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Friday, March 21, 2025

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Fourth Day, First Regular Session on Friday, March 21, 2025, at 10:10 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Honorable Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomes, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll of attendance with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada	Present
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Present
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino Jr.	Present
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao	Present
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Present
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Present
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Present
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Present
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Present
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Present
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Present
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Absent (Excused)
Representative Malcolm Jason Omar	Present
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Present
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Present
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Present
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Present
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Present
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (Excused)

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, there are 17 members present and 3 members absent.

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present, that constitutes a quorum. Let the record reflect that Representatives Julie Ogo, Patrick San Nicolas, and Ralph Yumul are hereby excused for today's session. Before we move down to Item No. 2, Public Comments, I would like to recognize the Floor Leader for the motion to suspend rules.

The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule III, Section 6.

RULE III. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS.

Representative Roy Christopher A. Ada

Section 6. Notice of Sessions.

Not less than 72 hours prior to convening a Regular or Special Session, the Speaker or a majority of the members of the House, shall file a written public notice of the date, time, and place of a session with the Clerk and post the same at the executive branch administration building and the Legislature's website. When possible, notices under this section shall be given to at least one newspaper of general circulation. Notices shall contain an agenda of items to be considered at the session. Final disposition shall not be taken on any other matter at such session. Once filed as part of this notice, the agenda may only be changed by adding items thereto by the recorded vote of the majority of the members of the House.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the Clerk called the roll on the motion to suspend Rule III, Section 6 with the following results:

Yes

Absent (Excused)

Absent (Excused)

Yes

Yes

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Yes
Absent (Excused)
Yes
Yes
Yes
Yes

Clerk Linda Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 17 members present voted "yes."

Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai

Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul

Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting "yes," the motion carries. We now proceed to Item No. 2, Public Comments. The podium is open to receive any comments. Please state your name and the entity you represent, you have five minutes. Please try to keep the discussion based on the agenda for today.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments presented and none under Adoption of Journals, the Chair moved down Item 4, Introduction of Bills, and recognized the Floor Leader under House Bills.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills

Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following bill which was then referred to the House Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operation, and Ways and Means:

H. B. NO. 24-14: To establish the Office of Financial Integrity and Compliance (OFIC) and the OFIC Oversight Committee to improve the CNMI Government's financial management and reporting. **Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and Ralph N. Yumul)

Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao formally introduced the following bill which was then referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations:

H. B. NO. 24-15: To establish public sector employee and public sector employer relations through organized labor within the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, and Marissa R. Flores)

Representative Joseph Arriola Flores formally introduced the following bill which was referred to the House Committees on Judiciary and Governmental Operations, and Health and Welfare:

H. B. NO. 24-16: To prioritize kinship placement for children in protective custody by requiring the Division of Youth Services identify and assess suitable kinship caregivers within 24 hours of removing a child from their home, mandating expedited judicial review of kinship placement recommendations, and prohibiting the placement of such children in confinement facilities. Introduced by REP.

JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on March 21, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez formally introduced the following bill:

H. B. NO. 24-17: To amend 2 CMC § 2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (for himself, Representatives Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Malcolm J. Omar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on March 21, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader to place House Bill No. 24-17 on the Bill Calendar.

The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule IX, Section 8.

RULE IX. BILLS, RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS.

Section 8. Referral of Bills and Resolutions.

(a) Bills and resolutions shall be read by title upon introduction and (except as provided in subsection (b), the Speaker shall refer such measures to an appropriate committee or to more than one committee, jointly or sequentially. The Clerk shall endorse such reference on the measure before duplication and shall enter such reference upon the journal. In the case of error of reference, correction may be made by the House, with debate, immediately after the reading and approval of the Journal, by unanimous consent, or upon motion of either committee claiming jurisdiction or the committee to which the measure has been erroneously referred. (b) The Speaker may place a resolution directly on the Resolution Calendar, rather than refer it to a committee, subject to appeal to the House.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussions on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

The Chair recognized Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan.

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan formally introduced the following bill:

H. B. NO. 24-18: To earmark Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of Electronic Gaming (E-Gaming) license fees towards the Department of Finance for enforcement purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Raymond U. Palacios, and Elias J.M. Rangamar) on March 21, 2025.

There being no further introduction of bills, the Chair moved down to House Local Bills and recognized Representative Joel Castro Camacho.

House Local Bills

Representative Joel Castro Camacho formally introduced the following bill:

H. L. B. NO. 24-3: To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59. Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

Repsentative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona formally introduced the following bill on behalf of Representative Julie Marie Atalia Ogo:

H. L. B. NO. 24-4: To appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance, Rota Little League Association and the Manamko trip, as well as Seven Hundred and Thiry-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself)

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan formally introduced the following bill:

H. L. B. NO. 24-5: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law to define "Automobile Sales & Service" and to establish a screening requirement for "Automobile Sales & Service" businesses that are adjacent to certain zoning districts. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself) on March 21, 2025.

Representative Malcolm Jason Omar formally introduced the following bill:

H. L. B. No. 24-6: To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$50,411.00 under Saipan Local Law 21-10 (Project Code 7192H) for the maintenance, repairs and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct IV and for the purchase of base coarse to repair secondary roadways in Precinct IV; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO and REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for themselves) on March 21, 2025.

There being no further under House Local Bills and none under House Legislative Bills, the Chair moved down to Item 5, Introduction of Resolutions, and recognized Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan under House Resolutions.

House Legislative Bills

None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

House Resolutions

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan formally introduced the following resolution:

H. RES. NO. 24-6: To honor and commend the life and legacy of the late Honorable Oscar Manglona Babauta for his life-long dedication and extensive contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to extend our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on March 21, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

There being no objections on the floor, H. Res. No. 24-6 was introduced by the Committee of the Whole, and the Chair placed the resolution on the Resolution calendar.

There being no further introductions under House Resolutions and none under House Joint Resolutions, House Commemorative Resolutions, House Concurrent Resolutions, and Messages from the Governor, the Chair moved down to Senate Communications and recognized the Clerk.

House Joint Resolutions

None

House Commemorative Resolutions

None

House Concurrent Resolutions

None

MESSAGES OF GOVERNOR

None

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Senate Communications:

SEN. COMM. 24-10: (3/7/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-02, entitled, "To honor and commend Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero for her unyielding service and contribution to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.". [For info]

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Clerk. I now recognize the Floor Leader for the proper motions to accept Senate Communications.

The Floor Leader moved to accept Senate Communication No. 24-10.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussions on the floor, the motion to accept Senate Communication No. 24-10 was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

The Chair moved down to Item 8, House Communications, and recognized the Clerk.

HOUSE COMMUNICATION

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM. 24-22: (3/7/2025) Correspondence from Representative Julie M.A. Ogo to U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds re: Legislative Support for H.R. 1536—advocating for permanent Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Services in Rota. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-23: (3/14/2025) From Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from March 16, 2025— March 24, 2025 and request to be excused from legislative sessions, committee meetings, or official functions during his absence. [For info]

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor and none under Communications from the Judiciary Branch and Communications from Departments & Agencies, the Chair moved down to Item No. 11, Miscellaneous Communications, and recognized the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATION FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communications:

MISC. COMM. 24-20: (3/7/2025) Mayor of Saipan's request to the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands (DPL) re: To Resume Access to Quarry Materials on Public Lands for Community Benefit. [For info]

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the communication, the Chair referred Miscellaneous Communication No. 24-20 to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

There being no items listed under Reports of Standing Committees, Reports of Special and Conference Committees, or Unfinished Business, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 15, Resolution Calendar.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Colleagues, I am still working with the governor to finalize Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-02. The key details we need to confirm are the date, time, and venue. Also, we need to clarify whether the call must come from the House or if that distinction matters. There was a prior instance where the Senate issued the call, leading to technical issues. To prevent any confusion, we want to ensure the State-of the-Commonwealth address is called properly and without complications. Once we have those details settled, we will proceed with the resolution. Are we clear, colleagues?

Several members of the House voiced "so, clarified."

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you. Regarding the resolution honoring the late Speaker Oscar Babauta, it is on calendar. I am considering calling a session on Tuesday afternoon to adopt it. However, since it did not meet the 72-hour mark, we cannot act on it until then. So, clarified?

Several members of the House voiced "so, clarified."

BILL CALENDAR

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Under Item No. 16, Bill Calendar, it will be the same as the Resolution Calendar. House Bill No. 24-17 has been placed on the calendar, but we cannot act on it until the next session. Any further questions?

Several members of the House voiced "so, clarified."

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Okay, thank you. We now move down to Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business. The floor is open. I recognize the Floor Leader.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Speaker. Good morning, colleagues. It is Friday. Happy Friday, everyone! It is a 3-day weekend. So that is exciting. I am sure the Commonwealth could use a break. Monday marks the 49th year commemorating the signing of the Commonwealth to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States. As we reflect on our relationship with the United States these past 49 years, I encourage all of us and ourselves to take a look at how far we have come, what we have learned from the past, and how we can do better for our islands and the people of the Commonwealth. It is no secret that we find ourselves at a crossroad, and our people have put their faith and trust in those of us in this chamber today. Everyone talks about collaboration and working together, but when you have siloed conversations that do not include everyone, it is not collaboration. That is control. We must do more than speak of collaboration. We must show it in our actions by working together and being transparent with each other and our community. We must collaborate with the United States and prove to them that we have a unified vision and a cohesive plan to improve our community and the lives of our people. That is what the people expect of us. This is what we expect of us. I have faith in this body and the work that we will accomplish in the 24th Legislature. We can have great success if we can just learn to work together and bring everyone to the table. Before I yield my time, Mr. Speaker, I would like to call attention to the state of our scholarship office and the Department of Education. As we know, today the President of the United States signed his executive order, and fortunately this will probably go through litigation through that executive order. So it does give us some In light of that, we need to make a promise to all the students that we will find a solution to funding their education and growth. Let us roll up our sleeves, dare I say to collaborate, and do the work necessary to support the future of our Commonwealth. Our youth are the architects of tomorrow's CNMI. Let us provide them with all the tools and support they need to succeed and bring the CNMI to new heights as we celebrate the next 49 years of our Covenant. I want to wish the Commonwealth a Happy Covenant Day and you, my colleagues. Si yu'us ma'asi. Let us continue to work together for the state of our future and the state of our Commonwealth's future. Si yu'us ma'asi. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There being no further under discussion on the floor, the Chair moved down to Item 18, Announcements, and recognized Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente:</u> I apologize, Speaker. Can we go back to Miscellaneous Business?

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: With no objections, I would like to go back to Miscellaneous Business.

Members of the House voiced "no objection."

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, colleagues. We now move back to Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business, and I recognize Representative Roman Benavente.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members. In regards to House Bill 24-15 that was introduced and that is going to be pre-filed already, it has not been voted on yet. So, the bill seems to be intact and everything. It would serve its purpose. But there is some concern that I would like to share among everybody. You know this bill would basically unitize the workforce here in the CNMI. And I would like to say this, for example, the public school system has been tried before in the past to be unitized—I am sorry, unionized. But there was always a snag on that. Teachers are going to be compromised, and the system could be compromised as far as the learning ability for the students and the type of learning that is delivered to the students. That is why I am standing up front to mention to you with regards to this effect. I am not wholly in support of this bill for the basic fact that I would like to make a floor amendment, if possible. To remove "public school system" out of this bill. Put it separately, if we can. Because it would really be a mess. And like what Representative Marissa mentioned a while ago, how can we craft the future of our generation that is coming in front of us if we neglect the effort right now? That is what is really going on as far as what we are trying to craft for them. That is basically where I stand. I am sorry. I know I am the chairman for the committee in education. But it does not only lie over here as a chairman. I have been a board member too, and I know how it is. I have gone through this deal before, and it never happened. We went against it in the past, and we would like to go against it again. Thank you, members. Thank you. Mr. Speaker.

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Representative Benavente. Any further under miscellaneous? Okay. We will go back down to announcements. I recognize Representative Angelo Camacho.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I just want to inform the general public that both houses, the Senate and the House, will be having a public hearing today at 5:30 p.m. with regards to the renewal lease or the lease agreement for Mariana Resort. I highly encourage the public to come. I think their opinions are very important for us to come up with a decision. Again, 5:30 p.m. today in the House chamber. Thank you.

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Representative Angelo. I recognize Representative Yangetmai.

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai: Thank you, Speaker. I just want to remind everyone about Tuesday. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Women's Association Summit will take place at the multi-purpose center from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You are all welcome. Everyone here and the public. Yes, I would like to remind the members here that we will be collecting only one case of water for the event. Thank you. And a happy birthday to Representative Joseph Flores.

<u>Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:</u> Thank you, Representative Yangetmai. Happy birthday, Representative Joseph Flores. Any further under announcements? Alright, we will now move down to adjournment and I recognize the Floor Leader.

<u>Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores:</u> I am so sorry, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. Thank you, Representative Yangetmai, for spreading good cheer and bringing us back to acknowledging our representative from precinct one and his birthday. We wish you many more years to come. I do not know about another 49 years, but hopefully another 9, maybe 10 years, maybe 15 years, God-given. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I move to adjourn subject to the call of the chair. So, moved.

The motion was seconded.

The motion to adjourn was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

The House adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenalyn T. Santos House Journal Clerk

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY: NONE

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on March 11, 2025:

- H. B. NO. 24-7: To ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.
- H. B. NO. 24-8: To amend 1 CMC § 2803 to ensure that public land revenues are managed and invested by the Marianas Public Land Trust in accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- H. B. NO. 24-9; To amend 4 CMC § 1803 by reallocating a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax received by the Marianas Visitors Authority to the Division of Parks and Recreation to support beautification efforts. Introduced by REP, JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself, Representatives Diego V, F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and Edmund S. Villagomez, and Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Tourism.
- H. B. NO. 24-10: To establish a change of name legal procedure in the CNMI. Introduced by REP, JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul, and Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.
- H. B. NO. 24-11: To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.
- H. B. NO. 24-12: To promote economic recovery and provide relief to CNMI taxpayers by waiving penalties and interest on unpaid taxes due to financial and socioeconomic hardships; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself. Representative Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- H. B. NO. 24-13: To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce.
- H. RES. NO. 24-5: To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2025 proclaimed as CNMI Women's Month and March 8th as International Women's Day. Introduced by REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas John DLC Manglona, and Edmund S. Villagomez; Roy C.A. Ada. Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on March 11, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.
- H. J. R. NO. 24-1: To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam- CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan. Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul; Roy C.A. Ada, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Joel C. Camacho, Thomas J. DlC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on March 11, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.