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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Karl R. King-Nabors, issued a session call on November 24, 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, Karl R. King-Nabors presided.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: I hereby call this 8th Day, Second Regular session to order. Today is December 1, 2025, the time is 10:43 a.m. here at the Senate Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill Saipan. It is my honor to welcome everybody here today and everybody watching on cable television Channel 23, the Senate's YouTube page, and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Facebook page. Before we proceed any further, I kindly ask that we take this opportunity to put your mobile devices on silent or turn them off. And with that I kindly ask that we rise for a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

And with that, I kindly ask the Clerk to please 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	<i>Esti guiha</i> (Present)
Senator Francisco Q. Cruz	Here
Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Gaige</i> (Here)
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Here
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Absent - Excused
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Present

Senator Paul A. Manglona

Here

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members are present and two (2) members absent.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With seven members present and two absent, we have the requisite number to conduct today's Senate session. Clerk, please let the record reflect that Senators Magofna and Babauta are hereby excused from today's session. Before proceeding any further, I would like to introduce the LB staff that is assisting us today. Our Legal Counsel Mrs. Antonette Villagomez, our Senate Clerk Mrs. Dolores Bermudes, doing our social media and our Assistant for the Youth Congress Coordinator, LJ Castro, our IT, which is Mr. Delbert Camacho and also our Sergeant-At-Arms Mr. Benjamin Terlaje. Also assisting with us is our Senate Journal Clerk Mrs. Valerie Aguon, and our Senior Legislative Assistant Mrs. Jolyn Duenas-Tagabuel. Moving on to agenda Item B, Public Comment. This is the portion of our agenda where we allow the public to speak on any parts of the agenda items today. Before proceeding, please state your name for the record and what agency you represent, or if you're speaking on behalf of yourself. Public Comment is now open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jean Paul B. Reyes: Good morning, *hafa adai yan tirow*, Honorable Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors and Honorable Senate Members of the 24th Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. For the record, my name is Jean Paul B. Reyes, Special Assistant for the Administration under the Office of the Governor. On behalf of the Honorable Governor David M. Apatang and the Honorable Lieutenant Governor Dennis James C. Mendiola, I thank you for the opportunity to appear before you today and extend my "Season's Greetings" to this esteem body. Mr. Senate President, I am honored to extend the Administration's appreciation and express our gratitude to the esteemed body once more and to your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee chaired by the Honorable Senator Mr. Francisco Q. Cruz, for the time and effort you've all put into reviewing and examining the Governor and Lieutenant Governor's nominees. This morning, you'll be entertaining Senate Standing Committee No. 24-39, the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member for the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District, Senate Standing Committee Report No. 24-40, the executive appointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member for the Health Care Professional Licensing Board representing the Physicians Profession, Standing Committee Report No. 24-41, the executive appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member for the Health Care Professional Licensing Board representing the Health Care Professional, the executive appointment of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member for the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District, and lastly, the executive appointment of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member for the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District of the Carolinian Community. Your relentless time and effort to entertain our nominees is an essential step as the Administration finalizes the vacancies for all Boards and Commission. Once again, Honorable Senate President King-Nabors, and Honorable Members of this esteem body, Governor David M. Apatang and Lieutenant Governor Dennis James C. Mendiola extends their sincere appreciation for your generous and favorable

consideration on behalf of our nominees that are present here today. Thank you, *si yu'us ma'ase yan ghilisow*. Happy holidays.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: *Si yu'us ma'ase* Mr. Reyes. Public Comments are still open. Okay, if there are no more, Public Comments is officially closed. Being that we have quite a few appointees here today, if there are no objections from the members, I would like to go directly to agenda Item M, Standing Reports from Committees. Are there no objections from the members?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: No objections.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Okay. I'd like to recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President, at the time I move to adopt Standing Committee Report No. 24-41 from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing the Healthcare Professionals.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion made for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-41, and has been seconded. Under discussion. Before we go into discussion, I'd like to recognize the Sergeant-At-Arms to please escort the Appointee into the Chamber. Morning, Mr. Parker, thank you for being here today. And with that, I would like to recognize the Chairman of EAGI, Senator Cruz for the discussion.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. President your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is ready to report Standing Committee Report No. 24-41. And this is the Executive appointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals. Your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the reappointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals, begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of the testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Theodore R. Parker's executive reappointment to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals. 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 reappointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing

Healthcare Professionals. Your committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive reappointment of Mr. Parker's overall credentials to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are three oral testimonies in support of the appointee, of which one hard copy of the testimonies stated was submitted during the hearing, one written testimony in support of the Appointee and no written or oral testimonies in opposition to 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. Parker's credential, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals. The public hearing was conducted on November 21, 2025 here at the Senate Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. And during the hearing, certain recommendations, issues, and concerns were raised for the Appointee, accompanied by Appointee Willis, to address and look into if confirmed as a member of the Healthcare Professional Licensing Board. And in conclusion, all 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 reappointment of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals is in accordance with 3 CMC § 2204. Therefore, your Committee consents the confirmation of Mr. Theodore R. Parker to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-41. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Cruz. Any other members under discussion? Ready? So, with that, I'd like to ask the Clerk to please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting “yes”, Standing Committee Report No. 24-41 is hereby adopted officially appointing Mr. Theodore R. Parker to

serve as a member of the Healthcare Professionals Licensing Board representing Healthcare Professionals. Congratulations. Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 10:55 a.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 10:56 a.m.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: We now rise back. Before recognizing the Floor Leader, I would kindly ask the Sergeant-At-Arms to please escort Mr. Rabauliman and Ms. Rebuenog to the Chamber. My sincere apologies, Ms. Rebuenog. With that I now recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-42 from the Executive Appointment and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the executive appointment on Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the passage of Standing Committee Report No. 24-42, and has been seconded. Discussions? I recognize Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. Again Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations is ready to report on Standing Committee Report No. 24-42 and this is the executive appointment of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District. Your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of the testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman's executive appointment to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, 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. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Rabauliman's overall credential to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission. And in summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are seven oral testimonies in support of the Appointee, of which two hard copies of the testimonies were submitted during the hearing, seventeen 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 concern to the Appointee that are included in this report. Therefore, based on the overall assessment of Mr. Rabauliman's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District. The public hearing was conducted on November 21, 2025 here in the Senate Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. And during the hearing, certain recommendations, issues, and concerns were raised for the Appointee Rabauliman, together with Appointee Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog, to address and look into if confirm as members of the Commonwealth Election Commission. And in conclusion, all 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. And based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the executive appointment of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District is in accordance with 1 CMC § 6102. Therefore, your Committee consents the confirmation of Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-42. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Chairman. Still on discussion, any members? Ready?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Ready.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all members voting yes, Standing Committee Report No. 24-42 is hereby adopted, officially confirming Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman to serve as a

member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the Third Senatorial District. Congratulations. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-43 from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the executive appointment of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and Carolinian Community. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion offered by the Floor Leader for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-43 and has been seconded. Under discussion. I would like to recognize the Chairman of EAGI, Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you Mr. President. And again Mr. President, your Committee is ready to report on Standing Committee Report No. 24-43 and this is the executive appointment of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. Your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee to which was referred the appointment of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of the testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation on Ms. Tilipao-Rebuenog's executive appointment to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. 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 Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Ms. Tilipao-Rebuenog's overall credentials to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission. And in summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are eight oral testimonies in support of the Appointee, of which two hard copies of the testimonies were submitted during the hearing, six 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 Ms. Tilipao-Rebuenog's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. The public hearing was conducted on November 21, 2025 here in the Senate Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. And during the hearing certain recommendations, issues, and concerns were raised to the Appointee Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog,

together with Appointee Rabauliman, to address and look into if confirmed as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission. And in conclusion, all 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. And based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that executive appointment of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community is in accordance with 1 CMC § 6102. Therefore, your Committee consents the confirmation of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-43. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Cruz. Any other members for discussion? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

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 Corina L. Magofna	Absent - Excused
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all members voting “yes”, Standing Committee Report No. 24-43 is hereby adopted, officially appointing Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog to serve as the member of the Commonwealth Election Commission, representing the third Senatorial District and the Carolinian Community. Congratulations. Short recess, please.

The Senate recessed at 11:06 a.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 11:20 a.m.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: We now rise back to Session. We left off with the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-43. To continue, I would like to recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-39 from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District. I move forward to adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-39 and has been seconded. Under discussion. I recognize the Chairman of EAGI, Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you Mr. President. Again, your Committee is ready to report Standing Committee Report No. 24-39, and this is the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District. Your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the appointment of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of the testimonies provided, your committee recommends the confirmation of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz executive appointment to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second 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. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive appointment of Mr. Dela Cruz's overall credentials to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are five oral testimonies in support of the Appointee, of which one hard copy of the testimonies stated was submitted during the hearing, four 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. Dela Cruz's credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District. The public hearing was conducted on November 13, 2025 at the Tinian Courthouse, San Jose, Tinian. And during the hearing, certain recommendations, issues, and concerns were raised for the Appointee to address and look into if confirmed as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors. And in conclusion, all 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. And based on the submission of

pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the executive appointment of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors representing the Second Senatorial District, is in accordance with 4 CMC § 10301. Therefore, your Committee consents the confirmation of Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-39. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Cruz. Still under discussion. Any members? Ready? Clerk, kindly call the roll.

ROLL CALL

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 Corina L. Magofna	Absent - Excused
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all members voting “yes”, Standing Committee Report No. 24-39 is hereby adopted, officially confirming Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-40, from the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the executive appointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis, to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-40 and has been seconded. Under discussion. I would now like to recognize as the Chairman of EAGI, Senator Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you Mr. President. This is the last standing committee report that your Committee is ready to report. And this is the Standing Committee Report No. 24-40. The executive reappointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. Mr. President, your Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations to which was referred the reappointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis, to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession begs leave to report as follows. After review and consideration of the testimonies provided, your Committee recommends the confirmation of Dr. Willis's executive reappointment to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. 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 reappointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis, to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. Your Committee has examined all pertinent documents relating to the executive reappointment of Dr. Willis' overall credentials to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professional Licensing Board. In summation of all written and oral testimonies provided to the Committee, there are three oral testimonies in support of the Appointee, of which one hard copy of the testimonies stated was submitted during the hearing, one written testimony in support of the Appointee and no written or oral testimonies in opposition to 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 Dr. Willis credentials, experiences, testimonies, and other relevant issues considered, your Committee respectfully recommends the confirmation of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis, to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. The public hearing was conducted on November 21, 2025 here at the Senate Chamber of the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building. And during the hearing certain recommendations, issues, and concerns were raised for the Appointee, accompanied by Appointee Parker, to address and look into if confirmed as member of the Healthcare Profession Licensing Board. And in conclusion, all 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. And based on the submission of pertinent documents and testimonies, your Committee concludes that the executive reappointment of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession is in accordance with 3 CMC § 2204. Therefore, your Committee consents the confirmation of Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing the Physicians Profession. Again, I ask this body to support Standing Committee Report No. 24-40. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Cruz. Any other members under discussion? Ready? Clerk, please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting yes, Standing Committee Report No. 24-40 is hereby adopted, officially reappointing Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis, to serve as a member of the Healthcare Professions Licensing Board, representing Physicians Profession. With that, I would like to now return to the top of our agenda, Item C, Reading and Approval of the Journals, and I'll recognize the Floor Leader.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have three journals to approve. We have Senate Journal No. 24-14, Fourth Day, Second Regular Session dated September 26, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal No. 24-14 and has been seconded. Under discussion. None? All in favor say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed? Senate Journal No. 24-14 is hereby adopted. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, we have Senate Journal No. 24-15, Sixth Day, Second Regular Session dated November 14, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal No. 24-15 and has been seconded. Discussion. Ready?

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Ready.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: All in favor say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed? Senate Journal No. 24-15 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President last on our journals, we have Senate Journal No. 24-16, Seventh Day, Second Regular Session dated November 17, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal No. 24-16 and has been seconded. Discussion? Ready? Members? All in favor say “aye.”

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed say “nay”. Ayes have it. Senate Journal No. 24-16 is hereby adopted onto Item D, Messages from the Governor. I now recognize the Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

Clerk: Mr. President, we have 17 on our agenda, 24-162 to 24-178.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussion from any members? I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. And I'm certain that this particular item, I'm about to just talk a little on, is in reference to 24-173 and that is the EO that essentially transfers the Cannabis Commission or the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission to ABTC. I do know that we have a window of comment period of which, this body or the Legislature in its

entirety, can further discuss the effects of this action by the Administration. Understanding fully that they want to place it under a specific entity, in this case, ABTC. However, there is a little, if not no information as far as how are they going to roll this out in the Second and First Senatorial Districts respectively. So, if it requires that we invite the new Director or the new section of such, under Department of Commerce, I think it's important that we get guidance as to what the overarching plans as to how to roll this out. It would do us all a favor as far as members of the Legislature in terms of how to approach this new, potentially new division, under this agency moving forward. We all supported the creation of the industry. However, it's not making the headway that we all wish it would, but as in any new engagement of an organization of such, many times it does take time for it to flourish. And in this case, since the inception of the Cannabis Commission, I've always asked, how are we going to benefit Rota and Tinian with regards to this policy call or entity. And I think it's incumbent upon this body, the Senate, to get a FaceTime with the Managing Director to allow us to understand really how these things going to roll out. I'm concerned how is this going to affect the expansion or the progression of such a division for now. Of course, alluding to the EO, I guess Mr. President, that's my take on this. I want yield back.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any other members? I would like to recognize Senator Calvo.

Senator Ronnie M. Calvo: Thank you Senate Pres and thank you Senator Jude. Yes, in support of that too. When any commission is to transition to a department, we have to ensure that we have things ironed out and in detail to ensure the regulations, duties, and responsibilities are properly dealt with. So, I support that recommendation just to find out how this is going to take place in that transition. Thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: I'll recognize Senator Manglona and then I'll recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. I'm going to be talking about another Governor's message. Oh. You want to, you still want to, yeah. Okay, so I'll yield.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: If the topic is still on the same agenda item, then I'll yield the floor to Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you Pres, for the second round. But the reason why it's important to discuss this with the entity is because before your Committee on Fiscal Affairs, there is a legislation that is still in Committee for action by this body. All the more important that we need some, guidance to properly dispose of that or how to go about disposing of it. I yield back, thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Okay. I now recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. *Malagu-ha bai hu patcha esti* Governor's Message No. 24-164, on November 14, 2025, a letter from the Governor to the Speaker and you

Mr. President. And it's with regards to Group Health and Life Insurance program at risk of termination. I know the Committee have discussed this, but for the benefit of those listening public out there, can I ask the Chairman of the Fiscal Affairs to explain about this situation? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Be very glad to do that Chairman Paul. So, Mr. President as discuss during your Committee meeting, obviously it's a grave concern. There's a lot of identification of funds that have been going through the holes of the Legislature to which, compels us to really pay attention on how to address this particular concern. So, during your Committee meeting, one of the recommendations is to...there's two things. It's either we appropriate what is in Committee right now of about \$3.7 million or \$4.9 million, or really work on the wholesale revised budget and just take care of these concerns because it is fast approaching. Your Committee on Fiscal Affairs is producing a joint letter, jointly signed by me and Chairman to address to the Governor to inform them that we're ready to actually move on some of these legislations. But we really need to encourage them to execute the \$29 million authorization that we recently approved two times over. That's critical, with regards to the actions of the Administration and MPLT to engage in that, so that we can move forward with and have a better understanding as to how we're going to approach the remainder of the three quarters of Fiscal Year 2026. So, if we look at that, Mr. President and Members, and especially to the viewing public, if you put all those figures together it'll provide us an even clearer picture as to how to approach this fiscal cliff, or this concern in particular with the Group Health Life Insurance, or retirees. That's one option to do it, Mr. President. The other option also is to look at what is on calendar or on in Committee right now, and explore the possibility of appropriating that funds just for GHLI so that we can be able to address this concern that's being raised by Ms. Tang. I hope that I try to make it as clear as possible without confusing the subject in itself. That's the long answer. The short answer is I cannot overemphasize the need for us to act on those revised budgets and the other option of just the direct operation to GHLI. Thank you.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you, Chairman.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. But just to add on to the Chair's explanation of the situation we're in, I think it's also important to note that the \$29 million authorization was just signed into law on the 21st. There's really not much we can do in terms of the revised budget until such time the Administration comes to an agreement with MPLT in order to execute this loan. I think that the Committees, both, in the House and in the Senate are ready to act on any appropriation measures that are currently in the Committee. But we are also trying to urge the Administration and MPLT to come to an agreement as soon as they can in addressing the concerns brought forth by MPLT. I know that there are certain issues such as DPL and a 100% reprogramming authority, but I think those should be left out of the discussion and just focus on the main goal of trying to get a \$29 million. Otherwise, there wouldn't be any revised budget to act on. And so, I think that with the joint letter Mr. Chairman, with the House, I think that there needs to be a greater emphasis on expediting the agreement between the two entities, the Administration and MPLT. Otherwise this \$29 million or this revised budget will probably be

something that could extend beyond December, and we hope that's not the case. But that's where we're at now, and I stand ready to assist the Fiscal Affairs Committee, in ensuring that any additional appropriations, even something as small as the Cannabis Commission appropriation, the \$300 some thousand that's sitting there, is something that we can use to help the retirees or the GHLI until such time we can get the \$29 million. I just wanted to add on Mr. President, thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Floor Leader. If I may, I also wanted to make the picture whole, in our conversations, the \$5.7 million that we were given assistance for, that was also part of the unfunded liabilities so, GHLI was part of that calculation. We have made efforts to get that number, whatever that numbers represented, to be given so that we are properly allocating what resources we have and basically, making one final product that addresses all the needs. So, I just wanted to add that for the record. I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you, President. And again, I failed to mention that we are scheduled to reconvene as Committee at approximately 3:30 – 4:00 today here, to discuss the very subject that we're talking about right now. Primarily to stave off the concern of not having enough commitment or appropriation or allocation for the subject that we're talking about, the GHLI. So, I just wanted to mention that.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Senator Hofschneider. I recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President *yan* members. *Guahu lakkue, ti ma pãpãsi yu gi Senate nei, yan i retiree u chuchule' i pension, ya sumi siha esti yan i 25% noh. Pues u reprisenta siha i ritirão guenao huyong. Yan malagu yu baihu enao seguru na mungga na maseha ta pass ennao i budget revision nei. Lao komo ti nahong tiempo para i Settlement Fund, eyi i tiempon gi esti holiday, munga nai guaha eskusia-niha si Joyce Tang, para hu "hold back" i 25% put i Legislature, gi hassa gi kontiempo nei. Pues eyu ha iyo-ku concern. Mr. Chairman, maybe that's one of the questions we need to ask the Settlement Fund, nai'an nai siña guaha assurance komo ta pass ha i revision tu delikuyente i payroll niha i ritirão siha yan ti ni afekta i health insurance ma espekpekta. Enao ha', si yu'us ma'ase.*

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator. Any other members? I did want to speak on Governor's Communication 24-178, regarding the appropriation of \$12,500 for the Second Senatorial. I wanted to express my appreciation to Governor Apatang and Lieutenant Governor Mendiola for the expeditious signing of this appropriations, as is greatly needed for the operations of the island. Any other members? None? We'll go ahead and move on to Item E, Communications from the Judiciary. There are none.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: NONE

Item F, Communications from Heads of Executive Departments, Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS:

Clerk: Mr. President, we have one Department Message No. 24-17 from the Division of Youth Services, DCCA.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussions? ready? Okay, we'll move on to Item G.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

Clerk: We have three on our agenda Mr. President, 24-97 to 24-99.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussions from the members? I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. This is in regards to House Communication No. 24-98. I just want to thank the Chairman of the Committee on Commerce in the House of Representative, chaired by Representative TJ Manglona, along with the members and the House for passing Senate Bill No. 24-31, SD1. I've received a few phone calls prior to the passage of that bill asking on the status of that bill. And so, I'm happy to report that it's on the way to the Governor. And I appreciate, again, the House's support to ensure and to allow for small businesses to start their entrepreneurial journey into producing and selling home cooked meals as well as meals prepared in their homes. And this would open so many doors to those that are wanting to start this venture and it takes away a lot of the barriers that makes it difficult for these individuals to even consider and try to start a small operation. And so, I ask that the Governor signs this so that we can allow for these individuals to begin their journey into hopefully expanding their business or even starting their business. Thank you, Mr. President.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Floor Leader. Any other comments from the members? Moving on to Item H, Communication from the Senate. I recognize the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

Clerk: Mr. President, we have nine on our agenda, No. 24-162 to 170.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussion? There being none under agenda Items I and J, we'll go to Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. I'd now like to recognize Senator Manny T. Castro.

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

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Thank you, Mr. President. Currently introducing Senate Bill No. 24-51, “To amend the quorum and removal of members provisions for the State Board of Education, and for other purposes.” Introduced by myself.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: You still have the floor.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: And also introducing Senate Bill No. 24-52, “Authorizing the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to utilize its preferred dividend funds to carry out the mandates of Public 22-01.” Introduced by myself.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thanks, Senator Castro. I have two, one Senate Bill No. 24-53 to introduce, “To prohibit the Office of the Attorney General from issuing criminal investigative subpoenas or adopting regulations to issue investigative subpoenas unless explicitly authorized by CNMI Law or a CNMI Judicial Officer; and for other purposes.” I would also like to formally introduce Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06, “To recognize and honor the Honorable Diego Tenorio Benavente for his exemplary lifetime of public service and profound contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its People, and to convey the Senate’s sincere condolences, prayers, and appreciation to his family.” Moving on to Item L, Introduction of Bills, Initiatives, Local bills and Resolutions. I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: *Si yu’us ma’ase*, Mr. President. I do have an unnumbered legislation for introduction. A bill for an act “To authorize continued government health insurance premium contributions for certain CNMI government employees who have reached the Social Security Normal Retirement Age and were former members of the CNMI Retirement Fund Defined Benefit Plan; to allow them to separate from government employment without losing health insurance coverage; and to establish a fair cost-sharing mechanism; and for other purposes.” Thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Any other members with any Bills, Initiatives, Local bills and Resolutions that didn't make the agenda call? None? Okay, we'll move on to Reports of Standing Committees. I'll now recognize the Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-30 from the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on House Joint Resolution No. 24-01, and the Committee recommends the passage in the form of Senate Draft 1. I move for adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Okay, there has been a motion for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-30, House Joint Resolution No. 24-01 and has been seconded. Under discussion.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Ready.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: I recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: I just want to take this opportunity, Mr. President and members, *para bai hu rekognisa i* former Governor of Guam *si* Carl Guterrez. He was the Guam Visitors Bureau Managing Director, I believe up until 2024 and this was his so-called “baby”. And I think he sees the real benefit for this resolution and for Guam and the CNMI, because under the US Immigration Laws they actually authorize certain countries for Guam and CNMI under Guam and CNMI Visa Waiver program. So, I just want to recognize our good former Governor of Guam for heading this and for including us also in all his discussions in trying to move forward this inclusion of the Philippines under the Guam Visa Waiver program. *Si yu’us ma’ase*.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Manglona. The floor is still open for the members on discussion. There being none, all in favor for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-30 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed? Standing Committee Report No. 24-30 is hereby adopted by this body. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Next up we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-31 from the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on House Joint Resolution 24-03. The Committee recommends passage in its current form and I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion offered by the Floor Leader for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-31 and has been seconded. Under discussion. Any members? There being none, all in favor for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-31 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed, say “nay”. Ayes have it. Standing Committee Report No. 24-31 is hereby adopted by this body. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: We have Standing Committee Report No. 24-32 from the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on House Joint Resolution No. 24-08. The Committee recommends passage in its current form and I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been motion offered by the Floor Leader for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-32 and has been seconded. Discussions. Members are ready? All in favor for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-32 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed say “nay”. Standing Committee Report No. 24-32 is hereby adopted by this body. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you. We have a Standing Committee Report No. 24-33 from the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on House Joint Resolution No. 24-09. The Committee recommends passage in the form of Senate Draft 1 and I move for adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion made for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-33 in the form of Senate Draft 1 and has been seconded. Discussions. All in favor for the adoption of Standing Committee Report No. 24-33 in the form of Senate Draft 1, say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed say “nay”. Standing Committee Report No. 24-33 is hereby adopted by the Senate. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. Last on our Standing Committee Reports, we have Standing Committee Report No. 24-44 from the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on House Bill No. 24-74. The Committee recommends passage in the form of Senate Substitute 1 and I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: The Floor Leader has made a motion for the adoption of Senate Standing Committee Report No. 24-44 in the form of Senate Substitute 1 and has been seconded. Discussion? I recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. On House Bill No. 24-74, this is just the committee report for the appropriation of such funding, but I just want to say that I have a floor amendment, which I will bring up when it's placed on calendar. So, thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Manglona. Any other discussion with that? All in favor of the adoption of the Standing Committee Report No. 24-44 in the form of Senate Substitute 1 say "aye".

Members present voiced "aye".

All opposed say "nay". Standing Committee Report No. 24-44 Senate Substitute 1 is hereby adopted by the Senate. Moving on to Item N, Reports from Special/Conference Committees, there are none.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEES:
NONE

Resolution Calendar, I would now like to recognize the Floor Leader.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. First up, we have House Joint Resolution No. 24-01, SD1 "To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines and the non-immigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security." I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion by the Floor Leader for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-01 and has been seconded. Under discussion. Ready?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Ready.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: All in favor for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-01, SD1 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed say “nay”. House Joint Resolution No. 24-01, SD1 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. We have House Joint Resolution No. 24-03, “To urge the United States Congress to require all contractors and subcontractors performing federally funded work in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to register with the CNMI Department of Finance and certify compliance with CNMI tax laws as a condition of receiving federal payments, to request the U.S. Department of Defense to adopt a CNMI-specific clause in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to institutionalize this requirement, and to affirm the CNMI’s right under Section 703(b) of the Covenant to receive federal income tax revenues generated from contract work performed in the Commonwealth.” I move for his adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion made by the Floor Leader for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-03 and has been seconded. Under discussions. Members are ready? All in favor for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-03 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed, say “nay”. Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution No. 24-03 is hereby adopted by the Senate. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, we have House Joint Resolution No. 24-08, “To urge the United States to take immediate and comprehensive action to identify, remove, and safely dispose of World War II-era unexploded ordnance throughout the Northern Mariana Islands.” I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion made by the Floor Leader for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-08 and has been seconded. Discussion? With that, all in favor of the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-08, say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed, say “nay”. Ayes have it. House Joint Resolution No. 24-08 is hereby adopted by the Senate. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you. We have House Joint Resolution No. 24-09, SD1, “To respectfully urge the United States Department of Treasury, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Postal Service and any other responsible federal agencies to immediately cease and desist the implementation of Executive Order 14324 and remit to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands all revenues collected under Executive Order 14324, or in the alternative, to recognize the CNMI’s authority to collect such revenues itself consistent with the Covenant and the applicable law in the event that said charges must be imposed.” I moved for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion for the adoption by the Floor Leader of House Joint Resolution No. 24-09, SD1 and has been seconded. Discussion. All in favor for the adoption of House Joint Resolution No. 24-09, SD1 say “aye”.

Members present voiced “aye”.

All opposed? House Joint Resolution No. 24-09, SD1 is hereby adopted by the Senate. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Short recess please.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Short recess.

The Senate recessed at 12:00 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 1:52 p.m.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: We now rise back to session and we left off on Resolution Calendar. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06. To recognize and honor the Honorable Diego Tenorio Benavente for his exemplary lifetime of public service and profound contributions to the

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its People, and to convey the Senate's sincere condolences, prayers, and appreciation to his family. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06 and has been seconded. Discussions. And with that, all in favor of the adoption of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06 say "aye".

Members present voiced "aye".

All opposed? Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06 is hereby adopted by the Senate. Moving on to the next item on our agenda, Bill Calendar. I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have one under Bill Calendar, House Bill No. 24-74, SS1, "To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust." I move for its passage.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the passage of House Bill No. 24-74, SS1 and has been seconded. Under discussion, I recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. I offer a floor amendment, copies of which have been provided to all the members and I so move.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Okay. There has been a motion for floor amendments that the members have been provided with and has been seconded. Discussion? Clerk, please call the roll on the amendment.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all members voting “yes”, the floor amendment offered by Senator Manglona is hereby adopted. Now back to the main motion, Clerk please call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all members voting “yes”, House Bill No. 24-47, Senate Substitute 2, hereby, I'm sorry, House Bill No. 24-74, Senate Substitute 2 is hereby passed by the Senate. On to Item Q, I recognize the Clerk.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

Clerk: Mr. President, we have seven on our agenda, 24-58 to 64.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussions from the members? Being none, onto Announcements. Any members have announcements to make? I recognize the Floor Leader.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President just to remind the public and the members of the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee that we have a committee meeting tomorrow, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. here in the Senate Chamber. We have quite a bit of bills to go over and so this may carry on to Wednesday. And so, I ask for the members attendance so that we can adopt some of these bills out of Committee. Thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Floor leader. Any other members? I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. Staying on topic with regards to our finances and views on Committee I want to remind the members that we do have a resumption of our Committee meeting at 4:00 p.m. today. Just wanted to point that out. Thank you.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Any other members? If there are none, we'll go on to Item S, and I recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move to adjourn the Session subject to the call of the Chair.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

This motion has been seconded.

Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion and has been seconded for the adjournment of the today's Session. And all in favor for the adjournment, say "aye".

Members present voiced "aye."

All opposed, say "nay". The Senate session is adjourned at 1:57 p.m., thank you and good afternoon.

The Senate session adjourned at 11:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Valerie S. Aguon
Senate Journal Clerk