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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Victor B. Hocog, issued a session call on May 21, 2019 that the Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene this open and public session. The notice, the official session call, and the session agenda was filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk; released to the media; and posted at the Entrance Halls of the Office of the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives, posted on the Commonwealth Legislature’s website at www.cnmileg.gov.mp.

The Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Fourth Special Session, on May 23, 2019, at 10:35 a.m. in the Senate Chamber, Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Victor B. Hocog, President of the Senate, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Clerk called the roll, eight members are “present” and one “absent.”

President Hocog: With eight members present, we do constitute a quorum to conduct today’s special session. I like the record to reflect that Senator Santos is hereby “excused” for this session. Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

President Hocog: Anyone from the public wants to make any comments before we proceed with our Order of Business. None. Reading and Approval of Journal.

READING AND APPROVAL OF JOURNAL

None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk voiced Governors Message No. 21-58: April 05, 2019 - Nomination of Ms. Viola Alepuyo to serve on the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors.

President Hocog: I just want to make a note on that, that the appointment of Ms. Alepuyo had been acknowledged by the Committee and she had undergone already a Public Hearing and with that concludes this appointment and today the Committee and the members will take action accordingly. Communications from the Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

The Clerk voiced Senate Communication No. 21-27: April 26, 2019 -Official referral to EAGI the appointment of Ms. Viola Alepuyo to serve on the Board of Directors of MV A.

President Hocog: Any comments? None. Communications from the Washington Delegate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Hocog: Floor Leader Quitugua?

Floor Leader Quitugua: Mr. President, if no objections from the members, may we first go to Item M, to address the Reports of Standing Committees.

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There was no objection raised.

President Hocog: If there is no objection from the members, let us go now to Item M of our Order of Business, Reports of Standing Committee. Floor Leader?

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, a motion for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 21-10 from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the re-appointment of Mr. Roman M. Tudela, Jr. to serve as Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. So move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: There is a motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 21-10 it has been seconded, those in favor of the motion say, "Aye." Opposed say, "Nay."

All members voiced, "Aye."

President Hocog: Any discussion? Chairman Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government investigations is ready to report and present Standing Committee Report No. 21-10 and this is the executive appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. to serve as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. Mr. President, your committee on Executive Appointments and Government investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office begs leave to report as follows: After review and consideration of testimonies provided, your committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Roman Tudela Jr.'s appointment to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. Pursuant to Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate. it is the duty and purpose of your Committee to report to the Senate for legislative action pertaining to the executive appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr.'s overall credentials to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are 6 written and 8 oral testimonies in support of the appointee' no oral and written testimony in opposition was received by the Committee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the appointee that are included in this report. Your Committee further finds that based on the detailed progress report submitted and taking into account the written and oral testimonies presented, in addition to the responses received by the appointee, Mr. Tudela stands ready to address the concerns raised during the hearing and to adhere to the department's goals outlined in the report for the benefit of the Commonwealth. Based on the overall assessment of Mr. Tudela's credentials, experiences, testimonies, goals for the department, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee is convinced that Mr. Tudela has the qualification and leadership skills necessary to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. Mr. Roman Tudela Jr. was appointed by Governor Ralph DLG. Tones and Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios on February 20, 2019 to continue serving as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs Office. The appointment packet

was forwarded to the Senate on February 20, 2019. On April 12, 2019 the appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. was referred to your Committee for consideration. A Public Hearing was conducted on: May 7, 2019 Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. During the hearing certain recommendations, issues and concerns were raised for the appointee to address, including providing requested information such as data, reports, lists, etc. The required action on the part of the appointee must be provided or accomplished within 90 days after the appointee is confirmed. In conclusion, all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate have been submitted to your Committee for review and consideration. Based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the appointment of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. to serve as the Resident Executive for the Indigenous Affairs office meets all the necessary requirements pursuant to Article III, Section 14 of the Commonwealth Constitution and 1 CMC § 2902. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. to serve as the Resident Executive for the indigenous Affairs Office. I ask the full members of this body to support Senate Standing Committee Report No. 21-10. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Hocog: Thank you, Chairman Cruz. Are we ready for the question? Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Vinnie F. Sablan	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Excused
President Victor B. Hocog	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight members voting “yes.”

President Hocog: By a vote of eight members, Mr. Roman Tudela, Jr. is hereby confirmed by this body. Congratulations, Mr. Tudela. [APPLAUSE] Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 21-11 from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: There is a motion offered on the floor and it has been seconded, those in favor of the motion say, “Aye.” Opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Discussion on the motion? Chairman Cruz?

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this is a second committee report that your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is ready to present to the full body, this is Standing Committee Report No. 21-11, and this is the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) begs leave to report as follows: After review and consideration of testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb's appointment to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Pursuant to Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate, it is the duty and purpose of your Committee to report to the Senate for legislative action pertaining to the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb's overall credentials to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are 1 written and 6 oral testimonies in support of the appointee. No written or oral testimony in opposition to the appointee was received by the Committee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the appointee that are included in this report. Based on the overall assessment of Mr. Tebuteb's credentials, experiences, testimonies, goals for the department, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee is convinced that Mr. Tebuteb has the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb was appointed by Governor Ralph DLG Torres and Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios on March 29, 2019, to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The appointment packet was forwarded to the Senate on April 18, 2019. On April 26, 2019 the appointment of Mr. Tebuteb was referred to your Committee for consideration. A Public Hearing was conducted on May 8, 2019, here at the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. During the hearing certain recommendations, issues and concerns were raised for the appointee to address and look into when confirmed as a board member. In conclusion, all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate have been submitted to your Committee for review and consideration. Based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the appointment of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority meets all the necessary requirements in accordance with 2 CMC § 2123 and 1 CMC § 2902. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Mr. Ramon A. Tebuteb to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Ports Authority. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 21-11. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Hocog: Thank you, Chairman Cruz. Are we ready? Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Vinnie F. Sablan	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Excused
President Victor B. Hocog	Hunggan (Yes)

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight members voting “yes.”

President Hocog: With all eight members voting “yes” Mr. Ramon Tebuteb is hereby confirmed by this full body. Congratulations, Mr. Tebuteb and welcome to the CPA department. [APPLAUSE]
Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, a motion for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 21-12 from the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: Discussion on the motion? Ready? Chairman Cruz, I recognize you.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President, this the third Standing Committee Report, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is ready to report to the full Senate, and this is Standing Committee Report No. 21-12 this is the appointment of Ms. Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) begs leave to report as follows: After review and consideration of testimonies provided, you Committee recommends the confirmation of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo's appointment to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Pursuant to Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate, it is the duty and purpose of your Committee to report to the Senate for legislative action pertaining to the executive appointment of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo's overall credentials to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are 3 written and 15 oral testimonies in support of the appointee. No written or oral testimonies in opposition of the appointee were received by the Committee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the appointee

that are included in this report. Based on the overall assessment of Ms. Alepuyo's credentials, experiences, testimonies, goals for the department, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee is convinced that Ms. Alepuyo has the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo was appointed by Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios on April 5, 2019 to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. The appointment packet was forwarded to the Senate on April 25, 2019. On April 26, 2019 the appointment of Ms. Alepuyo was referred to your Committee for consideration. A Public Hearing was conducted on May 8, 2019 here at Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. During the hearing certain recommendations, issues and concerns were raised for the appointee to address and look into when confirmed as a board member. In conclusion all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate have been submitted to your Committee for review and consideration. Based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the appointment of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority meets all the necessary requirements pursuant to 4 CMC §2111 and 1 CMC § 2902. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Again, I ask this full body to support Standing Committee Report No. 21-12. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Hocog: Thank you, Chairman Cruz. Madam Clerk, call the roll please.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Yes
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Vinnie F. Sablan	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Excused
President Victor B. Hocog	Hunggan (Yes)

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight members voting “yes.”

President Hocog: With eight members voting affirmative for the confirmation of Ms. Ellsbeth Viola Alepuyo, I am sorry this is my second time to hear that name, but with the vote of eight, I like to congratulate you for being confirmed by the full body to serve as a Member of the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority. Congratulations, Ms. Alepuyo. [APPLAUSE] Floor Leader, I think this is our last Standing Committee Report.

Floor Leader Quitugua: Yes, Mr. President, this is the last Standing Committee Report. Mr. President, I move to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 21-13 from the Committee on Executive

Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the re-appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professional Licensing Board.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: There is a motion and has been seconded, discussion? Let me now at this point recognize, Chairman Cruz.

Senator Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President this the fourth and last Standing Committee Report that your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is ready to report to the full Senate and this is Standing Committee Report No. 21-13 the executive appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a Member to the Health Care Professionals Licensing Board. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board (HCPLB) begs leave to report as follows: After review and consideration of testimonies provided your committee recommends the confirmation of Dr. Tiffany Willis's appointment to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. Pursuant to Rule 8, section 5 of the official Rules of the Senate, it is the duty and purpose of your committee to report to the senate for legislative action pertaining to the executive appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis's overall credentials to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are no written or oral testimonies in support or opposition of the appointee; 3 oral testimonies in support of the appointee; and no written testimony in opposition of the appointee was received by the Committee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the appointee that are included in this report. Based on the overall assessment of Dr. Willis' credentials, experiences, testimonies, goals for the department, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee is convinced that Dr. Willis has the qualification and leadership skills necessary to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. Dr. Tiffany Willis was appointed by Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lieutenant Governor Arnold I. Palacios on February 26, 2019 to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. The appointment packet was forwarded to the Senate on March 15, 2019. On April 26, 2019 the appointment of Dr. Willis was referred to your Committee for consideration. A Public Hearing was conducted on May 20, 2019 Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. During the hearing, certain recommendations, issues and concerns were raised for the appointee to address, including providing requested information such as data, reports, lists, etc. The required action on the part of the appointee must be provided or accomplished within 90 days after the appointee is confirmed. In conclusion all required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Official Rules of the Senate have been submitted to your Committee for review and consideration. Based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the appointment of Dr. Tiffany Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board meets all the necessary requirements pursuant to 3 CMC § 2204 and 1 CMC § 2902. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Dr. Willis to serve as a Member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board. Again, I ask the full body to support Senate Standing Committee Report No. 21-13. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Hocog: Thank you, Chairman Cruz. Just before I ask the members to cast their vote, I just want to ask one question, Dr. Willis for the member's information, are you part on the review board with patients requested for medical referral? Are you part of the board that decides patients that will be referred off-island?

Dr. Tiffany Willis: No, I am not.

President Hocog: Thank you.

Dr. Tiffany Willis: Thank you.

President Hocog: Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll:

Senator Francisco M. Borja	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Sixto K. Igisomar	Aweer (Yes)
Senator Paul A. Mangloña	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Justo S. Quitugua	Hunggan (Yes)
Senator Vinnie F. Sablan	Yes
Senator Teresita A. Santos	Excused
President Victor B. Hocog	Hunggan (Yes)

CLERK: Mr. President, all eight members voting "yes."

President Hocog: With eight members voting "yes" for the confirmation of Dr. Tiffany Willis, I like to report that you are hereby confirmed by the full eight members that are present today. And congratulations for serving again the Health Care Professionals Licensing Board for another four years. Thank you very much for your service. Congratulations! [APPLAUSE] At this time, I would like to call a short recess before we continue with our Order of Business today. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 11:09

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 11:24

[Senator Jude U. Hofschneider was out during the recess]

President Hocog: We are back to our plenary session. After our short recess, we move back to Item K. Floor Leader?

PRE-FILED OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

1. **S.J.R. No. 21-01** - Congratulating His Imperial Majesty, Japan's Reigning Emperor, Naruhito, on the occasion of his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne on May 1, 2019. [**SEN. PAUL A. MANGLOÑA- 05/2/19**]
2. **S.B. No. 21-31** -To amend I CMC § 8245(i) to clarify that the employer of a government employee who is certified to run for a public office shall enforce the requirement to take a personal leave of absence until the election is over; and for other purpose. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA- 05/6/19**]
3. **S.R. No. 21-02** - To recognize Mr. Tyrell J. Pauling for his untiring contributions to the sustainability of the CNMI's hospitality industry by serving as the key innovator of the Northern Marianas Trades Institute's culinary program, which has shaped countless local residents into culinarians prepared for employment in our community's growing culinary industry. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA-05/8/19**]
4. **S.R. No. 21-03** - To recognize Mr. Nick Nishikawa for his significant contributions to the sustainability of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands' hospitality industry by serving as a catalyst and leader in the 'Northern Marianas Trades Institute's hospitality programs, which has motivated local residents to **enter careers directly related to the tourism industry**. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA- 05/8/19**]
5. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 21-01** - To require the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) and its Board of Trustees to exercise transparency and accountability as a Commonwealth government entity, to provide for reasonable expenses of administration by law, and to require the annual operating budget of L T to be approved and appropriated by the legislature by amending Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA - 05/13/19**]
6. **S.B. No. 21-32** - To amend I CMC § 2892(1) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by PL 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management Office; and for other purposes. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA - 05/15/19**]
7. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 21-02** - To amend Article XI, Section 5(g) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to clarify that the Department of Public Lands (DPL) shall receive all moneys from transferred public lands leased by agencies to third parties for profit; to provide for reasonable expenses by law; to require the Legislature to approve and appropriate DPL's annual budget; and to prohibit the reprogramming of DPL's revenues. [**SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA - 05/16/19**]
8. **Senate Commemorative Res. No. 21-02** -To commemorate the distinguished and honorable life of the late Herman Muna Mangloña and to recognize his outstanding accomplishments and

exemplary public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
[SEN. VICTOR B. HOCOG AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 05/16/19]

- 9. S.L.B. No. 21-03** - To amend the definition of hotel in the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989; and for other purposes. **[SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER- 05/21/19]**

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, there are nine pre-filed bills, initiatives, local bills and resolutions and if the Chair can recognize the members to orally introduce their pre-filed bills or resolutions. Thank you.

President Hocog: Thank you, Floor Leader. On our Pre-filed, we have Senate Joint Resolution No. 21-01, recognize Senator Mangloña.

Senator Mangloña: Thank you, Mr. President. I like to formally introduce Senate Joint Resolution No. 21-01, "A Senate Joint Resolution Congratulating His Imperial Majesty, Japan's Reigning Emperor, Naruhito, on the occasion of his ascension to the Chrysanthemum Throne on May 1, 2019." Thank you.

President Hocog: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, introducing Senate Bill Nos. 21-31 and 21-32; Senate Resolution Nos. 21-02 and 21-03; and Senate Legislative Initiative Nos. 21-01 and 21-02. And thank you, Mr. President.

President Hocog: Thank you, Floor Leader. The Chair have one Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-02, and this is "To commemorate the distinguished and honorable life of the late Herman Muna Mangloña and to recognize his outstanding accomplishments and exemplary public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands." Introduced myself and by the Committee of the Whole. And Senator Hofschneider is hereby "excused" to attend a very special and urgent needs, so he had asked me to read out his Senate Local Bill No. 21-03, "To amend the definition of hotel in the Revised Tinian Casino Gaming Control Act of 1989; and for other purposes." Introduced by Senator Jude U. Hofschneider. So, we are going down to Item N, Reports of Special/Conference Committee.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

President Hocog: Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu'us ma'ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, a motion for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 21-01, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: There is a motion for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 21-01 it has been seconded, discussion? Ready? All those in favor of the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 21-01 say, “Aye.” Those opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, before I make the motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution Nos. 21-02 and 21-03, if there is no objection from the members, I request that these two resolutions be introduced by the Committee of the Whole of the members who are present today.

President Hocog: Thank you. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: A motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 21-02, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: There is a motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 21-02, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adoption Senate Resolution No. 21-02 say, “Aye.” Those opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Motion carries. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 21-03.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: Again, there is a motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 21-03, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Senate Resolution No. 21-03 say, “Aye.” Those opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Motion carries. Senate Resolution No. 21-03 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader?

Floor Leader Quitugua: *Si Yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. Mr. President, a motion for the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-02, so move.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: A motion for the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-02, discussion? Ready? Those in favor of the motion to adopt Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-02 say, “Aye.” Those opposed say, “Nay.”

All members voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Motion carries. Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-02 is hereby adopted. Bill Calendar, Floor Leader.

BILL CALNEDAR

Floor Leader Quitugua: There is none on the Bill Calendar, Mr. President.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hocog: There is no Announcement. Floor Leader, can you effectuate a motion?

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Quitugua: Thank you, Mr. President. I move for the adjournment of today’s session subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion has been seconded.

President Hocog: A motion for the adjournment has been offered and seconded subject to call of this Chair, those in favor of the motion to adjourn say, “Aye.” Those opposed say, “Nay.”

All member voiced, “Aye.”

President Hocog: Motion carries. Our session is hereby adjourned at this time subject to the call of the Chair.

The Senate adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Frances Joan P. Kaipat
Senate Journal Clerk