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1st Day, Second Special Session

Friday, May 22, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its First Day, Second Special Session on Friday, May 22, 2026, at 10:15 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 Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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	Present
Representative Malcom 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	Present

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

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villgomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 17 members present, a quorum is duly established. Let the record reflect that Representatives Roy Ada, Angelo Camacho, and Patrick San Nicolas are excused for today's session. Before proceeding to Item No. 2, Public Comments, I recognize the Floor Leader to amend today's agenda.

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

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 to suspend Rule III, Section 6 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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	Yes
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider 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 all 17 members present voting “yes,” the motion carries. We now proceed to Item No. 2, Public Comments. The podium is now open to receive comments. Please state your name and the entity you represent, you have five minutes. If you have prepared 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 Journals, and recognized the Clerk.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

The Clerk announced the following House Journals:

1. 1st Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 16, 2026
2. 2nd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 9, 2026
3. 3rd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 25, 2026

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt 1st Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 16, 2026, 2nd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 9, 2026, and 3rd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 25, 2026.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt 1st Day, Third Regular Session Journal – January 16, 2026, 2nd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 9, 2026, and 3rd Day, Third Regular Session Journal – February 25, 2026 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair proceeded to Item No. 4, Introduction of Bills, and recognized the Floor Leader, under House Bills.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

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

H. B. NO. 24-105: To enact the Business Integrity and Regulation of Tourism Harms Act (“BIRTH Act”); and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following bill, which was then referred to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs:

H. B. NO. 24-106: To require legislative representative and oversight in Section 902 consultation by including the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representative, or their designees, as Special Representatives of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

The Chair proceeded to House Local Bills and recognized Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo.

House Local Bills:

Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo formally introduced the following bills:

H. L. B. NO. 24-54: To amend CMC § 12143 to lower gambling taxes, including online gaming. **Prefiled by REP. JULIE M.A. OGO** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

H. L. B. NO. 24-58: To appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the purposes of regulatory and compliance training within the Rota Casino Gaming Commission. **Introduced by: REP. JULIE M.A. OGO** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

There being no further introduction of House Local Bills and no item under House Legislative Initiatives, the Chair proceeded Item No. 5, Introduction of Resolutions, and recognized Representatives Vincent Raymond Aldan.

House Legislative Initiatives:

None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

House Resolutions:

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan formally introduced the following resolution and, there being no objection, requested that it be introduced by the Committee of the whole House.

There being no objection on the floor, the resolution was accordingly introduced by the Committee of the whole House. The Chair then demanded it be placed on the Resolution Calendar for consideration.

H. RES. NO. 24-27: To honor and commend the employees and crews of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Guam Power Authority for their courage, technical expertise, and dedicated service in restoring power to the Commonwealth following Super Typhoon Sinlaku and other natural disasters. **Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

There being no further introduction of House Resolution, the Chair proceeded to House Joint Resolutions and recognized the Floor Leader.

House Joint Resolutions:

Representative Marissa Renee Flores formally introduced the following resolutions and, there being no objection, requested they be introduced by the Committee of the whole House.

There being no objection on the floor, all three resolutions were accordingly introduced by the Committee of the whole House. The Chair then demanded they be placed on the Resolution Calendar for consideration.

H. J. R. NO. 24-12: To require legislative representative and oversight in Section 902 consultations by including the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their designees, as Special Representatives of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund J. S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. J. R. NO. 24-13: To affirm the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands’ commitment to eliminate the commercial facilitation of birth tourism as evidence by the enactment of the Business Integrity and Regulation of Tourism Harms Act (“BIRTH Act”); to present updated data demonstrating the effectiveness of existing federal and local measures; and to request continues federal coordination consistent with those efforts. **Prefiled 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, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund J. S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. J. R. NO. 24-14: To affirm Commonwealth rights in submerged lands, territorial seas, and the exclusive economic zone adjacent to the Commonwealth. **Prefiled 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, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcom J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J. M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund J. S. Villagomez, Denita K. Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

There being no further introduction of House Joint Resolutions and no items under House Commemorative Resolutions through House Concurrent Resolutions, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 6, Messages from the Governor, and recognized the Clerk.

House Commemorative Resolutions:

None

House Concurrent Resolutions:

None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

The Clerk announced the following Messages from the Governor:

GOV. COMM. 24-127: (3/18/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-26, *(To amend the crime of child abuse.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-26**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-128: (3/18/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-13, HD1, *(To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-27**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-129: (3/19/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-24, HD1, SD2, *(To enact 4 CMC § 1208 and 4 CMC § 1313 to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24-28**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-130: (3/20/2026) Informing the House that pursuant to the legislature's override, S. B. NO. 24-04, entitled, "An Act to advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI." Became **Public Law 24-29**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-131: (3/20/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-46, S1, *(To re-appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000 under Saipan Local Law 24-12 (Project Code SL145); and for other purposes.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-23**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-132: (3/20/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-48, S1, D1, *(To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code SL005) and Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); and for other purposes.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-24**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-133: (3/20/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-50, S1, *(To appropriate local funds from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2; and for other purposes.)*. Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-25**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-134: (3/27/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, 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.)*. Became **Public Law No. 24 30**. [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-135: (5/1/2026) Submitting the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (\$101,887,467 available for appropriation). [For Info]

GOV. COMM. 24-136: (4/28/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-47, S1, (*To appropriate \$50K to hire Rota Casino Gaming Commission personnel*). Became **Rota Law No. 24-11**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-137: (4/29/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-57, D1, (*To re-appropriate \$60K allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and \$20K allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law No. 24-12**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-138: (4/28/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-56, D1, (*To appropriate \$156K from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law No. 24-11**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-139: (5/4/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-55, (*To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-26**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-140: (4/10/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 24-19, (*To amend 9 CMC § 2208(d) to authorize motor vehicle licensure to all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*). Became **Public Law No. 24 31**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-141: (4/10/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-43, (*To establish a docking and watercraft fee for derby event participants utilizing the West and East Docks on Rota; to include vessels, jet skis, kayaks, and canoes; to exempt bona fide Rota residents and educational activities; to provide penalties for violations; and to allocate collected revenues for conservation and community programs.*). Became **Rota Local Law No. 24-10**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-142: (4/11/2026 received 5/11/2026) **Executive Order 2026-004 – Declaration of State of Significant Emergency** Issued April 11, 2026. Governor Apatang declared a State of Significant Emergency in response to Tropical Storm Sinlaku (04W), then forecast to intensify into a Category 3 or 4 typhoon threatening Saipan, Tinian, and Rota. Activated the State Emergency Operations Plan and authorized mobilization of all available resources under 1 CMC § 20144.

GOV. COMM. 24-143: (5/11/2026) **Executive Order No. 2026-006 — Renewal of State of Significant Emergency** Issued May 11, 2026. Following Super Typhoon Sinlaku's devastating Category 4 landfall, EO 2026-006 renewed the emergency

declaration for an additional 30 days to support ongoing repair of power, water, transportation, and communications infrastructure. HSEM retains primary authority through the EOC.

GOV. COMM. 24-144: (5/11/2026) **Executive Order No. 2026-007** — *CUC Emergency Procurement Authorization* Issued May 2026. Following Super Typhoon Sinlaku's devastation of the CNMI from April 13-16, 2026, EO 2026-007 expressly authorized the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to enter into expedited contracts for restoration of power, water, and wastewater services.

GOV. COMM. 24-145: (5/14/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-52, S1, (*To appropriate \$300K allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(r)(1) and up to \$1.2M from Saipan Local Law 20-26 (2)(u)(1); and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24- 27**. [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-146: (5/14/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 24-49 (*To establish the CNMI Next/Gen 911 Telephone Communications System within the CNMI; and for other purposes.*). **[Override Veto Deadline: 7/19/2026]**

The Chair opened the floor for discussion and recognized Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona.

Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I wanted to comment on Governor's Communication No. 24-128, signing House Bill No. 24-13, HD1, "To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporation under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees.", which became Public Law No. 24-27. I would like to thank Governor Apatang and Lieutenant Governor Mendiola for their cooperation and signing this bill into law, which would help remove those daily penalties that were afflicting a lot of our businesses. So, thank you.

The Chair recognized Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan.

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In regards to Governor's Communication No. 24-134, I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Governor Apatang and Lieutenant Governor Mendiola for signing into law House Bill 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.", which became Public Law 24-30.

The Chair recognized Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo.

Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to Governor David Apatang and Lieutenant Governor Dennis Mendiola for Governor's Communication No. 24-136, signing into law House Local Bill No. 24-47, S1, "To appropriate \$50K to hire Rota Casino Gaming Commission personnel.", which became Rota Local Law No. 24-11; Governor's Communication No. 24-137, signing into law House Local Bill No.

24-57, D1, “To re-appropriate \$60K allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and \$20K allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes.”, which became Rota Local Law No. 24-12; and Governor’s Communication No. 24-141, signing into law House Local Law No. 24-43, “To establish a docking and watercraft fee for derby event participants utilizing the West and East Docks on Rota; to include vessels, jet skis, kayaks, and canoes; to exempt bona fide Rota residents and conservation and community programs.”, which became Rota Local Law No. 24-10. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. At this time, I would like to extend my appreciation to the Governor in regards to Governor’s Communication No. 24-129, signing into law House Bill No. 24-24, HD1, SD2, “To enact 4 CMC § 1208 and 4 CMC § 1313 to establish a Legal Service and Access to Justice Tax Credit.”, which became Public Law 24-28. My sincere appreciation to the Governor as this law now allows for greater access to legal aid services by companies and individuals who are willing to donate through their tax. Thank you.

Pursuant to the actions taken:

- 1) Gov. Comm. 24-135, referencing, “(5/1/2026) Submitting the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 (\$101,887,467 available for appropriation). [For Info]”, was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means;
- 2) Gov. Comm. 24-144, referencing, “(5/11/2026) **Executive Order No. 2026-006 – Renewal of State of Significant Emergency Issued May 11, 2026. Following Super Typhoon Sinlaku’s devastating of the CNMI from April 12-16, 2026, EO 2026-007 expressly authorized the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to enter into expedited contracts for restorations of power, water, and wastewater services.**”, was referred to the House Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means; and
- 3) Gov. Comm. 24-146, referencing, “(5/14/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 24-49 (To establish the CNMI Next/Gen 911 Telephone Communications System within the CNMI; and for other purposes.). **[Override Veto Deadline: 7/19/2026]**”, was referred to the House Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations.

There being no further discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 7, Senate Communications, and recognized the Clerk.

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Senate Communications:

SEN. COMM. 24-93: (4/1/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-07, entitled, “*To honor the life and legacy of*

the late Juan Mundo Santos and his unyielding contribution to public service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.” [For Info]

SEN. COMM. 24-94: (4/7/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-14, entitled, *“To recognize and honor the life, service, and legacy of the Honorable Benigno Magofna Sablan for his invaluable contributions and steadfast advocacy for marine conservation and public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.” [For Info]*

SEN. COMM. 24-95: (4/7/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-15, entitled, *“Recognizing and honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for her distinguished service and significant contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and expressing the profound sympathy and condolences of the Senate on the Occasion of Her Passing.” [For Info]*

SEN. COMM. 24-96: (4/7/2026) Informing the House that the Senate confirmed Mr. Oscar Patrick Quitugua to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) representing the First Senatorial District during its 1st Day, First Special Session on April 7, 2026. *[For Info]*

SEN. COMM. 24-97: (4/7/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-49, entitled, *“To establish the CNMI Next/Gen 911 Telephone Communications System within the CNMI; and for other purposes.”*, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on April 7, 2026. *[For Info-Pending Governor’s action]*

SEN. COMM. 24-98: (4/7/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-30, entitled, *“To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS’s designated share.”*, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on December 1, 2025, in the form of *H. B. No. 24-30, SD1 to read: “To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS’s designated share, and for other purposes.” [For action on Senate amendments]*

SEN. COMM. 24-99: (5/6/2026) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 24-48, entitled, *“To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security.”*, which was passed by the Senate on May 1, 2026. *[For Action]*

SEN. COMM. 24-100: (5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-89, HS1, entitled, “To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the Second Senatorial District.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of *H. B. No. 24-89, HS1, SD1* to read: ***“To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the Second Senatorial District.”*** **[For action on Senate amendments]**

SEN. COMM. 24-101: (5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-91, HS1, entitled, “To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the First Senatorial District.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of *H. B. No. 24-91, HS1, SD1* to read: ***“To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District.”*** **[For action on Senate amendments]**

SEN. COMM. 24-102: (5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-96, entitled, “To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governors Communication (House) 24-103, to the Marianas Visitors Authority for tourism recovery initiatives.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of *H. B. No. 24-96, SD1* to read: ***“To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governor's Communication (House) 24-103.”*** **[For action on Senate amendments]**

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to accept Senate Communication No. 93 through 102. The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to accept Senate Communication No. 93 through 102 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

Pursuant to the actions taken,

- 1) *Sen. Comm. 24-98, referencing, “(4/7/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-30, entitled, “To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis*

Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share.", which was passed by the Senate with amendments on December 1, 2025, in the form of **H. B. No. 24-30, SD1** to read: **"To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share, and for other purposes."** **[For action on Senate amendments]**", was demanded it be left on the agenda;

- 2) *Sen. Comm. 24-99, referencing, "(5/6/2026) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 24-48, entitled, "To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security."*, which was passed by the Senate on May 1, 2026. **[For Action]**", was referred to the House Committee on Judicial and Governmental Operations;
- 3) *Sen. Comm. 24-100, referencing, "(5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-89, HS1, entitled, "To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the Second Senatorial District."*, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of **H. B. No. 24-89, HS1, SD1** to read: **"To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the Second Senatorial District."** **[For action on Senate amendments]**", was placed on the Bill Calendar;
- 4) *Sen. Comm. 24-101, referencing, "(5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-91, HS1, entitled, "To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the First Senatorial District."*, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of **H. B. No. 24-91, HS1, SD1** to read: **"To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District."** **[For action on Senate amendments]**", was placed on the Bill Calendar; and
- 5) *Sen. Comm. 24-102, referencing, "(5/6/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-96, entitled, "To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governors*

Communication (House) 24-103, to the Marianas Visitors Authority for tourism recovery initiatives. ”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 1, 2026, in the form of H. B. No. 24-96, SD1 to read: “To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governor's Communication (House) 24-103.” [For action on Senate amendments]”, was placed on the Bill Calendar.

The Chair then proceeded to Item No. 8, House Communications, and recognized the Clerk.

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following House Communications:

HSE. COMM. 24-90: (3/16/2026) From Representative Ralph N. Yumul informing the Speaker that he will be on personal leave from March 16, 2026, through March 20, 2026, and respectfully requesting to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. Further informing that Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao has been designated to officially introduce legislation on his behalf. [For Info]

HSE. COMM. 24-91: (3/25/2026) Representative Malcolm J. Omar informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from March 25, 2026—March 27, 2026, and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and official functions, during this period. [For Info]

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 9, Communications from the Judicial Branch, and recognized the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Clerk announced the following communications from the Judicial Branch:

JUD. BR. COMM. 24-9: (3/25/2026) From NMI Judiciary re: Judiciary FY 2027 Budget Request. [For Info]

Pursuant to the actions taken, Jud. Br. Comm. 24-9, referencing, “(3/25/2026) From NMI Judiciary re: Judiciary FY 2027 Budget Request. [For Info]”, was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 10, Communications from Departments & Agencies, and recognized the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

The Clerk announced the following communications from Departments & Agencies:

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-28: (3/17/2026) From the DPL (Department of Public Lands) re: DPL's Proposed Budget for FY 2027. [For Info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-29: (received 4/10/2026) From the CNMI Public School System submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For Info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-30: (4/10/2026) From the CNMI Public School System (PSS) re: PSS FY 2027 Budget Submission. [For Info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-31: (4/30/2026) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting FY 2026—March Monthly Financial Report—Commonwealth's General Fund financial performance through March 31, 2026. [For info]

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

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

The Clerk announced the following Miscellaneous Communications:

MISC. COMM. 24-99: (3/17/2026) From the NIMO (Northern Islands Mayor's Office) re: NIMO's Proposed Budget for FY 2027. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-100: (2/19/2026) From the U.S. Department of the Navy transmitting notice of the Draft SEIS/OEIS for Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT), including public comment period (March 2–May 1, 2026; comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. ChST on May 1, 2026; submissions accepted online at www.nepa.navy.mil/mitteis, at public meetings, or by mail to Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific, Attn: MITT SEIS/OEIS Project Manager, 258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100, Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134). [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-101: (3/30/2026) From the CEO, Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation (CHCC) informing the Governor and the 24th NMCL re: 2026 Health Network Program Analysis. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-102: (Received 4/6/2026) From the Office of the Public Auditor transmitting Audit Report No. 26-02 on the Citizen-Centric Report (CCR) Program for FY 2025, identifying systemic noncompliance with statutory reporting requirements under 1 CMC § 2311 and recommending legislative clarification. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-103: (4/7/2026) From the Office of the Attorney General regarding the proposed lease agreement with Mariana Eland Corporation for the former Marianas Resort property, advising that legislative action in joint session is required pursuant to 1 CMC § 2806(d) to resolve pending litigation. [For Info-Consideration]

MISC. COMM. 24-104: (4/8/2026) From the Office of the Public Auditor re: OPA FY 2027 Budget Submission. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-105: (4/10/2026) From the Office of the Public Auditor re: OPA's FY 2026 Expenditure Report for the quarter ended March 31, 2026. [For Info]

MISC. COMM. 24-106: (4/20/2026) From the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation submitting appropriation request of \$5,937,200 for FY 2027 for the Health Network Program (HNP). [For Info]

Pursuant to the actions taken,

- 1) *Misc. Comm. 24-99, referencing, "(3/17/2026) From the NIMO (Northern Islands Mayor's Office) re: NIMO's Proposed Budget for FY 2027. [For Info]", was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means;*
- 2) *Misc. Comm. 24-101, referencing, "(3/30/2026) From the CEO, Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation (CHCC) informing the Governor and the 24th NMCL re: 2026 Health Network Program Analysis. [For Info]", was referred to the House Committees on Ways and Means, and Health and Welfare;*
- 3) *Misc. Comm. 24-103, referencing, "(4/7/2026) From the Office of the Attorney General regarding the proposed lease agreement with Mariana Eland Corporation for the former Marianas Resort property, advising that legislative action in joint session is required pursuant to 1 CMC § 2806(d) to resolve pending litigation. [For Info-Consideration]", was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources;*
- 4) *Misc. Comm. 24-104, referencing, "(4/8/2026) From the Office of the Public Auditor re: OPA FY 2027 Budget Submission. [For Info]", was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means; was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means; and*
- 5) *Misc. Comm. 24-106, referencing, "(4/20/2026) From the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation submitting appropriation request of \$5,937,200 for FY 2027 for the Health Network Program (HNP). [For Info]", was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.*

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

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEE

The Clerk announced the following Reports of Standing Committees:

S. C. R. NO. 24-52: Reporting on S. B. No. 24-21, entitled, “To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. NO. 24-21, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 24-53: Reporting on H. B. No. 24-28, entitled: “To establish a grand jury system in the Commonwealth for use in criminal investigations and prosecutions, and to provide for related powers and procedures.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House file H. B. No. 24-28.*

S. C. R. NO. 24-54: Reporting on H. B. No. 24-67, entitled, “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.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 24-67, HD1.*

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-52:

S. C. R. NO. 24-52: Reporting on S. B. No. 24-21, entitled, “To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. NO. 24-21, HD1.*

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-52 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-53:

S. C. R. NO. 24-53: Reporting on H. B. No. 24-28, entitled: “To establish a grand jury system in the Commonwealth for use in criminal investigations and

prosecutions, and to provide for related powers and procedures.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House file H. B. No. 24-28.*

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, the motion to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-53 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-54:

S. C. R. NO. 24-54: Reporting on H. B. No. 24-67, entitled, “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.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. NO. 24-67, HD1.*

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt S. C. R. No. 24-54 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

There being no items under Item No. 13, Reports of Special and Conference Committees, and Item No. 14, Unfinished Business, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 15, Resolution Calendar, and recognized the Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

The Floor Leader moved to adopt C. Res. No. 24-7:

C. Res. No. 24-7: To recognize and commend the Pioneer Contestants and Titleholders of the Miss Northern Marianas Descent Beauty Pageant for their dedication to the preservation, promotion, and advancement of the Chamorro and Carolinian culture, heritage, and history in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adopt C. Res. No. 24-7 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. Res. No. 24-27:

H. RES. NO. 24-27: To honor and commend the employees and crews of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Guam Power Authority for their courage, technical expertise, and dedicated service in restoring power to the Commonwealth following Super Typhoon Sinlaku and other natural disasters.

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. 24-27 was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-12:

H. J. R. NO. 24-12: To require legislative representation and oversight in Section 902 consultations by including the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, or their designees, as Special Representatives of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

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 to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-12 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes

Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villgomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution No. 24-12 is hereby adopted. I recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-13:

H. J. R. NO. 24-13: To affirm the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands’ commitment to eliminate the commercial facilitation of birth tourism as evidenced by the enactment of the Business Integrity and Regulation of Tourism Harms Act (“BIRTH Act”); to present updated data demonstrating the effectiveness of existing federal and local measures; and to request continued federal coordination consistent with those efforts.

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 for vote on the motion to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-13 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 17 members present voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution No. 24-13 is hereby adopted. I recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-14:

H. J. R. NO. 24-14: To affirm Commonwealth rights in submerged lands, territorial seas, and the exclusive economic zone adjacent to the Commonwealth.

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 to adopt H. J. R. No. 24-14 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Joint Resolution No. 24-14 is hereby adopted. Thank you, colleagues. That concludes our Resolution Calendar and I call for a quick recess.

The House recessed at 10:47 a.m.

Recess

The House reconvened at 10:48 a.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: We will rise back to session. Before we went on recess, we were under the Resolution Calendar. We now proceed to Item No. 16, Bill Calendar, and I recognize the Floor Leader.

BILL CALENDAR

The Floor Leader moved to suspend Rule

The Floor Leader moved for the passage on First and Final Reading of S. B. No. 24-21, HD1:

S. B. No. 24-21, HD1: To amend 9 CMC § 2103 to require execution of a Notice of Transfer and Release of Liability by the appropriate parties upon the ownership transfer of a vehicle.

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 S. B. No. 24-21, HD1, First and Final Reading, with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes

Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” Senate Bill No. 24-21, House Draft 1 hereby passes the House. I recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved for the passage on First and Final Reading of H. B. No. 24-67, HD1.

H. B. NO. 24-67, HD1: 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.

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. 24-67, HD1, First and Final Reading, with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Bill No. 24-67, House Draft 1 hereby passes the House. I recognize the Floor Leader.

The Chair calls for recess.

The House recessed at 10:52 a.m.

Recess

The House reconvened at 10:52 a.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: We will rise back to session. We had just passed House Bill No. 24-67, House Draft 1, and we continue under the Bill Calendar. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to reject H. B. No. 24-89, HD1, SD1

The Floor Leader moved to reject, and called for Conference Committee on, H. B. No. 24-89, HD1, SD1:

H. B. NO. 24-89, HD1, SD1: To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the Second Senatorial District.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion and recognized Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to explain to our colleagues from the First and Second Senatorial Districts to understand the motion to reject this bill. The House is against the amendments made by the Senate. But it is actually to include additional language, so we can make the legislation stronger and at the same time, potentially, be able to get reimbursed for these monies that are being appropriated. If there was a faster way, maybe the Senate can recall their actions. Unfortunately, it is in our house and we have accepted the Senate communication. Therefore, we have to make this motion to reject the legislation as amended by the Senate. Again, it is not to change the intent but it is to make sure that it allows the

funds to be able to be reimbursed back into the CNMI. So that we can use those funds for something else in the future when they do come back as a reimbursement. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

There being no further discussion on the floor, the Chair recognized the Clerk to call the roll for vote.

The Clerk called the roll on the motion to reject, and call for a Conference Committee on, H. B. No. 24-89, HD1, SD1 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villgomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Bill No. 24-89, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 is hereby rejected and the Conference Committee conferees will be Representatives John Paul Sablan, BJ Attao, and Ralph Yumul with the alternative being the Floor Leader. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to reject, and called for a Conference Committee on, H. B. No. 24-91, HD1, SD1:

H. B. NO. 24-91, HD1, SD1: To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund Super Typhoon Sinlaku disaster relief operations and personnel in the First Senatorial District.

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 to reject, and call for Conference Committees on, H. B. No. 24-91, HD1, SD1, First and Final Reading, with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Bill No. 24-91, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 is hereby rejected and the Conference Committee conferees will be Representatives John Paul Sablan, BJ Attao, and Ralph Yumul with the alternative being the Floor Leader. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

The Floor Leader moved to reject, and called for Conference Committee on, H. B. No. 24-96, SD1:

H. B. NO. 24-96, SD1: To appropriate \$960, 235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governor’s Communication (House) 24-103.

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 to reject, and call for a Conference Committee on, H. B. No. 24-96, SD1 with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Absent (Excused)
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	Absent (Excused)
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 (During Vote)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Yes
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Yes
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Yes
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Yes
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Yes
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Yes
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Yes
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Absent (During Vote)

Clerk Linda B. Muña: Mr. Speaker, all 15 members present voted “yes.”

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villgomez: Thank you, Clerk. With all 15 members present voting “yes,” House Bill No. 24-96, Senate Draft 1 is hereby rejected and the Conference Committee conferees will be Representatives John Paul Sablan, BJ Attao, and Ralph Yumul with the alternative being the Floor Leader. Thank you, colleagues. That concludes our Bill Calendar. We now proceed to Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business, and the floor is open for discussion. I recognize the Floor Leader.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. It seems like the mood in here is like the first day we came back into session after Super Typhoon Soudelor. I do not know if it is a Friday, or maybe I think there is still a lot on the table that still needs to be fixed. The past month, especially after the typhoon, has changed all of us in one way or another. They exposed the struggles our people face every day. But they also revealed something powerful about the Marianas. Even in hardship, our people continue to stand for one another. That resilience is something I carry with me in every decision I make and every fight I choose to take on. Everything that we advocated for—including myself, every piece of legislation we have introduced, and every

difficult conversation we have stepped into—has always come from one place, a genuine passion for all the Commonwealth and a deep love for our people. None of it has ever been for headlines, recognition, or politics. It has been purposeful. It has been solution-based. Whether it involved accountability, transparency, public safety, economic opportunity, recovery, or government reform, my focus and the focus of all of us have always been on finding ways to improve the lives of our people and strengthen the future of the Marianas. I know that sometimes my tenacity is mistaken for anger; my colleagues have often reminded me that they sometimes mistake my tenacity for anger. every time by my colleagues. I am always angry, and I understand that. But what people may see as intensity is really the weight of caring deeply. It is the frustration of watching families struggle while systems move too slowly; it is seeing our elderly worry about stability, our workers stretched thin, our young people uncertain about their future, and our communities forced to endure challenges that should have been addressed long ago. When you care that deeply about your home and your people, you do not stay silent. You push and push harder. I have always believed with strong conviction that people must come before politics, before party lines, before personal interests, before titles and egos. Because when disaster strikes, when families lose homes, when communities are hurting, politics means nothing if we fail the people we are entrusted to serve. Leadership is not about protecting comfort. It is about carrying responsibility, especially during difficult times. I am also a God-fearing person, and my faith has grounded me throughout this journey. I believe God gives us each purpose. And I believe challenges often arrive to redirect us toward what truly matters. And maybe this past season, especially after the typhoon, was God telling all of us that this is the time to get it right for our people, for our families, and for the Marianas. And maybe it was a reminder that we cannot continue operating the same way while expecting different outcomes. Maybe it was meant to bring us back to service, compassion, accountability, and unity. The typhoon did not just expose damaged infrastructure; it exposed the urgency of fixing the systems that affect our people every single day. But even through that pain, I saw neighbors helping neighbors, families opening their homes, businesses stepping up, volunteers showing up without being asked, and a community refusing to give up on itself. That is the spirit of the Marianas. And that is who we are. That is why I continue to advocate the way I do. Not out of hostility, but out of hope. Not out of anger, but out of passion and purpose. And I speak strongly because I believe our people deserve leaders who are willing to confront difficult truths and fight for the meaningful solutions. I will never pretend everything is fine when our people are struggling. And I will never stop believing that the Marianas can be stronger, more accountable, more compassionate, and more prepared for the future. At the end of the day, I want people to understand me not just as a legislator but as someone who genuinely cares about this community and believes in its true potential. Every action I take, every challenge I accept, and every reform I advocate comes from a place of a sincere desire to leave our islands better than when we found them. So that our people are not simply surviving but truly able to live, grow, and thrive in a place we call home. I thank all the volunteers who have stepped up, especially the children and the young adults who have been helping VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster), who have helped the other 501 federally recognized nonprofit organizations visiting from the United States. I thank all the local nonprofits who have been helping in recovery because that is where we are at right now. We are in recovery, and we must rebuild. But we must also reimagine how we want to serve our people. We must also be ready to recognize that now is the time to create better systems so that this hope does not diminish. Because at the end of the day, all we have is that. I expect, I hope, and I pray that all of us are here for the same purposes, which I know. But everyone's needs are different, and I understand that. I respect

my colleagues. I understand their tenacity, but they are just not as angry as I am. And that is okay because I am not Representative Sablan, I am not Representative Villagomez, I am not Representative Attao, I am not Representative Aquino, I am not either of the Representatives Camacho, I am not Representative Yumul, and I am not Representative Flores. Well, Congressman Flores. I am Congresswoman Flores. But I am not Representative Palacios; I am not Representative Aldan. I am Representative Flores, Congresswoman Flores, Marissa Flores. And that is who I am. And the best I can do is sit here and introduce policies that make sense, that are solution-driven, with the hope that the Senate will see it the same way. Because we are all working together for one purpose and we should never forget that. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time.

The Chair recognized Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan.

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. So I was reading today's newspaper regarding the article that says, "Politics behind withdrawal of Sirok's reappointment, governor says." And I tried to make a public comment on that last Senate session, but of course everybody was strictly placed on the five-minute rule. So, here is what I have to say about that, and the public must understand this. Okay, so here is my public statement. Politics must not weaken utility oversight while ratepayers are being asked to pay more. At a time the people of the Commonwealth are being asked to carry more of CUC's financial burden, we cannot afford political gains with the very commission created to protect the public interest. The recent article regarding the withdrawal of James Sirok's reappointment to the Commonwealth Public Utility Commission raises serious concerns, whether one supports or opposes any individual nominee. The bigger issue is this: The CNMI needs an independent and fearless CPUC. Especially now, we are in the middle of the utility crisis. CUC continues to face serious financial pressure, fuel cost increases, unpaid arrears, questions about collections, concerns over management decisions, and now renewed discussion about using ratepayer security deposits to solve cash flow problems. Once again, the people are being asked to absorb the consequences of institutional failure. That is unacceptable. Ratepayer money is not an emergency bailout fund. Customer security deposits are not CUC's operating reserve, so people should not be forced to pay higher bills, higher fuel adjustment charges, or loss protection simply because government agencies, autonomous entities, businesses, or other customers have failed to pay what they owe or because CUC failed to properly manage, collect, audit, and account for public utility funds. This is why CPUC independence matters. The CPUC is supposed to be the firewall between CUC and the ratepayers. It is supposed to ask the hard question. It is supposed to demand evidence before approving higher costs. It is supposed to protect the public's interest, not rubber-stamp emergency requests after the damage has already been done. So, when a vocal commissioner or nominee is pushed aside, delayed, or withdrawn without a clear public vote and full expansion, the people have a right to ask, "Was the decision about qualification or was this about politics?" If a nominee is unqualified, then say so publicly. Hold the hearing, ask the question, take the vote, and put every position on record. That is transparency. But quietly stopping proceedings, allowing deadlines to pass, or avoiding public accountability only weakens confidence in the process. It sends the wrong message at the worst possible time. This is bigger than James Sirok. This is bigger than one appointment. This is about whether the Commonwealth wants a truly independent utility regulator or politically managed one. What we have been fighting for is simple: audit before bailouts, collections before rate increases, transparency before emergency excuses, accountability before asking the people to sacrifice again, and ratepayer protection before institutional self-preservation. Before CUC is allowed to touch any

other ratepayer dollar behind the illegitimate utility service charges. The people deserve answers. How much is owed to CUC? Who owes it? How much is owed by government agencies, autonomous agencies, semi-autonomous agencies, businesses, and households? What has CUC actually collected? What prior emergency funds were used? Were previous security deposit withdrawals repaid? What internal cost cutting has been done? What management failures created this emergency? And why should innocent ratepayers be punished for years of weak collections, poor planning, and financial mismanagement? These are not political questions. These are accountability questions. The people of the CNMI are already struggling. Families are paying more for power, more for food, more for fuel, and more just to survive. Businesses are trying to keep their door open. Government operations are facing reductions. Our economy cannot continue to absorb utility instability caused by decisions made behind closed doors. We must stop normalizing crisis management as a business model. CUC cannot continue coming back to the people with another emergency, another request, another surcharge, another excuse, and another promise that things will be fixed later. The time for “trust us” is over. The time for full disclosure, independent review, and forceful accountability is now. That is why strong CPUC oversight is not optional; it is essential. The Commonwealth needs regulators who are willing to be vocal, willing to be firm, willing to challenge CUC, willing to question political pressure, and willing to protect the people even when it is uncomfortable. Because when the regulator is weakened, the ratepayer is exposed; and when politics controls utility oversight, the people pay the price. I stand for a CPUC that is independent, transparent, technically qualified, and accountable to the public interest. I stand for a full audit of CUC’s finances, collections, arrears, fuel costs, security deposit practices, and management decisions. I stand against using ratepayers as a bailout for failure that they did not create. This fight is not personal. It is not anti-CUC. It is not anti-government. It is pro-ratepayer. It is pro-transparency. It is pro-good governance. And above all, it is about doing what is fair, reasonable, logical, justified, and right. The people deserve nothing less. And CUC cannot—and I will not support any legislation where they are going to ask, again, to use the security deposit money from ratepayers to bail them out for their mismanagement. And the circus that the executive director was throwing around yesterday is a good example of that. You cannot say that you do not know that the meters are damaged, yet you build them on a monthly basis. How in the world are you going to bill your customers on a monthly basis and not know that those meters are damaged or that there is something wrong with them when your meter readers are there looking at it on a monthly basis? It is long overdue that CUC gets a complete 1,000% audit across the board on everything that they do. The ratepayers cannot keep carrying their stupidity. Thank you.

The Chair recognized Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino, Jr.

Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino, Jr.: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I want to say, “Thank you,” to all the brave linemen of CUC and GPA (Guam Power Authority); the first responders; DPS, DFEMS, the Saipan Mayor’s Office, field personnel DPW, Parks and Recs, these nonprofit organizations, and most especially the wonderful residents of Precinct 2. There are no words large enough to fully express the profound gratitude that Chairman John Paul and I feel for the immense sacrifices you make every single day. When the skies turn dark, when the storm rolls through our islands, and when crisis strikes, the rest of us seek shelter and comfort. But you, you do the exact opposite. You step into the danger, leaving your own families behind to ensure that ours are protected. To CUC and Guam Power Authority, you perform one of the most grueling, dangerous, and thankless jobs imaginable, scaling utility poles in torrential rains, blistering heat, and

treacherous winds to restore our power is nothing short of heroic. We know that behind every flick of a light switch after a storm and missed times with your loved ones, you literally bring us back out of the darkness. To our first responders, DPS, and DFEMS, you are the thin line between chaos and safety. You run toward emergencies that others run away from. Whether it is a medical crisis, fire, or ensuring law and ordering during our most vulnerable moments, your presence brings us hope and comfort. Your vigilance and readiness to put your lives on the line for strangers are a level of bravery that inspires us all. To the incredible men and women of the Mayor's office, personnel, DPW, Parks and Rec, you are the unsung engines of recovery. Before the roads can even be driven on, you are out there cleaning debris, cutting down trees, fixing infrastructure, and making our villages safe and beautiful, again. Your work in the blazing sun and the entire community to start moving forward, again. To the nonprofit organizations, you all are the heartbeat of our community's recovery long after the initial emergency passes. You are there on the ground handing out food, providing shelter, offering comfort, and rebuilding lives from the wreckage. You fill our gaps with pure compassion, providing that spirit of community, and the *I hafa maulek* is alive and well. I want to thank you, Chairman John Paul and Apol, and your unstoppable fuel team. I also want to thank my guys, Kenneth Kaneshi, Wenny Haruo, Dereck Aichi, and Jeffrey Palacios. You all are the backbone of the operation. Your tireless work ethic, grit, and brotherhood on the ground mean more to this community than words can say. You show up, hold it down, and get the job done no matter how hard it gets. You are true champions of the people. To the wonderful, beautiful people of Election District 2, a community is only as strong as its neighbors. And you have proved to be the absolute gold standard of resilience, kindness, and unity. Thank you for your patience while the crews worked around the clock and checked on one another and for opening your hearts and homes during trying times. Your strength and hospitality are the definition of island pride, and it is an honor to serve and stand alongside the families of Precinct 2. And I just want to say that I am really disappointed with CUC, the Executive Director. I think that guy should be fired together with everyone that is responsible for this proposed rate hike that they are looking at a 60%. I remember talking to someone about making a flat fee for these fuel surcharges. But I was told that it would never pass the Senate. But here we are now; they are proposing 66 cents. That is impossible to live with. We talk about economic recovery. How can you have economic recovery when we are looking at a 40-hour workweek? We are looking at 60-some cents for power per kilowatt. We are going backwards. Unless we can stop this bleeding and we can hold people accountable, like my *primu* Kobry, said, "Fire them all." Pressure the governor to fire them all or declare a state of emergency and put CUC under the governor's office. But if you are going to tell me now that you are going to increase the power to one of the most underserved communities, Precinct 2? You all are crazy at CUC. You know, there are a lot of people doing hard work. But I will tell you what: they are too top-heavy. That is the problem. "Top heavy," meaning managerial earnings over \$60 thousand, over \$70 thousand, or up to \$100 thousand—that is unheard of. When you go travel through election district 2, look at what is around there. Everything has been leveled. Chairman John Paul and I have been out there walking the streets. He got bit, yet it does not discourage him. He is out there telling people, "Please be patient. Stay strong." Even at night when I am sleeping, I am hearing this voice, "Stay strong. Stay strong." But that 66 cents just made me sick. And that is all I have to say, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I apologize. I am just going to share something short. We are talking about recovery; we are talking about CUC; and we are talking about all these systems and workflows that have really been just stagnant. But one of the things I want to mention is that we have an elected Attorney General with mass amounts of resources of attorneys that we have supported in every budget. But I am not sure why these attorneys now feel that way, or the office, not the Attorney General particularly. I am not going to call him out just like that; I will wait until I meet with him. But if the constitution says that the attorneys have to represent the government, then something is wrong with the constitution. That office should be there to protect the people of the Commonwealth. And in recognizing that, I think that is probably something we need to fix because that is wrong. It is opposite, it is backwards, and it does not work. In line with that, we are going to see a lot of money coming in, which means procurement. And we go back to boost; we go back to all of that federal money that came in during those periods. What was the biggest issue? Procurement. Contracts that were not lawfully followed that did not meet the expectations of the law and federal laws, roads that were made to be improved but were not, and money disappeared. These procurement contracts, and with CUC, now, given the emergency declaration, they can have the authority because they have the autonomy to procure their needed equipment and supplies with this executive order. They better be 100% in line and not handpicked because “my friend used to work for FEMA” or “my first cousin has this business.” And Commerce needs to be very alert and on top of it. Most especially I am putting a blast on the Attorney General’s office. Get your civil service department on top and start looking at these contracts. Start checking and balancing so that every contract going in there is scrutinized because that is not anyone’s money but the public. And this show and demonstration of the lack of it needs to stop. And I am going to blame Representative Aldan for getting me all hyped up. And now I sound angry because that tone just placed me there. But with all due respect, Representative Aldan, I feel it—that is your passion, and that is where it gets me. It gets me to this point where I just cannot anymore, because they blame the legislature for everything. But let us take a look at the other side. They want you to look over here. But start looking at the executive branch, start looking at the Attorney General’s Office, start looking at the Senate, and start looking at the courts. We are not the only agency that has everything that can fix everything. That is why there are separate branches of the government, and that is why we have an attorney general. It is not here. We designed the policy. Enforcement is over there. So, if you want to call anyone, call the governor’s office, call procurement, or call the Attorney General’s office. Ask them for the contract. It is your right to ask. It is your right to know. And if they do not want to give that to you, feel free to come over here and see one of your legislators. That is our job now, to scrutinize why laws are not followed. So, with that, Attorney General, please be on top of it. Scrutinize those contracts, whether they be federal funds, local funds, FEMA funds, Red Cross funds, Good Samaritan funds, or anything. Because that is where all of the systems need to be corrected. There is no sense in giving money if they are not going to fulfill their duty. I am okay with that. But do not give money, and nothing happens. Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield my time.

The Chair recognized Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios.

Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios: *Para baihu finó Chamorro, Mr. Speaker. Ti pot hafa, antes di para ta chogui hafa maolek, ta disconnect iyo'ta aircon guini mągi. Ta disconnect i aircon, ya atan ha man inaircon-hit guini. Pago i famaguon, man inaircon gi kareta, no, ti yan niha esta gi halom guma sa limited i power. Pues, esti ha para baihu sangan ta puno i aircon-ta guini. Polu,*

ya hafa i xerox ta na on enao siha i hafa para hu ma print, lao ta puno i aircon guini. Ya i maseha baihu fañela, no. Sa ta fan save power lokkue guini gi i yota government, ya uma li'e i CUC lokkue na tita nisita ta apâsi siha, no. Tafan save pot fabot. Enao, Mr. Speaker. Thank you.

There being no further discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 18, Announcements, and recognized himself.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: This Tuesday, May 26, 2026, the Legislature will be closed due to mold assessments. I do not know if the Sergeant-at-Arms has the master keys. But if you can leave your doors open, so they can check. I know some of our offices look clean. We have some offices here that they thought was all clear, but they are noticing some things. And some offices are worse than others. So, just a heads up on that. Thank you, Floor Leader, for that reminder. I now recognize Representative Aldan.

Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan: I move to freeze all spending and build us a new building.

There being no further announcements made 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 adjourn was carried by voice vote. There was no "nay" vote.

The House adjourned at 11:30 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:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on April 23, 2026:

H. L. B. NO. 24-56: To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes. REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*). Introduced on April 23, 2026.

H. L. B. NO. 24-57: To re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes. REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*). Introduced on April 23, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE TRACKER (Informational)

Veto Override / Reconsideration Deadlines

None pending.

Executive Appointments Requiring Legislative Confirmation

None pending.

Judicial Rule Review Period

None pending.

