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## HOUSE JOURNAL

### SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2025

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**6<sup>th</sup> Day, Second Regular Session**
**Friday, October 24, 2025**


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*The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Sixth Day, Second Regular Session on Friday, October 24, 2025, at 10:16 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

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

*A moment of silence was observed.*

#### ROLL CALL

*The Clerk called the roll for 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	Absent (Excused)
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 Hofsneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Present
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Present
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Present

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, we have 17 members present and 3 members absent.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present a quorum is duly established. Let the record reflect that Representatives Thomas Manglona, Julie Ogo and Patrick San Nicolas are excused from today's session. Before we move down to Item No. 2, Public Comments, I recognize the Floor Leader for the proper motion.

*The Floor Leader moved for the suspension of Rule III, Section 6.*

**RULE III. SESSIONS AND MEETINGS.**

**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 motion was carried by voice vote. The Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll for vote.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion to suspend Rule III, Section 6 with the following results:*

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

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting "yes," the motion carries. We now move down 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. If you have statements, please submit them to the Sergeant-at-Arms for forwarding to the Clerk's office.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

*There being no public comments presented, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 3, Adoption of Journal, and recognized the Clerk.*

## ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

*The Clerk announced the following House Journals:*

*Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 9, 2025*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader for moved to adopt Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 9, 2025; the motion was seconded. The Chair opened the floor for discussion, and there was none. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt Third Day, Second Regular Session Journal – September 9, 2025 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair proceeded to Item No. 4, Introduction of Bills, and recognized Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan.*

## INTRODUCTIONS OF BILLS

*House Bills:*

*Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan formally introduced the following bill; subsequently requested that it be placed on the Bill Calendar:*

**H. B. NO. 24-68:** To conditionally authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to establish a margin account solely to facilitate the \$29,000,000 loan authorized under Public Law 24-13, subject to the continuing fiduciary and constitutional duties of the Trustees. *Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLАН of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*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 discussion on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule IX, Section 8 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following bill, which was then referred to the House Committees on Commerce and Judicial and Governmental Operations:*

**H. B. NO. 24-69:** To amend Title 70, Subchapter 70-30.3 of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code by adding a new section to authorize Indefinite-Delivery, Indefinite-Quantity Contracts; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by:** REP. **MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

*The Chair opened the floor for introductions of unnumbered House Bills. There being no introduction of unnumbered House Bills on the floor, the Chair proceeded to House Local Bills, and recognized Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho.*

#### ***House Local Bills:***

*Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho formally introduced the following bill:*

**H. L. B. NO. 24-34:** To establish the “Saipan Economic Incentive Zone” within the Third Senatorial District, and to authorize the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority and other relevant agencies to administer and regulate investment activities within the designated zone. **Prefiled by:** REPS. **ANGELO A. CAMACHO** and REP. **VINCENT R. ALDAN** (for themselves, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and John Paul P. Sablan)

*The Chair opened the floor for introductions of unnumbered House Local Bills. There being no introductions of unnumbered House Local Bills on the floor and no items under House Legislative Initiatives, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 5, Introduction of Resolutions, and recognized himself under House Resolutions.*

#### ***House Legislative Initiatives:***

None

## INTRODUCTIONS OF RESOLUTIONS

### *House Resolutions:*

*Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez formally introduced the following resolution and, there being no objection, requested that it be introduced by the Committee of the Whole.*

*There being no objection on the floor, the resolution was accordingly introduced by the Committee of the Whole. The Chair then ordered that the resolution be placed on the Resolution Calendar for consideration.*

**H. RES. NO. 24-15:** To honor and express our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Noboru Hirayama who has greatly contributed to the preservation and promotion of Japanese and Saipan history in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his work in the reconstruction of the Saipan Katori Shrine. **Prefiled by:** **REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ** of Saipan, Precinct 3, (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

*The Chair opened the floor for introductions of unnumbered resolutions. There being no introduction of unnumbered resolutions and no items under House Joint Resolution, House Commemorative Resolutions, and House Concurrent Resolutions, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 6, Messages from the Governor, and recognized the Clerk.*

### *House Joint Resolutions:*

None

### *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

None

### *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

None

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

*The Clerk announced the following Messages from the Governor:*

GOV. COMM. 24-65: (10/14/2025) Governor's Revised Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Submission incorporating austerity measures and critical funding priorities. The

document includes Budget Scenario I and Budget Scenario II to illustrate the differences in fiscal outcomes and funding priorities under each scenario. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 24-66: (10/15/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Samantha Vickery, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$78,000. [For info]

[Added-10/24/2025] GOV. COMM. 24-67: (10/17/2025) From Governor David M. Apatang, expressing strong support for the passage of House Bill 24-57, “*To re-establish a Government Liability Cap*,” noting the bill’s importance in limiting the Commonwealth’s exposure to excessive tort liability and addressing the Supreme Court’s decision in *Maratita v. CHCC* (2024 MP 10). [For info]

[Added-10/24/2025] GOV. COMM. 24-68: (10/21/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 24-28, SD1, (*To amend 6 CMC § 3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-15**. [For info]

[Added-10/24/2025] GOV. COMM. 24-69: (10/21/2025) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. James Ushio Miyahara Mendiola, Jr. to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing the Second Senatorial District. [Deadline: 1/19/2026]

*The Chair opened the floor for discussion, and there was none.*

*Pursuant to the action taken, Gov. Comm. No. 24-69, referencing, “(10/21/2025) Informing the House of his nomination of Mr. James Ushio Miyahara Mendiola, Jr. to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing the Second Senatorial District. [Deadline: 1/19/2026],” was referred to the House Committees on Judicial and Governmental Operations, and Transportation and Infrastructure.*

*There being no items under Item No. 7, Senate Communications, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 8, House Communications, and recognized the Clerk.*

## SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

## HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

*The Clerk announced the following House Communications:*

HSE. COMM. 24-66: (10/8/2025) From Representative Joseph A. Flores informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from October 9, 2025, to October 15, 2025, and respectfully requests to be excused from

all scheduled House sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during this period. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-67: (10/9/2025) From Representative Roy C. A. Ada informing the Speaker of his extended personal leave of absence through October 17, 2025, and requesting to be excused from all House sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during this period. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-68: (10/14/2025) From Representative Thomas John DIC. Manglona informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning October 15, 2025, until further notice, and respectfully requests to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during this period. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-69: (10/15/2025) From Representative Julie M. A. Ogo informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from October 21 to October 24, 2025, and will be on personal leave beginning October 27, 2025, with a date to be determined. And requests to be excused from all official functions during these periods. [For info]

*There being no discussion on the floor and no items under Item No. 9, Communications from the Judicial Branch, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 10, Communications from Departments & Agencies, and recognized the Clerk.*

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

None

## **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES**

*The Clerk announced the following Communications from Departments & Agencies:*

DEPT./AGCY.COMM. 24-18: (10/16/2025) From the Department of Commerce submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

*There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 11, Miscellaneous Communications, and recognized the Clerk.*

## **MISCELLNEOUS COMMUNICATION**

*The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communications:*

MISC. COMM. 24-63: (10/3/2025) From Jung Ja Kim, landowner of the San Vicente property, responding to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Courtesy Notice regarding unlawful dumping, requesting a 90-day

extension to complete cleanup, and urging BECQ to investigate parties allegedly responsible for the illegal dumping. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-64: (received 10/16/2025) From the CNMI Council on Development Disabilities Assistive Technology Program submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-65: (10/16/2025) From Lt. Jimmy J. Pua to the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and the Commissioner of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, regarding his appeal of the proposed disciplinary action dated October 10, 2025, citing due process concerns and requesting review by the Civil Service Commission. [For info]

[Added-10/24/2025] MISC. COMM. 24-66: (received 10/20/2025) From the CNMI Broadband Policy & Development Office submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

*The Chair opened the floor for discussion, and there was none.*

*Pursuant to the action taken, Misc. Comm. No. 24-63, referencing, “(10/3/2025) From Jung Ja Kim, landowner of the San Vicente property, responding to the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality (BECQ) Courtesy Notice regarding unlawful dumping, requesting a 90-day extension to complete cleanup, and urging BECQ to investigate parties allegedly responsible for the illegal dumping. [For Info],” was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources; and Misc. Comm. No. 24-65, referencing, “(10/16/2025) From Lt. Jimmy J. Pua to the Chairperson of the Civil Service Commission, the Director of the Office of Personnel Management, and the Commissioner of the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, regarding his appeal of the proposed disciplinary action dated October 10, 2025, citing due process concerns and requesting review by the Civil Service Commission. [For info],” was referred to the House Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations.*

*The Chair proceeded to Item No. 12, Reports of Standing Committees, and recognized the Clerk.*

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

*The Clerk announced the following Reports of Standing Committees:*

[Added-10/24/2025] **S. C. R. NO. 24-38:** Reporting on H. B. No. 24-43, entitled: “To create a new criminal offense for Desecration or Theft of Memorials and Historical Sites.” Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of **H. B. NO. 24-43, HD1.**

[Added-10/24/2025] **S. C. R. NO. 24-39:** Reporting on H. B. No. 24-57, entitled: “To re-establish a Government Liability cap.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 24-57 in its current form.*

**Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez:** Thank you, Clerk. As noted by the Clerk, Standing Committee Reports No. 24-38 and 39 will be kept on the agenda for next session where we can take action, because this did not make the 72-hour requirement. We now proceed to Item No. 13, Reports of Special and Conference Committees; we have none. We proceed to Item No. 14, Unfinished Business; we have none. We now proceed to Item No. 15, Resolution Calendar, and I recognize the Floor Leader.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES**

None

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

*The Floor Leader moved for the adoption of H. Res. No. 24-15:*

**H. RES. NO. 24-15:** To honor and express our sincerest gratitude to Mr. Noboru Hirayama who has greatly contributed to the preservation and promotion of Japanese and Saipan history in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his work in the reconstruction of the Saipan Katori Shrine.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt H. Res. No. 24-15 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair moved down to Item No. 16, Bill Calendar, and recognized the Floor Leader.*

## **BILL CALENDAR**

*The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule VII, Section 9, and Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10.*

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to suspend Rule VII, Section 9, and Rule IX, Sections 9 and 10 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.*

*The Floor Leader moved for the passage of First and Final Reading of H. B. 24-45, SD1:*

**H. B. No. 24-45, SD1:** To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) under Public Law No. 21-10, Section 2(G), for operational expenses of the Office of the Mayor of the Municipality of Rota and for the Rota patients' subsistence allowance.

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll for vote.*

*The Clerk called the roll on the motion for the passage of H. B. No. 24-45, SD1, First and Final Reading, with the following results:*

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

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present voting "yes," House Bill No. 24-45, Senate Draft 1, hereby passes the House. All right, colleagues, that will take care of the Bill Calendar. Pending the next session, House Bill No. 24-33 and House Bill No. 24-68 will still remain on the Bill Calendar, pending the meetings as noted by Representative John Paul Sablan and the Chairman of Education, Representative Roman Benavente. We now proceed to Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business, and the floor is open.

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

*The Chair called for recess.*

*The House recessed at 10:31 a.m.*

*Recess*

*The House reconvened at 11:02 a.m.*

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Before we went on recess, we had just entered Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business, and the floor is open.

*There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 18, Announcements, and recognized Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Colleagues, my generous colleagues, I need your help with the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. We need gift, and they are due by Tuesday of next week. We are expecting 50 members. Please drop them off to Carla at the Legislative Bureau. Anything that is made in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. I heard someone is already giving black sands of Pagan. So, do not do that. Thank you.

*The Chair recognized Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino, Jr.*

Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Together with my colleague, Chairman Sablan from Precinct 2, I want to wish Chairman BJ a happy birthday, and a happy belated birthday to you, Mr. Speaker.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, colleagues. Another reminder, colleagues. Next week, from October 27<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>, we are hosting the Board of Directors and the General Assembly of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures. Some members have arrived this morning, and the majority of the delegates will be arriving tomorrow and Sunday, with a few on Monday. On October 27<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Directors meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. We will also be having our welcoming reception that evening at 6:00 p.m. at Aqua Resort. On Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is Day 1 of the General Assembly, and it starts at 09:00 a.m. Wednesday the 29<sup>th</sup> is Day 2, and will start at 9:00 a.m. as well. This will all be at Crowne Plaza. The evening of the 29<sup>th</sup> will be our farewell reception at the *utt*. The Legislature is covering some of the opening and the farewell. We have a set menu, but if you want to bring some dishes to add to the menu for that evening, please feel free to do so. On the 30<sup>th</sup> we have, what we call an activity day. And since we like to promote our culture, the activity is for them to sail on the 500 Sails. I will have my staff put on blast the actual agenda and the schedules, but those are the schedules for now. This will be held at Crowne Plaza. Representative Yangetmai, she is responsible for the gifts. Please, whatever gifts you would like to add to the goodie bags that we will be giving out to the folks from the region, please drop it off to Ms. Carla's office and Representative Yangetmai's

office. We will take care of putting it all together. No later than Tuesday. Any further under announcements?

*There being no further discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Adjournment, and recognized the Floor Leader.*

## ADJOURNMENT

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

*The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adjournment was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.*

*The House adjourned at 11:07 a.m.*

Respectfully submitted,



Brehalyn T. Santos  
House Journal Clerk

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## APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 24-29: To rename the “Smiling Cove Marina” the “Diego T. Benavente Smiling Cove Marina” in honor of former Legislator and former Lieutenant Governor Diego Tenorio Benavente. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 9, 2025.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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***Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on October 9, 2025:***

H. B. NO. 24-61: To enact a new Chapter 5 to Title 1, Division 8, Part 1 of the Commonwealth Code to establish dedicated funding and a special account for the Civil Service Commission; to provide a pro rata collection, certification, and transfer mechanism of funds; to authorize a continuing appropriation and expenditure authority; and to require reporting and legislative oversight. Introduced by Representative Thomas J. DIC Manglona on behalf of REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 24-62: To enact a Uniform Electronic Transactions Act to enable a more robust digital economy in the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N.

Yumul) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 24-63: To amend Title 4 sections 1991 to 1995 relating to the 3% construction tax on gross revenues derived from certain non-residential construction projects and to enact a new section 1996 pertaining to Applicability; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAM 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, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 9, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. NO. 24-64: To establish the CNMI Vehicle Buy-Back and Modernization Program, enabling the systematic removal and auction of government vehicles seven years or older, regardless of operational status, and directing revenues to the CNMI Modernization Fund to support fleet upgrades across all agencies. Introduced by REP. DANIEL I. AQUINO JR. of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

H. B. NO. 24-65: To transfer the function of business licensing from the Department of Finance to the Department of Commerce; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (for himself) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

H. B. NO. 24-66: To regulate advisory and consulting engagements with the Commonwealth by requiring compliance with procurement laws, Attorney General approval, and Public Auditor oversight; to impose a \$50,000.00 cap per engagement; to establish priority qualifications; to void non-compliant contracts; to provide remedies and penalties for violations; and to sunset this Act after five years. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Daniel I. Aquino, Jr., Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 24-67: To promote government transparency, accountability, and digital accessibility by requiring standardized reporting of financial and grant information by all CNMI government entities, instrumentalities, and nonprofit recipients of public funds, in compliance with the Constitution, the Covenant, and applicable laws of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, and Joel C. Camacho) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. NO. 24-29: To rename the "Smiling Cove Marina" the "Diego T. Benavente Smiling Cove Marina" in honor of former Legislator and former Lieutenant Governor Diego Tenorio Benavente. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 9, 2025.

H. L. B. NO. 24-30: To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$48,450.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO and REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for themselves) on October 9, 2025.

H. L. B. NO. 24-31: To appropriate Twelve thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself) on October 9, 2025.

H. L. B. NO. 24-32: To re-appropriate Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$78,980.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-17; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAM of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself) on October 9, 2025.

H. L. B. NO. 24-33: To amend Saipan Local Law 24-05 that appropriated the remaining fund balance of \$85,500 under Saipan Local Law 23-04 for the repair, maintenance and improvements of recreational facilities 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 October 9, 2025.

**H. L. I. NO. 24-1:** To amend Article XV, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to define “General Revenues” and “Special Revenues” consistent with CNMI Supreme Court ruling, “In the Matter of a Petition for Certified Question,” and to clarify that the Public School System’s twenty-five percent guaranteed appropriation shall be calculated on the net General Revenues after crediting debt service and statutory obligations. Introduced by REP.BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on October 9, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Education and to the House Committee on Ways and Means. [Public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of October 9, 2025]

**H. RES. NO. 24-13:** To recognize the exceptional work, unwavering commitment, and outstanding service of Erlinda Naputi, in celebrating her 33 years of service to Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, thereby enriching the lives of the people in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Introduced by REP.RAYMOND U. PALACIOS of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives 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, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 9, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

**H. RES. NO. 24-14:** To honor Mr. Willie Tan for his visionary leadership, astute business acumen, philanthropic contributions, charitable character and lasting impact on the economic landscape and social fabric of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as well as his unwavering dedication and commitment to the people of the CNMI. Introduced by REP.MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself, Representatives 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, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on October 9, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.