled, “To amend PL 12-12, to designate Coral Garden and Pinatang Park Marine Area and its surrounding waters as Marine Conservation Area; and for other purposes.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-207: Transmitting for Senate action HLI 12-003, CD2, entitled, “Proposing to amend Article XI of the Constitution of the CNMI regarding public lands.”

Hse. Comm. No. 12-208: Transmitting a certified copy of HR 12-120, entitled, “Commending Congressman Jesus T. Attao for having authored the most legislation and having the most legislation enacted into law of all lawmakers from the First Commonwealth House of Representatives through the Twelfth and, in

recognition of his achievements as a law maker, conferring on him the title of 'Prime Lawmaker' for his preeminent role in the creation of Commonwealth laws."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-209: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-304, HD3, entitled, "To reappropriate fund balances from Public Law 9-24; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-210: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-329, entitled, "To amend Section 1 and 3 of Public Law 11-100 to re-appropriate \$500,000 appropriated for the Tatachog Library, and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-211: Returning with amendments SB 12-86, entitled, "To amend 3 CMC Section 1316 (P); and for other purposes." (Postsecondary Education Amendment Act of 2000).

Hse. Comm. No. 12-212: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-68, entitled, "To authorize government employees (mothers) who have newly born children one hour of administrative leave for breast-feeding purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-213: Returning with amendments SB 12-102, SD1, entitled, "To amend 6 CMC §4201, 4202, 4203, 4206, 4251 and 4252 relating to the Board of Parole; and for other purposes."

Hse. Comm. No. 12-214: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-284, entitled, "A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC, Chapter 2, Section 8221, 8222, and 8223; and for other purposes." (re: exclude government housing for Senate President and House Speaker)

Hse. Comm. No. 12-215: Transmitting for Senate action HJR 12-19, re submitting CDBG application B-01-ST-69-0001 (\$929,000); HOME Grant Application M-01-ST-69-0203 (4413,000); and ESG application S-01-DC-69-0001 (\$40,000).

Hse. Comm. No. 12-216: Transmitting a certified copy of HR 12-124, re congratulating the members of the NMC Board of Regents for their successful efforts to obtain reaffirmation of NMC's accreditation.

Hse. Comm. No. 12-217: Transmitting for Senate action HB 12-317, entitled, "To repeal PL 11-69 in its entirety and for other purposes." (RE: Repeal of 3-year limit)

Hse. Comm. No. 12-218: Transmitting a certified copy of HJR 12-17, authorizing reprogramming authority for the Governor in excess of the limits of 1 CMC 7401 and 7402.

President Manglona: Is there any comment from the members?

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I would like to have the opportunity to come back and comment on the messages. I would like to (Inaudible) Standing Committee Reports (Inaudible).

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, we have four Standing Committee Reports. I would like to bring the attention of the members...(Inaudible). Can we have a short recess?

The Senate recessed at 2:11 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

President Manglona: Let us resume with our plenary session. We are still under Standing Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12-29: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF DAVID A. WISEMAN AS ASSOCIATE JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, we have four committee reports. I would like to make a motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 12-29.

Senator Cing voiced, "second".

President Manglona: On Standing Committee Report No. 12-39 from the EAGI reporting on the appointment of the Honorable David A. Wiseman, is there any discussion?

Vice President Villagomez: Mr. President, in front of us is the Standing Committee Report on the Governor's nomination of Mr. David Wiseman. Your Committee on Executive Appointment & Governmental Investigation recommends that the Senate confirms the nomination of Mr. Wiseman as the next Superior Court Judge of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. It is true that your Committee on EAGI have conducted a public hearing for the nominee on February 27, 2001. That was a week ago. At that public hearing, I asked the nominee about a sealed document pending with the CNMI Superior Court. The nominee stated that the sealed document is a disciplinary case against the nominee and the committee must not be concerned about the sealed document. It looks like your Committee on EAGI has agreed with Mr. Wiseman that the sealed document should not be a concern of the members of the Senate. Mr. President, I still say that the committee should have sought the court's permission with the consent of Mr. Wiseman to see the sealed document then make a sound decision in casting our votes for or against the confirmation of Mr. Wiseman. Mr. Wiseman himself stated that he was willing to give his consent to look at the sealed document, with the Office of the Attorney General agreeing that with the consent of Mr. Wiseman, your Committee on EAGI will be able to arrange with the Court to see the sealed document in question. But no, your Committee on EAGI decided that the public hearing was sufficient enough to make a decision on the Confirmation of Mr. Wiseman. I disagree with your committee on EAGI's recommendation to confirm Mr. Wiseman and I am voting no on Standing Committee Report No. 12-29.

The Chair recognized Senator Maratita.

Senator Maratita: *(Inaudible)* regarding the sealed document and after all the public hearing we have...*(Inaudible)* so I move that we vote...*(Inaudible)* President make that motion.

President Manglona: So, I believe --- with that motion, we should *(Inaudible)* voting.

Senator Atalig: Likewise, Mr. President, during that public hearing, I asked the Attorney General whether or not Mr. Wiseman is cleared on...*(Inaudible)* that was raised during the public hearing and the Attorney General mentioned that he is cleared as well as...*(Inaudible)* in regards to...*(Inaudible)* and he is found more *(Inaudible)* for Mr. Wiseman's nomination as far...*(Inaudible)*. Like I said the three...*(Inaudible)* as far as the public auditor's concern also. So I believe we are ready to...*(Inaudible)* and let us vote on this nomination. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Senator Dela Cruz.

Senator Dela Cruz: Mr. President, if I am not mistaken, during our last session we were supposed to confirm Mr. Wiseman --- we gave an opportunity to our concern citizen Representative Stanley Torres to come in and --- body to the committee. During that period to show --- just like --- just like Senator Maratita and Senator Atalig had mentioned earlier --- AG's Office to Public Auditor's Office, Department of Public Safety ---. The Secretary of --- Association comment also on the important issue, he told us how a complaint is carried out to the Bar Association. He mentioned that --- complaint file for anything on the member of the BAR the procedure is to refer the matter to the Judicial. The matter was referred to the Judicial the matter was looked by the Judicial and honestly ---. Mr. President, just like I mentioned during that public hearing, I think that we should be very mindful that we should protect both sides --- inquire. We have given Mr. Stanley Torres an ample time to prove his case honestly it came out ---, Mr. President ---. I am ready, Mr. President to vote in favor of Mr. Wiseman.

The Chair recognized Senator Guerrero.

Senator Guerrero: Well, I am not a member of the EAGI, but I participated in the confirmation hearing. I agree that Mr. Torres has been given a full request to appear which he did appear. Going through the documents provided to the committee, I made myself clear during that public hearing that I am in support for confirming Attorney Wiseman for certain reasons. One, hurting people is enough, trying to destroy a reputation of an individual, I think it is out of the question. My concern here, the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas nominated an individual with the full assumption that all of these questions have been verified by the Attorney General before the Governor submitted the nomination. All the documents that I have seen are documents from Former Justice Taylor dismissing the complaints of the Bar Association, but yet Stanley Torres came up with all of those issues including the sealed document. The Governor is right behind on his written summary. That's a shame on the Commonwealth's face if one individual can stand up and speak again and I hope that next time he does, he cleans his house before he cleans somebody's house. With my full support, I agree with my other colleagues, and I respect Senator Villagomez's position in this case, but I say that I signed the committee report just before the session and there's enough signature to certify that Mr. Wiseman is already confirmed. All we need to do is go on the vote and again I respect Senator Villagomez's position, but I feel that we have done other confirmation hearings also and I have other concerns how it is done. But we are going to have bigger confrontations and I think of my position and again I respect Senator Villagomez on his opinion. Thank you very much, Mr. President.

The Chair recognized Senator Cing.

Senator Cing: Thank you, Mr. President. I have...*(Inaudible)* Senator Villagomez for ---. However, I would like to say a little bit about the present position that Mr. Wiseman is holding as a part time job. I was the Chairman of EAGI when Mr. Wiseman was confirmed to be as part time job and that was back in 1996 or 1997, if I am not mistaken. The sealed document that have to come are very important issue here have --- way back and that is about fifteen (15) years ago and that case where that sealed document was involved, was dismissed completely and it is down for good. Now, let me go back to Congressman Torres and let me re-track all the statements and answers that he did during the time that Mr. Wiseman was nominated by the Governor. If I recalled correctly, he came out not only in the Legislature, but also in the medias, basically, that there are a lot of people, a lot of calls--have been calling his house and coming to his house to provide him information. When the public hearing was conducted, if I am not mistaken, again, there were only two or three opposing Mr. Wiseman compared to the pile of letters of support and petition that favors Mr. Wiseman. He went on to say, again, Congressman Torres, that if the Senate provided the public hearing then he himself will come up and present the sealed document. The hearing was conducted, completed, and then he turned around and asked us to --- that sealed document when he already promised the people that he himself would provide that document. We have to take a look at this and try to waive this, Mr. President, because Congressman Torres probably has different reasons against Mr. Wiseman. Take a look and --- all these the Bar Association, Chamber of Commerce, Attorney General's Office, Public Auditor's the petitions of the people from Rota, Tinian, Saipan and Northern Islands including Congressman Torres's son. Look at this. Now how are we going to deny this. Where are we going to base ourselves in denying this --- to Mr. Wiseman? Thank you.

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Let me just say that I respect the positions of my good colleague and my good friend on the nomination of Mr. Wiseman. As you know, I believe --- those believe and I still do believe that the person is innocent until proven guilty. It is not the other way around. In this case, we are like any judge, like a regular judge. We weigh the allegations made and we are trying to find the facts with all the allegations being made. During the hearing, I asked Mr. Wiseman if he had done any of the allegation made, he said that he had not and I am satisfied that he had not. Also, with reference to the issuance of the sealed envelope he had expressly given his authority to let us open the sealed envelope if the court will allow. Later I found out through a correspondence, through a letter, and through discussion with members that the Judge has not granted authority to open the sealed envelope. Later I found out that the sealed envelope is a disciplinary action brought against Mr. Wiseman to the Bar Association. This is not a case involving a criminal or a civil case against Mr. Wiseman. It is a disciplinary complaint. We have heard the Attorney General expressed that this sealed envelope is a matter that has already been disposed by the Court. It has been cleared. I believe and I have expressed this to the members and even in the public hearing that it is unfair to try to question a person's integrity because we are not opening up a case that has already been disposed by the

court. It is not necessary to again, re-accused Mr. Wiseman of all those allegation made against him in the sealed envelope when this was already handled by the court. I respect what was done. This is democracy and the democratic system of government protects the innocent. So, members, it doesn't matter how many allegations are made. We sit here to judge him—the process of judging Mr. Wiseman. We have to make sure also that we are armed with factual information to make that decision. What's going, I have not seen that. I am not convinced beyond reasonable doubt that the allegations made against Mr. Wiseman are true and factual. It is our responsibility to be fair, every one of us. It is our responsibility to be fair and impartial. We should not sit in judgement at any allegation and try to convict a person who has not been proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. So, with this, Mr. President and members, again, I remind you that the work load is tying up in court because we have not acted to provide the judiciary with the judge vacant position that they need. They can all go on forever. The governor has nominated an individual for the position and we can deliberate until hell breaks loose. It is not going to help the workload in the judiciary. I am just as concern as everyone about putting a person in the position that is competent, able, beyond integrity, question that we need to be also concerned and I feel that the Chairman of the EAGI had conducted the public hearing that is necessary to ensure that. We are provided with all the information to make the decision we have done and I hope that everyone would vote his or her conscience. Make sure that whatever we decide on, we live by that decision. We are expected to make difficult decisions, but this is the position we are all elected to do. Sometimes decisions that we make are not popular, but as long as that position is right, we should make that decision. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Senator Adriano.

Senator Adriano: Mr. President, I guess the only obstacle that committee had during this deliberation, since the appointment on the Honorable Special Judge David Wiseman, is the seal document and that seal document, Mr. President, we passed in the public hearing several weeks ago. The Attorney General stated that when a document is sealed then there's no case against that person. So, the seal document against Mr. Wiseman, the committee found it unnecessary to pursue that. So, during the deliberation, we had about eight hundred supporters that came in and one of those supporters is the father of our good Senator Villagomez. So, with that, Mr. President, I ask that we move now. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Vice President Villagomez.

Vice President Villagomez: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with the Chairman that my dad, Manuel Seman Villagomez, did submit to the Committee on EAGI a letter of support for the confirmation of Mr. Wiseman. I know that my dad is a close friend of Mr. Wiseman and his family. I have to take a position, Mr. President, not because I want to antagonize Mr. Wiseman and his family, or to put down his position as an attorney. In fact, I have taken a position since day one that I was just going to let it go and support his confirmation. At one time, I was thinking whether I should abstain from voting due to a conflict of interest. I had discussed the conflict with Mr. Wiseman and he said I should not worry about a conflict of interest. At the public hearing, Mr. Wiseman promised that he would authorize us to see the sealed document. I stated that I would vote on the outcome of the sealed document. I was not able to see the sealed document in question; therefore, I am not ready to support Mr. Wiseman's confirmation. I have taken this position not to be an obstacle to the confirmation of Mr. Wiseman but my conscience will not let me support him without first seeing the document in question. The eight members have pointed out that they are ready to support the confirmation of Mr. Wiseman. I am saying without reviewing the sealed document, I cannot honestly cast my support for Mr. Wiseman, but I will be the first to congratulate Mr. Wiseman for being the next judge, because I know that eight of the nine members of the Senate have signed the Standing committee Report and I know that eight of the nine members of the Senate will be voting for the confirmation of Mr. Wiseman. Thank you.

President Manglona: If there's no other member to make a statement, then we are ready to cast our votes on Senate Committee Report No. 12-29 on the nomination of Mr. David A Wiseman. 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.

President Manglona: By a vote of eight (8) yes, and one (1) no, the Senate hereby confirms the Honorable Special Judge, Mr. David A. Wiseman, as the next Special Judge of the Superior Court. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:40 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2: 50 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our regular session. We are still under Standing Committee Report.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12-30: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF BENJAMIN M. MANGLONA AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LICENSING TO REPRESENT ROTA.

Floor Leader Reyes moved to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 12-30 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, Standing Committee Report No. 12-30, passes the Senate.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12-31: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF VIANNY B. HOCOG AS A MEMBER OF THE MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST TO REPRESENT ROTA.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 12-31 and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any further 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, Standing Committee Report No. 12-31 passes the Senate.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 12-28: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO TERMINATE THE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE BETWEEN THE CNMI AND MARINE REVITALIZATION CORPORATION, TO ACQUIRE THE OUTER COVE MARIAN, TO REGULATE THE OPERATIONS OF MARINA'S ON SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 12-28 and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Standing Committee Report No. 12-28.

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, Standing Committee Report No. 12-28 passes the Senate.

SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, if there's no objection from the members, can we go back to House Communication?

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, this is regarding House Communication No. 12-213 in reference to Senate Bill No. 12-102, SD1. The House made an amendment. I would like to make a motion to accept....

Several members voiced, "second".

The Chair recognized Senator Dela Cruz.

Senator Dela Cruz: Mr. President, I am the author of Senate Bill No. 12-102, SD1. I made a floor amendment to this bill before transmission to the House and my floor amendment was not incorporated to the bill. So, the House made the same amendment. There is no change from my original floor amendment and that is why we are accepting the amendment from the House. The amendment, if you look at Senate Bill No. 12-102—the only changes are on the nomination of the Board members which is to include one member from Tinian and also to remove the Attorney's qualification of the Board members.

President Manglona: Thank you, Senator Dela Cruz. If there's no other member to comment, we will go to the previous question. Senate Clerk, we will be voting to accept the House amendments.

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. 12-102, SD1, HD1, passes the Senate.

Floor Leader Reyes: This is on House Communication No. 12-215 which is in reference to House Joint Resolution No. 12-19. I move to also adopt House Joint Resolution No. 12-19.

President Manglona: Under House Communication No. 12-215, I am going to ask the Floor Leader to go to the Bill Calendar.

Floor Leader Reyes: May I request for a short recess?

President Manglona: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:19 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:23 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our plenary session.

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, my motion is to place House Communication No. 12-215 in reference to House Joint Resolution No. 12-19, House Communication No. 12-218, and also ---.

President Manglona: Floor Leader, let me just say that HJR 12-17 is on the reprogramming. Did you say House Joint Resolution No. 12-19? So, the motion is for House Joint Resolution No. 12-19. Is there any further discussion on the motion?

There being no discussion, the motion to adopt the House Joint Resolution No. 12-19 carried by voice vote.

PREFILED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Sen. Leg. Initiative No. 12-6: A Senate Legislative Initiative proposing to amend Section 7, Article X of the constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands regarding government employment. (SEN. PETE P. REYES – 02/09/01)

Sen. Bill No. 12-104: A Bill for an Act to require safety helmets for operators and passengers of bicycles, human power vehicles, all terrain vehicles (ATV's) and mopeds under the age of eighteen (18); and for other purposes. (SEN. JOAQUIN G. ADRIANO – 03/1/01)

Sen. Res. No. 12-33: A Senate Resolution requesting the Congress of the United States to adopt an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, to add a new article of the subject of Judicial Taxation. (SEN. PETE P. REYES – 03/01/01)

Sen. Res. No. 12-34: A Senate Resolution congratulating and saluting Pacific Micronesia Tours, Inc. on the occasion of their 15th Anniversary as a leading tour operator in the Asia/Pacific region. (SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 03/01/01)

Sen. Res. No. 12-35: A Senate Resolution relating to commending and recognizing Lt. Colonel Scott Edward Rutter, United States Army. (SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 03/06/01)

Sen. Joint Res. No. 12-5: A Senate Joint Resolution relating to commending and recognizing Lt. Colonel Scott Edward Rutter, United States Army. (SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 03/06/01)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Sen. Bill No. 12-105: A Bill for an Act to amend the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund Act of 1988 (Public Law 6-17) and (Public Law 7-39) as amended, to provide for an annual cost of living allowance to annuitants of the retirement fund upon retirement from government; and for other purposes. (SEN. E.U.MARATITA)

Sen. Bill No. 12-106: A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 1709 relating to tax overpayments; and for other purposes. -- (SEN. E.U.MARATITA)

Sen. Leg. Init. No. 12-7: A Senate Legislative Initiative proposing to amend Article XI of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands regarding public lands. (SEN. E.U.MARATITA)

Sen. Local Bill No. 12-8: A Local Bill for an Act to prohibit commercial heavy equipment vehicles from utilizing the Chalan Tun Antonio Apa road in Fina Sisu as through-traffic; and for other purposes. (SEN. T.P. VILLAGOMEZ)

Sen. Bill No. 12-107: A Bill for an Act to eliminate housing benefits for CNMI Government employees; and for other purposes. -- (SEN. T.P.VILLAGOMEZ)

Sen. Res. No. 12-36: A Bill for an Act to urgently requesting the Department of Lands and Natural Resources and the Office of the Attorney General to withdraw all pending legal actions they have instituted to bring about the eviction of the cattle ranchers in the Marpi Forest area; and for other purposes. -- (SEN. P.P. REYES)

The Chair recognized Senator Adriano.

Senator Adriano: Mr. President, I would like to request the author of Senate Bill No. 12-105 and Senate Bill No. 106, if these can be introduced by the Committee of the Whole. I have been working for this bill very hard and perhaps we can do that, thank you.

President Manglona: Senate Bill No. 12-105?

Senator Adriano: No objection to be from the Committee of the Whole. Thank you.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I move to place (*inaudible*) for our action.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "second".

President Manglona: If there's no other introduction of bills and resolutions, Floor Leader can we get an appropriate motion for the placement of Senate Resolution No. 12-36. Before we do that, I understand that Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-7 has been requested to be placed for action. However, Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-5 and 12-6 are already placed on the Calendar.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I move to place Senate Resolution No. 12-36 on today's Calendar for action.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "no objection", and the motion to place Senate Resolution No. 12-36 carried by voice vote.

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader Reyes moved to suspend all pertinent rules to allow for the passage of the bills on Final Reading. Several members seconded and the motion carried.

SENATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE NO. 12-5, SENATE DRAFT 1: A SENATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PROPOSE A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO EXPLICITLY STATE THAT QUALIFIED RETIREES MAY BE REEMPLOYED AS CLASSROOM TEACHERS, DOCTORS, AND OTHER MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS WITHOUT LOSS OF RETIREMENT BENEFITS, REGARDLESS OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S OCCUPATION PRIOR TO RETIREMENT, TO ELIMINATE THE TIME LIMITATION ON SUCH REEMPLOYMENT, AND TO CLARIFY THAT THE TERM "MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS" INCLUDES DENTISTS, DENTAL LAB TECHNICIANS, DENTAL ASSISTANTS, MEDICAL LAB TECHNICIANS, MEDICAL ASSISTANTS, THERAPISTS, VETERINARIANS, ANIMAL HEALTH OFFICER OR EQUIVALENT, AND THE LIKE.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I move to recall Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-5 and reconsider our action.

Senator Adriano voiced, "second".

President Manglona: Floor Leader Reyes is offering several typo corrections as well as an amendment to the Initiative.

Floor Leader Reyes: Copies has been provided to the members of the amendment that I am offering. *(Inaudible)* second sentence to the last of the paragraph *(Inaudible)* physician. Also, right after *(Inaudible)* medical lab technician line after veterinarian, I forgot the exact title, Mr. President, but I would like to *(inaudible)* title animal something officer. This is the assistant of the veterinarian physician.

Senator Adriano voiced, "no objection".

(Journal Clerk's Note: poor recording).

President Manglona: *(inaudible)*.

The motion for the passage of the floor amendment to Senate Legislative Initiative 12-5, as offered by Floor Leader Reyes carried by voice vote.

Vice President Villagomez: *(inaudible)*.

President Manglona: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:26 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3: 30 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our Bill Calendar. Is there any further discussion? We are back to Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-5, as amended....*(Inaudible)* 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 Legislative Initiative No. 12-5, as amended, passes the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-250, COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 1, HOUSE SUBSTITUTE 1, HOUSE DRAFT 4: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO TERMINATE THE SUBMERGED LAND LEASE BETWEEN THE CNMI AND MARINE REVITALIZATION CORPORATION, TO ACQUIRE THE OUTER COVE MARINA, TO REGULATE THE OPERATIONS OF MARINAS ON SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIAN ISLANDS; 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?

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I second the motion (Inaudible).

President Manglona: (Inaudible). 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. 12-250, HS1, HD4 is hereby rejected by the Senate. I understand that (Inaudible).

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-57, COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 1: A BILL FOR AN ACT GRANTING LIFETIME HONORARY CITIZENSHIP OF THE COMMONWEALTH; DIPLOMAT STATUS; AND WAIVER OF ENTRY PERMIT REQUIRMENTS TO THE HONORABLE TOKUO YAMASHITA; 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, House Bill No. 12-57, CS1, passes the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-288, COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE 1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF A VISITOR CENTER, MEMORIAL GARDEN, AND EXHIBIT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION FOR VISITOR CENTER AT AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved to defer action on House Bill No. 12-288, CS1, and refer it back to the committee and several members seconded.

There being no discussion, motion carried by voice vote.

HOUSE BILL NO. 12-295, HOUSE DRAFT 1, SENATE SUBSTITUTE 1: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND 4 CMC § 1803 BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION (e) AND TO PROVIDE FOR A DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR FOR MVA FOR THE FIRST SENATORIAL DISTRICT AND THE SECOND SENATORIAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

President Manglona: *(Inaudible)*. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:34 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:35 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our regular session and we are still discussing HB 12-295, SS1, HD1.

Floor Leader Reyes: *(Inaudible)*.

President Manglona: We are back to House Bill No. 12-295, as amended. 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

Numbers (9) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of nine (9) yes, House Bill No. 12-295, HD1, SS1, as amended, passes the Senate.

SENATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE NO. 12-106: A SENATE LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE PROPOSING TO AMEND SECTION 7, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS REGARDING GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.

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

Floor Leader Reyes: *(inaudible)*.

Senator Guerrero requested for a short recess.

President Manglona: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:37 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:39 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our regular session. *(Inaudible)*.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I would like to amend the motion and rather than discussing it on Final Reading, I would like to make a motion to place it under First Reading.

President Manglona: If there's no objection, we are placing it under the First Reading Calendar.

The motion for the passage of Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-6 on First Reading was carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: *(Inaudible)*.

Floor Leader Reyes: I would also like to request for the HEW committee to conduct a public hearing.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-105: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND THE NORTHERN MARIANAS RETIREMENT FUND ACT OF 1988(PUBLIC LAW 6-17) AND 1991 (PUBLIC LAW 7-39) AS AMENDED, TO PROVIDE FOR AN ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE TO ANNUITANTS OF THE RETIREMENT FUND UPON RETIREMENT FROM GOVERNMENT 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 Manglona: Before I cast my vote, I am sorry *(Inaudible)* there's a minor amendment. *(Inaudible)*. On line 11, I believe the intent there is-- it says \$30,000 or more, I believe the legal counsel *(Inaudible)*. Let us just go back *(Inaudible)*.

Senator Guerrero voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: So, it has been moved and seconded, let us vote on the amendment.

The motion to adopt the floor amendment as offered President Manglona was carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: (*Inaudible*). 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 Legislative Initiative No. 12-105, passes the Senate.

SENATE BILL NO. 12-106: A BILL FOR AN ACT TO AMEND 4 CMC § 1709 RELATING TO TAX OVERPAYMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its passage on Final Reading and was seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Senator Atalig: (*inaudible*).

President Manglona: There are two typos there...(*Inaudible*) don't recognized that. Is there any second to the amendment?

The motion for the adoption of the floor amendment as offered by Senator Atalig was carried by voice vote.

President Manglona: We are back to Senate Legislative Initiative No. 12-6. Is there any comment? If none, 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 Legislative Initiative No. 12-6, as amended, passes the Senate.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-33: A SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES ADOPT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, TO ADD A NEW ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT OF JUDICIAL TAXATION.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-34: A SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING AND SALUTING PACIFIC MICRONESIA TOURS, INC. ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 15TH ANNIVERSARY AS A LEADING TOUR OPERATOR IN THE ASIA/PACIFIC REGION.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-35: A SENATE RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING LT. COLONEL SCOTT EDWARD RUTTER, UNITED STATES, FOR HIS SELFLESS SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER EFFORT IN ASSISTING THE OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANAS ISLANDS IN OBTAINING FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE WORLD WAR II MARINE CORPS SCOUTS AND FOR HIS ASSISTANCE IN VETERAN AND MILITARY ISSUES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-36: A SENATE RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING URGENTLY REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS NAD NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO WITHDRAW ALL PENDING LEGAL ACTIONS THEY HAVE INSTITUTED TO BRING ABOUT THE EVICTION OF THE CATTLE RANCHERS IN THE MARPI FOREST AREA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 12-33; Senate Resolution No. 12-34; Senate Resolution No. 12-35, and Senate Resolution No. 12-36; and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, "ready".

The motion to adopt Senate Resolution No. 12-33; Senate Resolution No. 12-34; Senate Resolution No. 12-35 and Senate Resolution 12-36 and was carried by voice vote.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12-19: A HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, THROUGH ITS GOVERNOR, TO SUBMIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD), THE ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION NO. B-01-ST-0203L AND THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT APPLICATION NO. S-01-DC69-001, TO RECEIVE THE FUNDS REQUESTED THEREIN, AND TO ASSUME ALL RESPONSIBILITIES THAT MAY BE IMPOSED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT PROGRAMS.

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12-5: A SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO COMMENDING AND RECOGNIZING LT. COLONEL SCOTT EDWARD RUTTER, UNITED STATES ARMY.

Floor Leader Reyes move for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 12-19 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 12-5 and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion?

Several members voiced, “ready”.

The adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 12-19 and Senate Joint Resolution No. 12-5 was carried by voice vote.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Chair recognized Floor Leader Reyes.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I would like *(inaudible)* to the members. I *(inaudible)* by *(inaudible)* to consider placing *(inaudible)* to the legal holiday. I was just wondering whether *(inaudible)* existing holiday *(inaudible)* on the President’s Day. The President’s Day being observed by the *(inaudible)* holiday, but *(inaudible)* I don’t know the *(inaudible)* behind observing the President’s Day except that we are *(inaudible)* American citizens *(inaudible)* the word of the *(inaudible)* without taking any action to initiate *(inaudible)* consider *(inaudible)* I hope that maybe somewhere in near future we can *(inaudible)* consider some problems recognizing the words *(inaudible)* Thank you.

Senator Maratita: *(inaudible)*.

President Manglona: Maybe when Senator Cing has the time to look into that *(inaudible)*.

Senator Atalig: *(inaudible)*.

Floor Leader Reyes: *(inaudible)*.

President Manglona: The other concern we have on that is the Rota fiesta.

Floor Leader Reyes: *(inaudible)*.

Senator Dela Cruz: *(inaudible)*.

Senator Cing: *(inaudible)* in regards the lawsuit *(inaudible)* Probably, I am going to file a lawsuit against the Senate. *(inaudible)* taking any action. This is not a joke anymore *(inaudible)* Senator and not to be trust by our *(inaudible)*

President Manglona: *(inaudible)*.

The Senate recessed at 3:50 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

President Manglona: We are back to our session and we are still under Miscellaneous Business. Is there any other member? For the record, I just want to - *(inaudible)* finances particular our situation *(inaudible)* Finance. So, with that the members *(inaudible)* the Chairman of JG&L *(inaudible)* will deal directly *(inaudible)* on this issue *(inaudible)* how we are going to solve this situation. So, with that all the members will make that committee *(inaudible)* by Tony Cabrera. Is there any other member?

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair recognized Senator Atalig.

Senator Atalig: *(inaudible)*.

The Chair recognized Senator Cing.

Senator Cing: *(inaudible)*.


President Manglona: I would like to inform all the members and staffs (Inaudible). Any motion for adjournment?

Floor Leader Reyes moved that the Senate adjourn subject to the call of the Chair.

There being no objection, President Manglona declared the Senate adjourned subject to the call of the Chair at 4:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted Jan. 11, 2002



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