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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Karl R. King-Nabors, issued a session call on August 4, 2025 that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene this open and public session. The notice, the official session call, and the session agenda was filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk; released to the media; and posted at the Entrance Halls of the Office of the Governor, the Senate and the House of Representatives, posted on the Commonwealth Legislature's website at www.cnmileg.net

The Honorable President of the Senate, Karl R. King-Nabors presided.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Good afternoon everyone. I hereby call this First Day, Second Regular Senate session to order. Today is Thursday, August 7th, 2025. The time is 3:05 P.M., here in the Senate Chamber of the Honorable Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building Capitol Hill, Saipan. I'd like to take this time to welcome everybody here today. Before we proceed, I respectfully asked that everybody put their mobile devices on silent mode or turned them off for the viewing public, we are being streamed on cable television, Channel 23, the Senate YouTube page, and the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, Facebook. And with that, I kindly ask for everyone to rise for a moment of silent prayer.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

I now recognize the Clerk to please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members are present and one (1) member absent.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With six members present, we have the requisite number to proceed with today's Senate session. Please let the record reflect that Senator Magofna and Senator Babauta are hereby excused from today's Senate session. Before we proceed any further, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our LB staff supporting us today with today's session. We have our Senate Clerk, Ms. Dolores Bermudes, our Legal Counsel, Ms. Antonette Villagomez, our Sergeant at Arms, Sergeant Benjamin Terlaje, our IT Assistant, Delbert Camacho, and also our Youth Congress Coordinator, Luis John Castro. Also, with us is Senior Legislative Assistant Ms. Jolyn Duenas-Tagabuel and Chanele Borja, who will be our Journal Clerk. And also, with us, our staff from the office of Senator Cruz, Ms. Augusta. Thank you for your presence. Moving on to Item B on the agenda is public comment. This is the section of our agenda where we allow for the public to provide comments on any one of the agenda items. The floor is now open for public comments. Good afternoon, sir. Please state your name and the entity you represent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vin Armani: Hello, Mr. President, honorable Senators. My name is Vin Armani. I'll keep this very brief as I know this is an auspicious occasion. Today, I'm honored today to have the opportunity to give public comment to this distinguished body towards the immediate passage of H.B. 24-13, to amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees. Although our economy is clearly in a state of crisis, we at the Trade Council are hopeful that CNMI can come out of this trying time better than it was before with a diversified economy that can grow at scale and benefit the people of the Commonwealth. One of the reasons that we're hopeful is that the stakeholders at the Department of Commerce led by secretary of Commerce Mafnas have engaged the issue head on with a strategy based on strong economic principles. What we need most are new businesses being established that can source their tax revenue to the Commonwealth. In order to attract and retain these businesses, vigilance needs to be paid to the economic incentives represented by policies and procedures around business formation and licensing H.B. 24-13, represents a step toward making such procedures rational and friendly to businesses exploring relocation to CNMI. Your swift approval of this bill, which has already had a committee appearance and passage, unanimous passage into the House. We'll send a strong signal to the people and to potential new businesses that the Senate is wasting no time in its efforts to generate the revenue needed to pull the government out of its current budgetary whole. The Trade Council humbly asked that you would add this bill to the calendar for action today, and we would ask you honorable senators for your yes vote and immediate passage of H.B. 24-13. Thank you very much.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Mr. Armani. And would you mind, you could provide a copy to the Sergeant at Arms. Thank you so much. Public comment is still open.

Steve K. Mesngon: Buenas dias Mr. Chairman, distinguished miembro guini Legislatura ni Senadot na guma. I na'an hu si Steve Mesngon, Deputy Commissioner for the Department of Fire Emergency Medical Services. Dos atikilu Mr. Chairman and President, the Department Communication No. 24-10 which is in reference to Senate Bill No. 24-33, which is to ensure the amendment of Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Article 1-7 and its code to the chains of the structure of the department position wise in reflect to the passage I urge this whole body to kindly

pot fabot en supoppota este na bill na amenda pot man dinanche i suguron i na'aña hayi siha posision para hu reflektá i patamianto ni dinanche na mañera lao enao na Mr. President and Chairman i este gue un supoppota. Dankolo en supoppota gagao'gao i suppotan miyo un kao siña en nahe chansa en suguro na ta dinanche mona na atikilu en basa mas na fina maolek gi patamianto i fire ya gilao enao en nahe ham talo dankolo na suppotasion na este yan en supoppota sientu pot sientu i patamianto yan guaha lokkue buente gi man hu loffan na halom testimony hu en supoppota este na atikilu i Senate Bill 24-33. Si Yu'us Ma'ase en ni aktimu bei fan nahe dankolo'n na Si Yu'us Ma'ase ni offisinin gobietno na i man lottu debi un kontinua ma representayi lokkue talo Luta ya hu gagagao congralusion talo na ganpugontati si Senator Paul en Municipat islan Luta yan ma kontinua lokkue representasion para i taotao mame Luta ya guilo enao gagagao dankolo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase i gobietno'ta yan i gobietno David Apatang yan si former Senate President Dennis Mendiola nai guaha kofiensa pata kontinua demokrasia un na bansa mona i tano'ta yan todo i Marianas. *Si Yu'us Ma'ase* Mr. Chairman.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase* Mr. Mesngon.

Commissioner of DFEMS Juan Pua: *Hafa adai yan tirow* Honorable Senate President and Honorable Senate members. My name is Juan Pua, Commissioner of DFEMS. I'm submitting my written testimonial in full support for the Senate Bill 24-33, to rename key positions within the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services. This amendment is an important step towards recognizing the vital roles of this position, play in providing essential services to our communities. By updating the titles, we not only honor the dedicated professionals who serve in these roles, but also enhance the public understanding and appreciation of their work. Renaming this key position will foster a greater sense of pride and accountability within our emergency services. Ultimately leading to improve morale and effectiveness as they respond to the needs of our community. I appreciate your attention to this important matter, and I urge you and your colleagues to support this amendment. Thank you for your commitment to enhancing public service, and thank you for your leadership. *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase* Commissioner Pua. Public comment is still open. There being none. Public comment is hereby officially closed. If there are no objections from the members, I would like to proceed on to Item N on today's agenda. Reports of Special Conference Committees. No objections. And with that, I would like to recognize our Floor Leader.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Special Committee Report No. 24-02, from the Senate Credential Committee reporting regarding the appointment of Paul A. Manglona to fill a vacancy in the Senate. And given the task of reviewing the credentials of Paul A. Manglona, I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude. U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion and has been seconded for the adoption of Special Committee Report No. 24-02. Before we move on to the discussion, may I kindly ask Sergeant at Arms to please escort Mr. Manglona into the chamber. And with that before we take the vote, I will now the floor is open for discussion, and I would like to recognize Senator Francisco Q. Cruz.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate your Credential Committee is ready to present Special Committee Report No. 24-02 and if there's no objection, I would like to read the full report.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: No objections.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Thank you, Mr. President. This is in reference to Governor's Message No. 24-63, Appointment of Paul A. Manglona. Your Senate Credential Committee to which was referred Governor's Message No. 24-63 regarding the appointment of Paul A. Manglona to fill the vacancy in the Senate and given the task of reviewing the credential of Paul A. Manglona begs leave to report as follows. Your Credential Committee recommends that the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature accept the credential of Paul A. Manglona to serve the remaining term with former Senate President Dennis Mendiola as a senator representing the First Senatorial District in the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. Your Credential Committee finds that due to the untimely passing of Governor Arnold I. Palacios on July 24th, 2025, Senate President Dennis C. Mendiola ascended to the Office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands pursuant to Northern Mariana Islands Constitution, Article 3, Section 7. On July 25th, 2025, Senate President Dennis Mendiola submitted his resignation letter. To newly sworn in Governor David M. Apatang and the Honorable Senators of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, the Senate accepted the resignation of President Mendiola on July 31st, 2025, on the First Day, Fifth Special Senate session, and declared a vacancy in the Senate.

Your Credential Committee finds that Article 2, Section 9 of the NMI Constitution provide provides that if less than one half of the Senate of a Senate member's term remains, the Governor should feel the vacancy by appointing the unsuccessful candidate for the office in the last election who received the largest number of votes and is willing to serve on July 30th, 2025, Governor David M. Apatang appointed. Based on the certified result of the last election held in November, 2024 from the Commonwealth Election Commission, who is the next unsuccessful candidate for the office in the last election, who received the largest number of votes and is willing to serve as a member of the Senate representing the First Senatorial District. On July 21st, 2025, Senate President Karl R. King-Nabors established a Credential Committee and appointed three members to the Committee to which was referred the appointment of Paul A. Manglona to fill the Senate vacancy. Your Credential Committee finds that Article 2, Section 2(c) and (d) of the NMI Constitution require that senators be qualified to vote in the Commonwealth at least 25 years of age, a resident of the Commonwealth at least five years immediately proceeding the date on which the senator takes office and registered to vote in the Senatorial District. Where he or she is candidate is a candidate. Your Credential Committee held a committee on August 4th, 2025 to deliberate and review on the appointment and credentials of Paul A. Manglona to fill the Senate vacancy. After reviewing all the relevant documents and information. Your Credential Committee finds that Paul A. Manglona is qualified to vote in the Commonwealth was born prior to August

4th, 2000. Has been a resident and domiciliary of the CNMI, since at least August 4th, 2020, and is registered to vote in the First Senatorial District. Your Credential Committee further finds that Paul Manglona is the next unsuccessful candidate for the office in the last election who received the largest number of votes and is willing to serve as a member of the Senate representing the First Senatorial District. Accordingly, your Credentials Committee voted to accept both messages from Governor David M. Apatang, specifically Governor's Message No. 24-63 and Governor's Message No. 24-66. Your Credentials Committee finds that Paul A. Manglona meets all the requirements of the NMI Constitution and Commonwealth Code such that there is no provision with which compliance would prohibit the acceptance of his credentials. Your Credentials Committee further finds that it is unaware of any defect in morals or character that would militate against Paul A. Manglona being seated as a member of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Senate. In conclusion, based on the foregoing your Credential Committee recommends that the credentials of Paul A. Manglona be accepted by the full Senate and that he be seated as a member of the Senate to serve the remaining term of former Senate President Dennis C. Mendiola in the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, and that he be granted all the rights, privilege, immunities, and responsibilities are pertinent thereto. In addition, Senate Communication No. 24-92 resignation letter of Senator Dennis C. Mendiola dated July 25th, 2025. Governor's Message No. 24-63 Governor's letter appointing Paul A. Manglona dated July 30th, 2025 and Governor Message No. 24-66 certified results for 2024, First Senatorial District dated August 4th, 2025 are attached to this report. Thank you and I yield back to you Mr. President.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Senator Cruz. The floor is to open for discussion ready, and with that I will kindly ask the Clerk to please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes and one (1) absent.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all six members voting yes, Special Committee Report No. 24-02 is hereby adopted by this body and placing Senator Paul back into the Twenty-Fourth Commonwealth CNMI Legislature. Sergeant at Arms please escort Senator Paul to be seated. At this time, we'll be taking a short recess, but we'll keep the live stream on to go ahead and allow for the to allow Judge Kim to administer the oath. So short recess.

The Senate recessed at 3:23 p.m.

RECESS

The Senate reconvened at 3:29 p.m.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: We rise back and we'll return to Item C, Reading and Approval of the Journal. Oh, my apologies. And please let the record reflect that Senator Paul is hereby present for the remainder of this session. Moving on to Item C of the agenda, Reading and Approval of the Journal. I recognize the Floor Leader.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Senate Journal No. 24-07, First Day, Third Special Session dated June 23rd, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion offered and seconded for the adoption of Senate Journal 24-07. All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Ayes have it. Senate Journal 24-07 is hereby adopted. Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, we have Senate Journal No. 24-08, First Day, Fourth Special Session, dated July 14th, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal 24-08 and has been seconded. Discussions? There being none, I'll go ahead and all in favor, say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Senate Journal 24-08 is hereby adopted. Onto Item D, Messages from the Governor. Recognize the Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have 11 on our agenda 24-55 to 24-67.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussions from any of the members? Being none. Moving on to Item E, Communications from the Judiciary.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

Senate Clerk: We have one, Judiciary Communication No. 24-03.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any discussions from the members? Ready? Item F, Communications from the Heads of Executive Departments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have 2, Department Message No.'s 24-10 and 24-11.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any comments from the members? Ready? Ready? Moving on to Item G, Communications from the House. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

Senate Clerk: We have five on our agenda, 24 42 to 24-50.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any discussions from the members? Ready? Item H, Communications from the Senate. Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have 24-84 to 24-97.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any comments from the members? None. Onto Item I, Communications from CNMI Delegate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Unfinished Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions.

PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

President Karl R. King-Nabors: I'll go ahead and introduce this bill on behalf of the former Senate President. Officially introducing Senate Bill No. 24-42; To establish the CNMI fiscal impact of legislation and for other purposes. Moving on to Item L, Introduction of Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President, formally introducing Senate Resolution No. 24-08, Senate Resolution, to recognize and commend Pamela Yvette M. Sablan for her exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to conservation practices to support the agricultural community in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. And Mr. President, if there is an objection from the members, I respectfully ask that we place this on Resolution Calendar for action today. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: If there are no objections, I'd like to recognize the Floor Leader for the proper motion.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move to suspend pertinent rules to place Senate Resolution 24-08 on today's Resolution Calendar for action.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion to place Senate Resolution 24-08 on today's Resolution Calendar for action. Discussions? Ready? All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Ayes have it. Senate Resolution No. 24-08 is hereby placed on today's Resolution Calendar for adoption. Moving on to Reports from Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Onto the Resolution Calendar. Recognize Floor Leader.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 24-08; To recognize and commend Pamela Yvette M. Sablan for her exceptional contributions and unwavering dedication to conservation practices to support the agricultural community in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of Senate Resolution 24-08 and has been seconded. Discussions? If there are none [...] Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President, just quickly I know that and I appreciate the members consideration. This gentle lady is for those that know her helped in many ways possible

throughout the CNMI over the years. And I think it's only appropriate that upon her separation from the entity this body and the community at large that had an opportunity to work with this person I would understand why this body is recognizing her contribution. So with that, I thank you again for your consideration. Appreciate it.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Senator Hofschneider. Any other members? Okay. All in favor for the adoption of Senate Resolution No. 24-08 say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

Ayes have it. The Senate hereby adopted Senate Resolution 24-08. Onto Item P on the agenda, Bill Calendar.

BILL CALENDAR

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Item Q, Petitions, Memorials and Miscellaneous Communications.

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: None. Onto announcements. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Just quickly, Mr. President, just to remind the Fiscal Affairs Committee that we have a Committee meeting to address the Concurrent Resolution this coming Monday in the Senate chamber August 11, at 1:30 P.M., I just wanted to remind the members to please be here. And of course, Senator Paul Manglona is also going to be part of that Committee. So, you're here by solely notified to be, if you can make it over this coming Monday. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Senator Hofschneider. Recognize Senator Castro.

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to thank our colleagues at the House for their work in passing Senate Bill 24-08; To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Recycling Act of 1999 to establish the Department of Public Works as its proper authority; and for other purposes. This bill is going to help our Commonwealth save a lot of money, and it also puts the cost of litter back onto those responsible for littering. Again, thank you to our members here at the Senate and our members at the House.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Castro. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Another announcement. Respectfully thank you President for the listening public and everyone here to the Mayor of Tinian, the community of Tinian, the leadership wishes to invite everyone here to join us this weekend, beginning Friday. For the BBB celebration.

It's beef, beer and bands and beaches celebration on the island of Tinian. So please come down and join us celebrate the festivity, and we hope to see you there. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to announce to the viewing public, especially those who are on Rota right now. Tomorrow, there is a presentation that will be conducted by a group of archeologists who came from Spain and are doing some research and they've discovered some bones in Mountain Taipingot, otherwise known as the Wedding Cake Mountain. And so, they found bones dating back a thousand years. And so they want to share with the community some of their findings. So, if anyone's interested I can head over to the Mayor's conference hall tomorrow. I think it may be around 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., around that time. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you. Floor Leader. Any other members? Recognize Senator Manglona.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*, Mr. President I know we're under announcement, but I'm just going to ask with the indulgence of the members, if you allow me just two minutes, it's a short statement. Because I know that there are people out there listening in on this session, and if you would allow me under announcement to just very short remark.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any objections from the members? No objections. By all means the floor is yours.

Senator Paul A. Manglona: *Si Yu'us Ma'ase*. First, Mr. President and members, I want to extend my congratulations to you and the new officers of the Senate that were installed just last week. Congratulations to all of you. I'd like to greet all, our friends in the gallery beginning with just Judge Theresa Kim, who swore me in, I want to thank her for joining us and also so many people in the back. But I want to recognize, the special assistant for legislative affairs. I see him here Paul Reyes so that he can extend my congratulations also to the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor to a new Governor and Lieutenant Governor. I see patients from Rota who are here from the guest house. Thank you for joining us here this afternoon, and also a special guest here. I see [inaudible] Palacios Camacho, U.S. Coast Guard Academy. So she's here on summer vacation. I want to recognize her. And of course, my friends, many of them are back there from the McDonald's, Manamko Breakfast Club. They're all here. Two numerous to mention. To the people of the Commonwealth, both here and abroad in Guam, Hawaii and across the mainland U.S.A. Hafa adai *Si Yu'us Ma'ase* for joining us today. I am deeply humbled to be here. And grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our people in the Commonwealth Senate as mandated by our Constitution. Governor David Apatang appointed me to feel the vacancy created by the untimely passing of our beloved Governor Arnold I. Palacios. So I'm here. I was just here three or four months ago because Representative Julie Ogo and the House presented me with a resolution on my retirement. Little did I know that I'm going to be here again very soon after that. But believe it or not. This marks my third vacancy appointment to the Senate. A very rare privilege that I do not take lightly with eight senatorial elections, three vacancy appointments, including this one today. Over a span of over 36 years, I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve our people in the

Commonwealth for such an extended period. That is why today my speech is simply a heartfelt thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase. I want to thank my, I want to express my deepest gratitude to the people of Rota for the honor serving them over the decades. As long as I hold this office, I will give all this with me to put the people first. Si Yu'us Ma'ase, takilo este un nahe yu' ti bei maleffa todos man hito i sakrifision miyo ya ti prometi, hamyo ti man tekkun hamyo. Most of all, I will remember that what the honors mind in representing our people. This Senate seat, as I have always said over the years, belongs to the people we serve. Indeed, it is the people's seat. I know I will not be here without my family, friends, and supporters. Si Yu'us Ma'ase sen guaiya hamyo todo i mafielo si asaguahan niha, i familia siha, familia hao man gaige guini todos guaha man gaige yo' guini yan i man atanghota eyi siha todo tiempo matitiyo. Si Yu'us Ma'ase. Un sen guaiya hamyo todos ya un tungo siha na todo tiempo en na ayuyuda yu ya taya appasu nu hamyo. I would also like to thank my wife Lydia, who presently is in Portland for medical follow up na brabu hao nahe animu mom and also our children for their patience and love. They're my pillars and I'm grateful for their support even from afar. Denny Joy and some of the family members are here, and I know the others are all watching live on Facebook. Pues memorias para hamyo todos. Lastly, I thank Almighty God for the blessings bestowed upon my family and me. I ask for your continued guidance as I serve the people of the Commonwealth. Mr. President and fellow members, we have much work ahead. I'm looking forward to collaborating with each and every one of you. Un tungo na todos na mampos mina sappet guieno huyong gi ta'nota makkat ekonomia mampos nu challenging lao we all have to continue to work together for a prosperous future for our Commonwealth and its people. Pues dankolo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase Mr. President yan members. Si Yu'us Ma'ase taotao Luta yan taotao Marianas entieriamente God bless us all. Thank you so much.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Senator Paul. On behalf of myself and the members of the Senate, we welcome you back. Now moving on. Moving on to adjournment. I recognize the Floor Leader.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move for the adjournment of today's session subject to your call.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adjournment, subject to the call of the chair and has been seconded. All favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

This Senate session is hereby adjourned at 3:44 P.M. Good afternoon everyone.

The Senate session adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chanele C. Borja
Senate Journal Clerk