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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Dennis C. Mendiola, issued a session call on June 16, 2025 that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth 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.net

The Honorable President of the Senate, Dennis C. Mendiola presided.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Good morning ladies and gentlemen, and members of our community. *Hafa Adai and Tirow.* Welcome to the Senate Chamber. I hereby call this First Day, Third Special session to order. Today is Monday, June 23, 2025, here in the Senate Chamber in the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. Time is now 1:30 p.m. Before we proceed, I ask everyone to please place their mobile devices on silent mode or switch it off for the duration of this session. Today's session is being streamed live on our Facebook page and our YouTube channel, may I ask everyone to please stand for a moment of silence.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

Thank you everybody. Clerk, call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Present
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Present – walked in at 1:40 p.m.
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Here
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	Gaige (Here)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Present
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Present
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Here

CLERK: Mr. President, eight (8) members are present and one (1) member absent.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you. Clerk with seven members present. That gives us the necessary quorum to conduct today's session. Let the records reflect that Senator Karl King-Nabors and Senator Celina Babauta are hereby excused. Before we proceed, allow me to recognize some of our support staff, our LB staff. We got our Senate Clerk, Ms. Dolores Bermudes, our Legal Counsel Ms. Antonette Villagomez, Ms. Jolene Tagabuel our Senior Legislative Assistant, Chanele Borja our Senate Journal Clerk, our IT Mr. Delbert Camacho, and of course we have our high-speed Sergeant at Arms Benjamin Terlaje. Moving on. Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you. Mr. President, at this time I move to suspend pertinent rules to amend the agenda to include House Communication 24-32 and to place it on calendar for action.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Do I hear a second?

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion made to suspend rules to move some bills and place them on calendar, and it was seconded. Any discussion? Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Just to state that I'm here. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Welcome, Senator Castro. Any other discussion? Ready? All in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay. The ayes have it.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Moving on public comments. Thank you. Short recess please.

The Senate recessed at 1:40 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 1:41 p.m.

Public comment. Pursuant to our Senate rules, anyone wishing to make a public comment, please limit your comments to five minutes. You may submit a copy of your written testimony if you wish to do for the record, please state your full name and the item and the agenda. You would be making a comment on public comments. Now open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

YC Senator Ayden Yumul: Good afternoon Honorable Mr. President and Honorable senators. Just for the record, I'll be submitting a statement through via the Youth Congress Clerk. My name is Senator Ayden Yumul from Grace Christian Academy. And I am the Floor Leader of the 20th Cinema Youth Congress. Also, the Chairman of the Committee of Education. Once again, good afternoon, Mr. President and members of this August Body. I speak to you this afternoon as the Chairman of the Committee of Education in the 20th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress and author of Youth Congress Bill 1-01, a bill that was passed by the Youth Congress and the 23rd House of Representatives to mandate the instruction of the Chamorro Carolinian Language heritage studies throughout the entire education pipeline. I come to own support of the adoption of Senate Bill 24-04, which is Senate Standing Committee Report 24-08; To advance Indigenous Language Education in the CNMI. As fellow legislators, we both recognize that there are obstacles, hardships, and step setbacks that may continue to come along the way of language preservation here in the Commonwealth. But I truly believe that if we come together as one united people of the CNMI, we won't let our passion for cultural preservation die out. Which brings us to where we stand here today at this very moment, to vote on a bill that both the author and Senator Manny Castro and our body feel so very strongly about now, it is time we work together to enrich our culture, our history, our values, and our diversity from my generation and for the future generations to come. In this blue continent we call the earth, there are many, there are millions of diverse people's ethnicities and cultures. And despite that, we the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have our very own unique way of life and native tongue. We need to invest our time and efforts into our culture. So, it's not to be lost, but instead to be practiced and used in our everyday lives. Forgive me for the outdated statistic, but according to the CNMI 2020 Census only 29.3% of the entire population claim they could speak tomorrow and 5.7% claim they could speak Carolinian. The CMMI statistics point out the lack of cultural enrichment and language comprehension within our islands. And a short survey conducted several years ago among high school students in Tinian, finds that just 18% of youth speak Carolinian at homes among friends and family. That is why, in closing, I urge you all to support this legislation so we can provide a conduit for our languages to provide to continue to thrive well into the future. I do appreciate this opportunity on behalf of my colleagues to comment on this matter, Mr. President and Honorable Senators.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Senator. Any other public comments, please state your full name for the record.

Steve Jang: Good afternoon. My name is Steve Jang Chairman Mendiola. Thank you so much and honor for members of the Senate. My name is Steve Jang. I'm a United States citizen. I'm a longtime resident of the CNMI, and I'm here to support S.B. 24-28. I thank you for the continuous support of tourism and for the caring of the safety and dignity of our island community. As a local business owner, I see firsthand how public drunkenness, aggressive loitering, littering, and indecent behavior are impacting our tourist zones, especially Garapan families. Fear uneasy visitors are turned away and small business suffer the consequences. S.B. 24-28 is a necessary step. It balances compassion with accountability. It sets clear expectations for public conduct and gives law enforcement the tools they need to keep our public spaces safe, clean and welcoming. The build is not about criminalizing poverty. It's about protecting the public, supporting tourism, and preserving the half anterior spirit that makes our island special. I respectfully, urge you to pass S.B. 24-28 and let's protect Saipan for our families, for our visitors, and for our future. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, sir. Any other public comments?

Acting Special Assistant John Gonzales: Hafa Adai and Tirow. Guahu i lahen miyo, chelu'n miyo, bisinu miyo Joh Oliver Delos Reyes Bolis Gonzalez. Senate President yan i man unruble man gachong i san hilo na guma i Senate. Gaige yo' guini na baihu nahe ha dididi talo finihu yan agradesimiento as acting Special Assistant for the administration under the Office of the Governor. He is Arnold I. Palacios and sigendofia Segundo magalahe Lieutenant Governor David Apatang. Si Yu'us Ma'ase opottunidat baihu dinange hamyo. Mas kiseha un ratto. Puedi nu i apmamam pago en aplika yan chechegi i manda Constitution para konfitma i dos na nominees of Governor and Lieutenant Governor namely the acting Secretary for the Department of Public Lands and lokkue i nominee for the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors. Pues gaige pat baihu lihistra offisiatmiente and to express the administration's appreciation and gratitude to you and the Senate EAGI na komiti teha ginen gi hululu as Honorable Senator Francisco Q. Cruz yan i miembron i Senate Standing Committee on EAGI. Ni tiempon miyo ni yute nahe para i inen maolek sensura, enkula i dos na kiliyanu ginen i gobietno saono mana yuda este siha na kuetpon bisinan publiku. Para i uno Public Lands, otro MVA Board. Gentleman, taya bei gagao hamyo hita na fanmatgen korason'ta nu Mr. Guerrero and Mr. Igisomar ma'ase i publiku yan atituyi amano siña umuligao alibu para todo i taotao publiku kululofia i man namase na magahet mumurese ayudu homestead, ayudu tano yan lokkue pot ayudun small businesses yan i katkuet na businesses gi halom i turista na banda nu Mr. Guerrero guadia yan pulan i tininas yan i ginaspas so that it benefits everybody so that we all can believe in, so that we can all have hope moving forward. So Senators Si Yu'us Ma'ase for your relentless effort to entertain our nominees an essential step that preserves the unequivocal checks and balance and thus the public trust of gubernatorial nominees as fiduciary public trusts. And indeed, your action is a critical step forth with, as the administration diligently searches for and finalizes the vacancies of other boards and commissions in order to ensure that the essential basic function of government operations and thus public services are uninterrupted to optimize optimal benefits for all para tododo hit. And for all of us as members of the public. Again, Si Yu'us Ma'ase thank you, Olomwaay Remi and we stand by to witness the swift confirmation of these two esteemed individuals.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Mr. Gonzalez. You still manage to impress me with all those languages. Thank you. Any other public comments? I now close the public comment the portion of our agenda, if there's no objection with the members may we move to Item M so we can dispose of this the committee report. Alright. Moving to Item M, Standing Committee Report. Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I would like to move to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-14 from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the executive appointment of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. Before I move further Mr. Igisomar and Mr. Guerrero, may I please call you guys up to the dias. Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you, Floor Leader. Do I hear a second for that motion?

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

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The motion has been seconded.

Thank you, Senator. There's a motion made by Floor Leader to adopt a Standing Committee Report No. 24-14 and it was seconded. Any discussions, recognize Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you Mr. President. Before I report to the full Senate the Standing Committee, malago yo' baihu extende dankolo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase para i Special Assistant to the administration mampos na magof na palabra este pa ta fan ta sangani huyong i publiku i hayi maganyi na para fasasuhe i kabales todo islas para todo enteramente taotao Marianas. Un dankolo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Mr. Gonzalez. Standing Committee Report No. 24-14 and this is the executive appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Public Lands. Mr. President and members of the Senate, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as a Secretary for the Department of Public Lands begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar's executive appointment to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands. Pursuant to Rule 8, Section 5 of the Interim Rules of the Senate, it is the duty and purpose of your Committee to report to the Senate for legislative action pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Public Lands. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Igisomar's overall credentials to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are twenty-one oral testimonies in support of the appointee, of which five hard copies of the testimonies stated was submitted during the hearing, three written testimonies in support of the Appointee; and one written testimony in opposition of the Appointee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the Appointee that are included in this report. Therefore, based on the overall assessment of Mr. Igisomar's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Public Lands. The public hearing was conducted on the First, Second, and Third Senatorial Districts. On May 9th, 2025 in the Tinian Courthouse, San Jose and on May 27th, 2025 at the Rota Mayor's Conference Room Hall, Office of the Mayor of the Municipality, Tatchog Rota, and on June 12th, 2025 in the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. And during the public hearing on all these Senatorial Districts, certain recommendation issues and concerns were raised for the appointed to address and look into if confirmed as the Secretary of the Public Land. And in conclusion, all the required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Interim 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 executive appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Public Lands is in accordance with 1 CMC § 2802. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as the Secretary for the Department of Public Lands. Again, I humbly ask the full members of this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-14. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Senator Cruz. Just for clarity, this is Standing Committee Report No. 24-14 on the appointment of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar for adoption. Any other discussion? Ready, clerk call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent (excused)
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent (excused)
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Standing Committee Report No. 24-14 is hereby adopted, therefore confirming Mr. Sixto Igisomar. Congratulations sir. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-15 from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the executive appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority representing the Third Senatorial District. I move for its adoption.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion made for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-15, the executive appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero. It was seconded. Any discussion? I recognize Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you Mr. President. This is the second Standing Committee Report on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations and this is Standing Committee Report No. 24-15, the executive appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors, representing the Third Senatorial District, Saipan. Again, Mr. President your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero's executive appointment to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District. Pursuant to Rule 8, Section 5 of the Interim Rules of the

Senate, it is the duty and purpose of your Committee to report to the Senate for legislative action pertaining to the appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Guerrero's overall credentials to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are three oral testimonies in support of the appointee, of which two hard copies of the testimonies stated was submitted during the hearing, eight written testimonies in support of the Appointee; and no written or oral testimonies in opposition of the Appointee. Additionally, your Committee stated several recommendations, issues, and concerns to the Appointee that are included in this report. Therefore, based on the overall assessment of Mr. Guerrero's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District. The public hearing was conducted on June 12th, 2025, here in the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. And the hearing, certain recommendations, issues and concerns were raised for the Appointee to address and look into if confirmed as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors. And in conclusion, All the required documents in conformance with Rule 8, Section 5 of the Interim 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 executive appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District is in accordance with 4 CMC § 2111. Therefore, your Committee consents to the confirmation of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District. Again, I ask the full body of this Senate to consider and support Standing Committee Report 24-15. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Chairman Senator Cruz. Any other discussion? Clerk call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent (excused)
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent (excused)
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Standing Committee Report No. 24-15 on the executive appointment of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero is hereby

adopted, therefore confirming Mr. Guerrero as a board for the Marianas Visitors Authority. Congratulations sir. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:04 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:13 p.m.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: We are back from recess, if it's all right with the members, we are going to go back up to the top. We're going to go to Item C, Reading and Approval of the Journal. Floor Leader.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adoption of Senate Journal 24-05, First Day, First Special Session dated April 25th, 2025.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There's a motion to approve Senate Journal No. 24-05 and it was seconded. All in favor of that motion say aye. All those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: I move for the adoption of Senate Journal 24-06, First Day, Second Special Session dated May 9th, 2025.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to adopt Senate Journal No. 24-06 and it was seconded. All in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Senate Journal No. 24-06 is hereby adopted. Moving on. Item D Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have eight on our agenda 24-41 to 24-48.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. Discussions from the members. Moving on. Item E, Communications from the Judiciary. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

Senate Clerk: We have one, Mr. President. 24-02: proposed amendments to the Rules of Admission.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Clerk. Any discussions by the members? So, I just referred this to the Committee on JGL. This is a timeline. This is a time hack. For the Committee members I ask that you guys kind of go through this and try and expedite this process. I'll speak with our chairman to look through this communication. Thank you. Moving on.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS NONE

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Item F, there's none. Item G, Communications from the House. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

Senate Clerk: We have 15 on our agenda Mr. President, 24-18 to 24-32.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Just pointing out on number seven on House Communication reporting on Senate Joint Resolution 24-01. Are we going to?

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Yes, after discussion. Thank you.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Any other discussion? Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I move to place Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-01, HD1 on today's Resolution Calendar. Thank you.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion to place Senate Joint Resolution 24-01, HD1 on today's Resolution Calendar and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Ready? All in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: That was all Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. Moving on. Item H of the agenda, Communications from the Senate. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have 24-60 to 24-78.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. Any discussions by the members? Thank you. Moving on. Item I on the agenda.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE NONE

President Dennis C. Mendiola: There's none. Item J, Floor Leader.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I move to file Governor's Message No. 24-40.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to file Governor's Message No. 24-40. And do I hear a second?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: And it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Ready? All in favor of that motion say, aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Governor's Message No. 24-40 is hereby file Moving on Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. I'll recognize Senator Corina Magofna.

PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Thank you Mr. President. Officially introducing Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-02; To honor the legacy of fishermen and fisherwomen who have shared their indigenous and traditional knowledge of fishing practices in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the First Annual Fishers Recognition Week. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Senator Magofna. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Mr. President. Formally introducing Senate Resolution 24-05; To recognize and congratulate Stephanie Espartero Diaz for her remarkable educational achievements and for proudly representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in academic science-related programs. And if no objection from the members you are welcome to co-sponsor this committee of the whole. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. As for myself, I am formally introducing Senate Legislative Initiative No. 24-01; To propose a constitutional amendment to Article XI, Section 6 of the NMI Constitution. Thank you. Any other discussion? Okay, moving on. Item L, Introduction of Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. Is there anybody introducing a bill today?

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS
NONE

President Dennis C. Mendiola: None. Moving on Item M, Reports of Standing Committees. Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-08 from the Committee on Health, Welfare and Programs reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-04; To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI. I move to adopt in its current form.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. Do I hear a second? There is a motion offered by the Floor Leader to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-08 and it was seconded. Any other discussion? Recognize Senator Manny Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to thank and commend the work of the CNMI Youth Congress. During my time in the House I introduced, a similar version to this bill. And at the same time, the Youth Congress also did the legwork necessary to make sure that our youth stakeholders were engaged in this process. And they also passed a bill on their side of their Legislature. And unfortunately, the bill didn't make it pass the Twenty-Third Legislature,

but that's why we're introducing it again today. Senator Yumul earlier mentioned some of the challenges with our Chamorro and Carolinian bilingual program here in the CNMI. Recently I was able to attend, or last year I was able to attend some of the language competitions on Guam. And it was disheartening to see that a lot of the bilingual instructors that were employed on the island of Guam were former bilingual teachers in the CNMI. So, this bill is not just about advancing indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language. It's also a bill to end the discrimination and inequity in terms of pay for our Chamorro and Carolinian bilingual teachers. The Legislature in Guam did what it needed to do to recognize the importance of bilingual education. And I asked for everyone's support in this bill so we can do the same and provide equity to our bilingual instructors or teachers. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Castro. Any other discussion? Ready? All in favor of adopting Standing Committee Report No. 24-08 say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Standing Committee Report No. 24-08 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-09 from the Committee on Health, Welfare and Programs reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-31; To ensure food safety and support small food entrepreneurs sell low-risk, non-perishable foods and home-cooked meals and for other purposes. The Committee recommends passage in the form of SD1 and I move for its adoption.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-09 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: I just wanted to commend Senator Donald on this bill it's an opportunity for our people to be engaged in entrepreneurship. It gets rid of a lot of the red tape and barriers to entry and it eases the process for our locals to get involved in the industry. Again, I commend Senator Donald, and also for the Public Health Sanitation office for coming in and giving their testimony in support of this bill. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Castro. Any other members? Alright, all those in favor of adopting Standing Committee Report No. 24-09, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Standing Committee Report No. 24-09 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Next up we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-10 from the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on Senate Bill 24-11; To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs and for other purposes. The Committee recommends passage in the form of SD1 and I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-10 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Alright, all in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Standing Committee Report No. 24-10 is hereby adopted. Moving on. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Next up we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-11 from the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-13; To enact a whistleblower protection provision for Commonwealth government and autonomous agency employees reporting on prohibited personnel practices; to provide whistleblower rewards for individuals who report underpayments of taxes; to clarify the mechanism for the payment of rewards for disclosures leading to the recovery of public funds and for other purposes. The Committee recommends passage in the form of SD1 and I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-11 and it was seconded. Discussions by the members. Recognize Senator Magofna.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Thank you Mr. President. I just wanted to briefly make a comment and humbly ask my colleagues here at the Senate to please adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-11. This is a very important piece of legislation to ensure that we provide some type of protection for individuals who see something and we encourage them to say and do something about it. And so, this piece of legislation will provide them that safety net to feel that it's that it's safe to share such observations. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Magofna. Any other members? Ready? All in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries Standing Committee Report No. 24-11 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-12 from the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-28; To amend 6 CMC § 3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes; and for other purposes. The Committee recommends passage in the form of SD1 and I move for its adoption.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-12 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Mr. President, I yield to Senator Corina first.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Recognize Senator Magofna.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Thank you Senator Manny and thank you Mr. President. Again, members, I would just would humbly ask for your support on this piece of legislation. Again, this is to help establish, put some order and structure into our community so that we can give a sense of safety and protection to our, not just to our people, but also our visitors to our visiting our beautiful islands. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you. Senator Magofna. Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: I just wanted to commend Senator Corina for introducing this Senate Bill regarding disorderly conduct and public intoxication. During my time in the House I introduced a similar bill due to the request of many law enforcement officers that were seeing the challenges on the streets of the CNMI in regards to this specific issue. And there were several occasions where I've seen it firsthand where you have individuals that are intoxicated, harassing tourists, and I was able to approach that individual and prevent that. But at the same time, we want to give the law enforcement officers the ability to enforce this. Right now, the regulations are not really there. I spoke to my Uncle Joe Castro who's a retired DPS Commissioner that historically this was actually law, but it was under the Trust Territory Government, and it's one of the laws that wasn't carried over. These specific issues, we see it especially when it comes to public intoxication and in front of businesses and at the same time towards our tours and residents as well. Again, I commend Senator Corina for this very important legislation and I also encourage everyone to get it passed. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Castro. Any other discussion? All in favor of adopting Standing Committee Report No. 24-12, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries Standing Committee Report No. 24-12 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. Lastly, we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-13 from the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Workforce reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-08; To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Recycling Act of 1999 to establish the Department of Public Works as its proper authority and for other purposes. The Committee recommends passage in its current form and I move for its adoption.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-13 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Thank you, Mr. President. I also wanted to thank the Committee for their work in vetting this legislation. The CNMI Recycling Act of 1999 was a bill that was introduced by my grandfather, Manuel Rodrigo. It became Public Law in 1999. But the agency that was responsible for in implementing and enforcing this program never did anything with it. The Grants office recently in the past four years, I believe they've been doing a lot of these programs in regards to recycling and redemptions of beverage containers. The Recycling Act of 1999 is actually more comprehensive, and what it does is it allows the depart with this law passed. It will allow the Department of Public Works to impose advanced disposal fees for anything that can be recycled or upcycled. The Grants office already proved that this is a very sustainable program. What I like most about it is it incentivizes people to be responsible about their litter, and it rewards good behavior rather than penalizing the people that were not involved in littering. When someone decides to throw their can of beer or soda in the jungle, they lose five cents because they already paid for that five cents when it entered the port, but the person who picks it up and redeems it at a recycling center would get that five cents back. If you're responsible and you don't litter and you redeem it yourself, then you get your five cents back. So, this type, that's just one example of what this act can do. In fact, if implemented properly, it could also have, more cost savings measures for our consumers so we could also maybe eliminate unnecessary taxes for beautification purposes. And again, the data is all there. Almost all 50 states have this program in place, and including the Republic of Palau just a few years ago have implemented this program. So again, I'm all about reducing costs and improving efficiency. So, I asked for your support of this legislation. I we heard from testimony from the Secretary of Department of Public Works, they're ready to take on this task. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Senator Castro. Recognize Senator Magofna.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Thank you, Mr. President. I too would like to commend Senator Manny for introducing this very important piece of legislation. This is going to help keep our beautiful islands clean, but also have some protection in place for our environment so that we can

continue to safeguard whatever land we have left for our future generation. Thank you, Senator Manny, for introducing this legislation. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Magofna. Since you two are both in the spirit of acknowledging each other's work allow us to just acknowledge the same thing from the body to acknowledge your hard work from the Third Senatorial District. So outstanding. Any other discussion? Recognize Senator Cruz. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 2:34 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 2:55 p.m.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Senator Cruz, you still have the floor.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you. After consulting with the author, the bill I wanted to get my preparation to Chairman Castro for his consideration. You are welcome Mr. President.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you. Any other discussion? Those in favor of adopting Standing Committee Report No. 24-13. I guess I jumped the gun already. That's how long we were on break. 24-13 say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Standing Committee Report No. 24-13 is hereby adopted. Moving on. Reports of Special Committee. Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adoption of Conference Committee Report No. 24-01 from the Conference Committee reporting on House Bill No. 24-17, SD1; To amend 2 CMC § 2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances. The Committee recommends the passage in the form of SD1, CCS1.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to adopt Conference Committee Report No. 24-01 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. So, members, the primary difference between House Bill 24-17, SD1, CCS1 version is the scope of funding flexibility granted to CPA while House Bill 24-17, SD1 allows both airport and seaport revenues to be used interchangeably to support operations at either port facility. The Conference Committee's version restricts this authority to seaport revenues only. This change addresses concerns regarding the Federal provision on diverting airport generated revenues as required under applicable grant

assurances by explicitly limiting transfer and expenditure authority to seaport funds the amendments. The amendments aim to ensure compliance with federal grant insurances, bond covenants, and other legal obligations, while still providing CPA with financial flexibility to maintain operations and restore employee work hours. Therefore, the Committee recommends that we just amend certain parts of the bill to clarify the language. But however, the important parts are still were maintained in regards to the sunset clause. This would allow for CPA to use its excess seaport revenue for a period of five years. Additionally, we wanted to ensure that the employees, after all legal obligations have been met that the funds will cover the shortage of hours of CPA employees to restore their hours back to a full-time status. So, the Committee ensured that these were maintained and that it was just a matter of providing clarity based on the recommendation by CPA. And so, I'd like to thank the cones as well as the staff that assisted the Senate cones in coming up with this final product, as well as CPA management and board of director, chairman for coming in to answer the questions of the conferees. And so, with that members, I ask for your support and adoption of this Conference Committee Report. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. Any other discussions? So just allow me to extend our appreciation to the conferees on working expediently on this matter as CPA stressed the or the need the very need of this this legislation for them to have some flexibility to move into the following months. So, I do appreciate chairman and House members that worked on this and collaborating. I appreciate the whole team working together. So, with that, any other discussion? All those in favor of adopting Conference Committee Report No. 24-01 from the Conference Committee reporting House Bill No. 24-17, SD1; To amend 2 CMC § 2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances. Say aye. Those who oppose say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Conference Committee Report 24-01 is hereby adopted. Moving on. Item O, Resolution Calendar. Floor Leader.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution 24-02; To honor the legacy of fishermen and fisherwomen who have shared their indigenous and traditional knowledge of fishing practices in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands during the First Annual Fishers Recognition Week.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to adopt Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-02 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? All those in favor of that motion say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-02 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, I move to adopt Senate Resolution 24-05; To recognize and congratulate Stephanie Espartero Diaz for her remarkable educational achievements and for proudly representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in academic science-related programs.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to adopt Senate Resolution 24-05 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President?

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Just quickly thank you to Miss Diaz and her parents for allowing us to recognize her achievement with such a very young individual. But one of the highlights that I want to point out Mr. President and members of this young ladies' achievement is on page two, on line from line 19 under line 19, whereas Stephanie Espartero Diaz had the incredible opportunity to work as a summer research intern in the Short-Term Experience Program to Unlock Potential (STEP-UP) under the mentorship of her science teacher, Dr. Conrad Kiyoshi, from June to August 2024, where she researched the cultivation of *Brachionus rotundiformis*, a microscopic zooplankton, in partnership with the Northern Marianas College. It's a very interesting and a very intellectual undertaking that this individual had taken, and I were very proud of her to represent also the CNMI in this regard. So, I thank you for your support. I yield back.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Senator Hofschneider. Just the name of the profession is a mouthful, so it's endeavor in and of itself outstanding. Any other comments from the members? All those in favor of adopting Senate Resolution 24-05 say, aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Senate Resolution 24-05 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-01, HD1; Supporting the Commonwealth Ports Authority's request for exemption from Federal Limitations on Scheduled Chinese Air Service to the CNMI, urging the Reinstatement of Annex VI under the U.S.-China Air Transport Agreement of 2007, and urging the full and immediate implementation of the CNMI Economic Vitality and Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP).

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to adopt Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-01, HD1 and it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? All in favor of that motion say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-01, HD1 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Last on our Resolution Calendar. Mr. President, I move for the adoption of House Joint Resolution 24-2; To formally recognize and commemorate the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50th anniversary.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to adopt House Joint Resolution 24-2 and it was seconded. Any discussion by the members? All in favor of that motion say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. House Joint Resolution 24-2 is hereby adopted. Moving on.
Bill Calendar. Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, first on our Bill Calendar we have Senate Bill No. 24-04; To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI. I move for its passage.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There's a motion offered to pass Senate Bill No. 24-04; To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI. And it was seconded. Any discussion by the members?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: President?

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Just quickly. Pot i gaige lai uno na inuratble nagochonta guini gi Senate. Eyi na hoben situ magosta si Senator Ayden Yumul nu malago yo' biahu Saluda yan bei nahi aprisasion yan i mugachona ni este na klasi na aktos siha na ma hasso ni puru nu podet na

pata protehi yan kontinua nu ma setbe languehita gi halom tano'ta siha. Ya sen na magof sa fuera eyi nu kabesaye este matto magi na setpona ya faisen pata supputa mas este. Para advance na Initiative. So, para hagu Senator Yumul yan in this case Senator Manny Castro. Si Yu'us Ma'ase este na Initiative ya kontinua mona kareratta para ta protehi languehita. Maila ya ta sigi mu nahi animu ya ku pudi siña ta setbe mas gi halom i yota session nu under i yota Mr. President guini mamaila i tiempo. Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Any other members? Senator Yumul. You want me to translate that? Thank you. Any Senator Castro? Did you want to? Clerk call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes Senate Bill No. 24-04; To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Next on our calendar, we have Senate Bill No. 24-31, SD1; To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts to the mayor of each respective municipality and for other purposes. I move for its passage.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There is a motion to pass Senate Bill 24-31, SD1; To ensure food safety and support small food entrepreneurs sell non-time/temperature control (TCS) for safety food and home-cooked meals and for other purposes. And it was seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Senator Manglona.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President, I just want to take this opportunity to thank the Committee members of HWP and for the recommendations that were shared with the Committee by the Department of Public Health. And that, this really stemmed from some of the

recommendations that were brought forth by the Rota Chamber of Commerce and the Rota, SBDC Director in order to support people to basically start out of their homes in the hopes that they can expand and build up our workforce as they grow their business. And this removes certain barriers that make it difficult for them to operate such as the additional requirement of a separate kitchen. And also maintaining a residential utility rate status for those small businesses. And as they expand and as they grow their business and hire more employees, then we can see more improvements or more developments and opportunities for the community. And so, with that I thank the members again and I ask for the full body for your support. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader and it was seconded. Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Senate Bill No. 24-31, SD1, hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President. Up next, we have Senate Bill No. 24-11, SD1; To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs and for other purposes. I move for its passage. Thank you.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There is a motion offered to pass Senate Bill No. 24-11, SD1; To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs and for other purposes. And it's been seconded. Any discussions by the members? Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to thank the JGL Committee for their work in pushing this legislation forward. As we have seen developments from previous Legislature's where we allowed for right hand drive vehicles which is a cheaper alternative mode of transportation, and we have seen an uptick in the imports of these vehicles. This legislation would allow for furtherance of the cheaper mode of transportation for our people

especially those living in the first and second senatorial districts where our roads are, I would say, safer in a sense where there's less traffic and this would mean for opportunities for our people to, to invest in these ATVs, UTVs, and side-by-side as one other mode of transportation that could be used for recreational purposes or agricultural purposes. And so, I ask for the full support of the Senate body. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. Any other discussion? I recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Mr. President, can I request a recess?

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Sure. Recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:12 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:13 p.m.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Any other discussion? Ready? Clerk call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Senate Bill No. 24-11, SD1, hereby passes the Senate. Moving on, Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, we have Senate Bill No. 24-13, SD1; To enact a whistleblower protection provision for Commonwealth government and autonomous agency employees reporting on prohibited personnel practices; to provide whistleblower rewards for individuals who report underpayments of taxes; to clarify the mechanism for the payment of rewards for disclosures leading to the recovery of public funds and for other purposes. I move for its passage.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to adopt Senate Bill No. 24-13, SD1, and it was seconded. Discussion by the members? Ready? Clerk call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Senate Bill No. 24-13, SD1 hereby passes the Senate. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Next we have Senate Bill No. 24-28, SD1; To amend 6 CMC § 3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes and for other purposes. I move for its passage.

Senator Corina L. Magofna: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There's a motion offered by the Floor Leader to pass Senate Bill No. 24-28, SD1; To amend 6 CMC § 3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes and for other purposes. Any discussions by the members? Clerk, call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – excused
Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
Senator Manny Gregory T. Castro	Yes
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Yes
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors	Absent – excused
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Yes
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes

Senator Dennis C. Mendiola (President) Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, all seven (7) members voting yes.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Clerk. With seven members voting yes, Senate Bill No. 24-28, SD1, hereby passes the Senate. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:16 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:16 p.m.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: We are back from recess. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President at this time, I withdraw my motion to pass Senate Bill 24-08. So move, thank you.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you Floor Leader. There is a motion or Floor Leader withdraws his motion to pass Senate Bill No. 24-08 and it was seconded. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:26 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:37 p.m.

Thank you. We now rise back to session. Next item on the agenda. Item Q. Clerk.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have six on our agenda 24-34 to 24-42.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Discussions from the members. If there's none, we're moving on. Item R, Announcements. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President, just to remind the Fiscal Affairs Committee that we do have a 1:30 P.M. meeting tomorrow here in the Senate Chamber. Respectfully, ask for your presence. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Any other announcements?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President? I'm sorry. Senator and I also although it's informal, but I wish to have a meeting with the Committee on the following day 25th tentatively scheduled at 1:30 P.M. in the afternoon. Thank you.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Any other members? Moving on. Item S, Adjournment. Floor Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: At this time, Mr. President, I move for the adjournment of today's session, subject to your call.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Dennis C. Mendiola: Thank you, Floor Leader. There's a motion to adjourn today's session, and it was seconded. All in favor of that motion, say aye. Those opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Motion carries. Today's session is hereby adjourned.

The Senate session adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chanele C. Borja
Senate Journal Clerk