

SEVENTH DAY

Friday, February 12, 1988

The Senate of the Sixth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, First Regular Session, 1988, was called to order at 10:54 a.m.

The Honorable Benjamin T. Manglona, President, presided.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

The Senate Clerk called the roll. Seven members were present. Senators H. R. Guerrero and J. S. Inos were excused.

President Manglona: If there is no objection from the members, I would like to ask Chairman Babauta to be the Acting Floor Leader for today's session.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNALS

Acting Floor Leader Babauta moved to suspend the Reading and Approval of the Journal. There were several seconds to the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

House Comm. No. 6-10: Transmitting for the Senate action H.J.R. No. 6-3, "To authorize the Commonwealth Development Authority to make application to and to enter into a loan agreement with the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of obtaining \$6,000,000 of financial assistance for the development and construction of the proposed Cultural and Performing Arts Center.", and H.J.R. No. 6-4, "To approve the expenditures by the CNMI Government for Capital Improvement Projects on Tinian, which are funded by the CDA Series-1 Revenue Bonds, reserving the right of the Second Senatorial District (Tinian) to be reimbursed on the next drawdown for the shortfall it has agreed to accept on the net proceeds of this first bond drawdown."

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE'S COMMUNICATIONS

None

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

PREFILED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

None

## BILL CALENDAR

None

## RESOLUTION CALENDAR

House Joint Resolution No. 6-4: "A House Joint Resolution To approve the expenditures by the CNMI Government for Capital Improvement Projects on Tinian, which are funded by the CDA Series-I Revenue Bonds, reserving the right of the Second Senatorial District (Tinian) to be reimbursed on the next drawdown for the shortfall it has agreed to accept on the net proceeds of this first bond drawdown.", for adoption.

Acting Floor Leader Babauta moved for its adoption. Vice President Mafnas seconded the motion.

The Chair recognized Senator J. Guerrero.

Senator J. Guerrero: I would like to note for the record of my appreciation to the members of the Tinian Delegation for their understanding in allowing to forgo their entitlement of the one-eighth CIP allocation requirement under the Multi-Year Financial Assistance in this first drawdown of the \$140 million bond money addressed in this House Joint Resolution before us. It is only through their understanding and patience that a higher allocation for Saipan on this drawdown made possible. It is further understood that on the next drawdown of the bond money that Tinian should receive the shortage amount and their allocation entitlement. With that, I stand to support this resolution without objection.

President Manglona: Thank you for your kind words, Senator Guerrero, J. Since this is a very important resolution, I would like to ask the Senate Clerk to vote by roll call.

The Senate Clerk called the roll with the following result:

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| Senator J. N. Babauta    | Aye     |
| Senator H. R. Guerrero   | Excused |
| Senator J. T. Guerrero   | Aye     |
| Senator J. S. Inos       | Excused |
| Senator J. P. Mafnas     | Aye     |
| Senator H. M. Manglona   | Aye     |
| Senator P. A. Manglona   | Aye     |
| Senator M. P. Villagomez | Aye     |
| President B. T. Manglona | Aye     |

President Manglona: Let the record show that H.J.R. No. 6-4 passed the Senate unanimously by the members present.

House Joint Resolution No. 6-4 was adopted by the Senate.

The Chair recognized Senator J. Guerrero.

Senator J. Guerrero: Mr. President, before we proceed further, I would like to ask the indulgence of all the members that we place House Joint Resolution No. 6-3 on today's Resolution Calendar. The reason for that, Mr. President and fellow members, is that, first of all, the Commonwealth Development Authority, by the adoption of this resolution, will be given the go ahead to proceed....

President Manglona: Before you start deliberating on the resolution, is there any second to the motion?

Acting Floor Leader Babauta: Mr. President, I understand that Senator Guerrero, J., is requesting that it be placed on the calendar.

President Manglona: Did you make the motion, Senator Guerrero, J.?

Senator J. Guerrero: I so move, Mr. President.

Vice President Mafnas seconded the motion.

President Manglona: Before we begin discussion on the motion, the Chair would like to call for a short recess.

The Chair declared a short recess at 11:01 a.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 11:10 a.m.

President Manglona: Let us resume with our session. The Chair called for a short recess to make some consultations with the members pertaining to the passage of House Joint Resolution No. 6-3. At this time, I would like to recognize Senator Guerrero, J.

Senator J. Guerrero: Thank you, Mr. President. At this point in time, after a short discussion, I would like to withdraw my motion on House Joint Resolution No. 6-3 with the understanding that it will be brought up at our next Wednesday's session.

Senator H. Manglona seconded the motion.

President Manglona: There is a motion to withdraw the motion made by Senator Guerrero, J. If there is no objection from the members, rather than voting on the motion, we will consider that to be the unanimous consent of the Senate. Is there any objection?

[The members replied "no objection" in unison.]

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

None

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

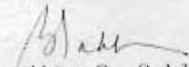
The Chair recognized Chairman Mafnas.

Chairman Mafnas: Mr. President, last session I announced that Senate Bill No. 6-37, regarding the poker machines, was scheduled for a public hearing on Friday, February 26. That schedule date has been changed to February 25, 1988 at 9:00 in the morning. The notice of the hearing will be disseminated to all the members, to the principal witnesses and to the general public on Tuesday. I appreciate it if all the members of the Committee are present at this very important public hearing. Thank you.

There being no further announcements, Acting Floor Leader Babauta moved that the Senate stand recessed subject to the call of the Chair. Vice President Mafnas seconded the motion, and the motion carried by voice vote.

The Senate recessed at 11:13 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Bernadita C. Sablan  
Clerk of the Senate