

THE SENATE  
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First Day

Friday, May 05, 2000

The Senate of the Twelfth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, First Day, Second Special Session, 2000, was called to order at 11:20 a.m. in the Tinian Courthouse, Tinian, MP 96950.

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

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President and members, I would like to ask that we say a prayer for Justice Villagomez who is very sick. Thank you.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

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

President Manglona: We have the necessary quorum to conduct today's session. I would like to thank the members for their understanding and agreeing to move up our session from the scheduled 1:00 o'clock to this time.

Floor Leader Reyes: Thank you, Mr. President. With the indulgence of the members, I would like that we move to the Resolution Calendar of our Order of Business.

**RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 12-7: CONGRATULATING AND WELCOMING THE CREW OF THE MILLENNIUM 2000 TRADITIONAL CANOE VOYAGE UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THEIR HISTORIC VOYAGE.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its adoption, and several members seconded.

The Chair recognized Senator Guerrero.

Senator Guerrero: Mr. President, I would like to make a minor amendment to the original resolution for the Canoe Voyagers. There is an error on the number of canoes. Change "five" to "six". That's the only amendment, Mr. President.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the amendment being offered by Senator Guerrero? Is there any objection to the amendment?

There was no objection and the amendment offered by Senator Guerrero was adopted by voice vote.

President Manglona: We're back to the main motion. Now, we're voting on Senate Resolution No. 12-7, as amended.

The motion to adopt Senate Resolution No. 12-7, as amended, carried by voice vote.

Floor Leader Reyes: Thank you, Mr. President. Without objection from the members, I would like to move back to item "H" of our Order of Business.

President Manglona: There being no objection, we're under Standing Committee Reports.

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

STANDING COMM. REPORT NO. 12-6: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MR. HERBERT SOLL FOR THE POSITION OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Floor Leader Reyes moved for its adoption, and several members seconded.

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the Standing Committee Report?

Several members voiced, "ready".

President Manglona: Senate Clerk, please call the roll.

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, Judge Herbert Soll is hereby confirmed as the CNMI Attorney General.

The Chair recognized Senator Guerrero.

STANDING COMM. REPORT NO. 12-7: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF ASSOCIATE JUDGE JOHN A. MANGLONA TO SERVE AS ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.

Senator Guerrero: Mr. President, I move to have Associate Judge John A. Manglona confirmed to serve as Associate Justice of the Commonwealth Supreme Court of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Several members voiced, "second".

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on the Committee Report?

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	Abstained

Eight (8) members voted yes.

President Manglona: By a vote of eight (8) yes and one (1) abstention, Judge John A. Manglona is hereby confirmed as Associate Justice of the Commonwealth Supreme Court.

STANDING COMM. REPORT NO. 12-8: FROM THE COMMITTEE ON EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS AND GOVERNMENTAL INVESTIGATION REPORTING ON THE GOVERNOR'S APPOINTMENT OF MRS. SUSANA T. MAFNAS TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF RETIREMENT FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

Floor Leader Reyes: I move for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 12-8.

Several members voiced, "second".

President Manglona: Is there any discussion on Standing Committee Report No. 12-8.

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, Mrs. Susana T. Mafnas is hereby confirmed by the Senate to serve as a member of the Retirement Fund Board of Trustees.

Floor Leader Reyes: Mr. President, I move that the Senate stands in recess subject to your call for the purpose of congratulating the confirmed nominees.

Several members voiced, “second” and the motion carried by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:35 a.m. subject to the call of the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,



Ramona I. Kapileo  
Senate Journal Clerk

ADOPTED: June 16, 2000