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In compliance with the Open Government Act, Senate President, Karl R. King-Nabors, issued a session call on August 8, 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 everybody. Welcome to the Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building here on Capitol Hill. I hereby call this Second Day, Second Regular Session to order. Today is Wednesday, August 13th, 2025. The time is 3:03 P.M. It is my honor to welcome everybody here today. Before we proceed any further, I respectfully ask that we take this opportunity to take turn your mobile devices to silent or put them turn them off before we proceed any further. Also, today's session is being streamed live for public view on cable television Channel 23, the Senate's YouTube page, the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature's Facebook page. And with that, I kindly ask that we all rise from a moment of silent in prayer.

A moment of silent prayer was observed.

I would now like to recognize the Clerk to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

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

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

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With seven members present, we have the record the necessary quorum for today's session. Please let the record reflect that Senators Magofna and Babauta are hereby excused from today's session. Before we proceed any further, I would like to recognize the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move to suspend pertinent rules to allow for the Senate President to withdraw legislations from Committees.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There's been a motion and has been seconded for the Senate President to withdraw bills from Committees, and has been seconded. Discussions? Ready. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – Excused
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 Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting yes, the motion hereby passes and the rules are hereby suspended. Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. At this time, I move to suspend pertinent rules to accept unnumbered communications to be included in today's agenda.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Do I hear a second?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There is a motion for the acceptance of unnumbered communications and has been seconded. Discussions from the members? Ready. Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – Excused
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 Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting yes, the unnumbered communications are hereby added to today's agenda and are available for public comment. Before we proceed any further, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize our LB staff that is assisting us with our session today. To my left, our Fiscal Analyst, Mr. Dave Demapan. In front of us right here is Mr. Joe Bermudes, our Legal Counsel, our Senate Clerk, Ms. Dolores Bermudes, our Senior Legislative Assistant, Ms. Jolyn Duenas-Tagabuel, our Senate Journal Clerk, Ms. Chanele Borja, our IT Assistant, Mr. Delbert Camacho, and our Sergeant at Arms, Mr. Benjamin Terlaje. Also, with us here today is our Youth Congress Coordinator, Mr. Luis John Castro. And with that I also like to welcome the various departments that are here today and also the members of the staff of the Senate members. Thank you for bringing in attendance. Moving on to Item B of our agenda, public comments. This is the portion of our agenda where we allow the public to provide comments on any of the agenda items that we have today. Please say your name for the record and the entity that you represent, and also please try to keep your comments to five minutes. Thank you. Public comments is now open.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Regino Celis Jr.: I will be reading off of a prepared comment. Hafa adai and tirow, Honorable Senate President Nabors and Honorable members of the Senate. For the record, my name is Regino Celis Jr. and I am a Gaming Enforcement Agent with the Division of Revenue and Taxations E-Gaming Branch. I am here today to express my strong support for House Bill 24-18, which proposes earmarking \$200,000 annually from electronic gaming license fees for enforcement purposes under the Department of Finance. This funding is critical for three primary reasons. The first reason is strengthening regulatory oversight. The E-gaming sector continues to grow in the CNMI, bringing both economic opportunities and regulatory challenges. The earmark will enable the department to hire and train enforcement personnel, invest in monitoring technology, and conduct more frequent inspections. This will help us ensure that all operators comply fully with the licensing, operational and consumer protection requirements. The second reason is maximizing

revenue collection. Effective enforcement directly supports higher and more consistent revenue collection. When gaming operations are properly monitored and violations address promptly, compliance rates increase. This safeguards the Commonwealth's fiscal interest by ensuring that all due license fees and gaming taxes are collected in full. Okay. Lastly, the third reason is promoting transparency and consumer confidence. The gaming industry's success depends on public trust. By dedicating funds to enforcement, we can maintain integrity in the sector, deter unlawful activity, and ensure fair play. A transparent, well-regulated environment encourages responsible operators to thrive while protecting the public from exploitative or illegal practices. Passing House Bill 24-18, it's not just about funding. It is about investing in the sustainability and credibility of the CNMI's gaming industry. The cost benefit is clear. The earmark will yield significant returns in compliance, revenue, sustainability, and consumer protection. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee and the full Senate to approve House Bill 24-18. It is a practical forward-looking measure that strengthens our enforcement capabilities, supports economic growth and protects public interests. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Mr. Celis. And if you don't mind, could we get a copy of that to the Sergeant at Arms if possible. Thank you. Thank you so much.

Francisco C. Ada: Good afternoon, Mr. President. Senator. I am Francisco C. Ada, Gaming Enforcement Agent, Division of Revenue and Taxation, E-gaming Branch, Department of Finance. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I appear before you, not only as a representative of a regulatory body, but as a steward of public trust in an industry that touches lives, economies, and communities across our Commonwealth. Regulatory enforcement in the casino sector is not a passive function. It is an active daily responsibility that demands diligent expertise and resources. Our mission is clear to ensure that gaming operations are fair, transparent, and safe for all participants. But this mission cannot be fulfilled without adequate funding. Funding is not a luxury. It's the foundation of our effectiveness. It enables us to recruit and retain skilled professionals. Deploy modern compliance technologies and conduct thorough investigations. Without it, we risk falling behind in a rapid evolving landscape where threats for money laundering to digital fraud are increasingly sophisticated equally vital is trading. Our staff must be equipped to recognize red flags, interpret complex financial data. And respond decisively to violations. Training is not a one-time event. It is a continuous investment in competence and integrity. A well-trained regulator is our first line of defense against criminal exploitation and sophisticated systemic failure, the challenges that we face every day. We monitor for money laundering where illicit funds may be funneled. Through gaming operations, we enforce safety protocols to protect patrons and staff. We uphold the integrity of operations, ensuring gains are fair and operators are accountable, and we can confront the human cause of problem gambling, working to prevent addiction and support those affected. These responsibilities are not abstract. They are urgent, real, and growing. The casino industry is dynamic and so must be our oversight. We must be agile, informed, and empowered to act. Today I urge this body to recognize that regulatory enforcement is not just a safeguard. It is a public service. It protects consumers, preserve market integrity, and upholds the rule of law. My colleagues and I humbly ask your support to pass House Bill 24-18 to safety so we can continue to meet its challenges ahead. And ensure that the gaming industry remains a responsible and well-regulated sector. Thank you, Mr. President and Senators. And with that I yield back the balance of my time.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Mr. Ada.

Daniel Alvarez: Good afternoon, everybody. My name is Daniel Alvarez. I'm the Director for Revenue and Taxation. So, I want to talk about the importance of having a strong enforcement branch, the NVC examples of this with the diminished enforcement efforts. This creates a culture of non-compliance within the industry. We see it with taxes and you can see it with E-gaming and you can also see it in the numbers when in FY 2023, if you recall, there was a task force which increased a lot of enforcement efforts in collection as well as regulatory branches such as E-gaming. We've had a big focus on, for example, Poker with a consistent monitoring and presence of enforcement within the establishments. And I'm not going to share every result, but, for example, the tax jackpot taxes had increased in reporting in the number that was reported the fiscal year after that. Of course, that increased effort was unsustainable, so our efforts reduced because of the staff had to work overtime and they had to increase the numbers with volunteers from other departments. And after the fact, we can see that jackpot tax reporting had dropped by almost 50%. So that's an example of just having that presence of enforcement being around increases compliance voluntarily. And even if compliance is not voluntary, with that increased effort, we can catch those who are non-compliant. So, this is why funding for the enforcement effort is important because it creates revenue loss if that, if our enforcement efforts reduce and it creates a culture of non-compliance. And of course, revenue loss really is impactful in terms of operations. So, I just want to make a statement that I support the House Bill 24-18 to earmark \$200,000 to the enforcement branch. And this is not strictly just for gaming regulation because there is training, there is software and equipment. The gaming industry is consistently evolving and the government is going to be lagging behind if we don't get that training or software to monitor and enforce and regulate the gaming industry. This includes auditing as well. In order to audit a gaming industry that does require specialized training. So that would also fund all the training and certifications needed to properly enforce the gaming industry. Alright. Thank you for your time.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Mr. Alvarez. Public comment is still open.

John David Reyes: Hafa adai yan tirow Honorable members of the Senate. My name is John David Reyes and I am the Registrar of Corporations at the CNMI Department of Commerce. And I'm here on behalf of the CNMI Department of Commerce to express support for House Bill 24-13, which was passed unanimously through the House of Representatives and transmit it to the Senate last Thursday, August 7th, 2025. The House Bill is to amend the fee structure of the Office of the Registrar of Corporations to remove the daily penalties which are imposed on businesses for late filing. The legislation proposes to amend Title 4, Division 4, Section 4205 of the Commonwealth Code. And this proposed legislation aligns with the goals of the Department of Commerce to ensure compliance in the annual reporting process and to promote a business-friendly environment in the commonwealth. This proposed, the primary goal of the bill addresses the problem of non-compliance by business entities failing to file their annual corporation reports. The Office of the Registrar of Corporations is aware that many small business owners are unable to or unwilling to pay for the daily penalties by removing the daily penalties and leaving the one-time flat penalty of \$150 for-profit organizations and \$25 for non-profit organizations, this legislation would increase the compliance rate for annual reporting. Our mission is to foster robust, inclusive, and transparent business environment in the CNMI, and the CNMI and the elimination of daily penalties will lead to higher compliance in the annual reporting process. Okay, we've seen

a concerning number of corporate closures directly linked to the burden of daily penalty fees. Data from our office indicates that approximately 25% of dissolutions terminations and withdrawals are tied to these daily penalty fees. As of today, a business entity that has failed to file its 2024 Annual Corporation Report. By the March 1st deadline is required to pay \$1,110 in daily penalty fees alone. We've heard these concerns of our business community, particularly the non-profit sector regarding the financial strain imposed by the current fee structure. House Bill 24-13 represents a positive step towards alleviating this burden, creating a more supportive environment for businesses to thrive. In closing, the CNMI Department of Commerce believes that House Bill 24-13 is a crucial step towards creating a more business friendly environment in the CNMI and we urge for your support in its passage. In these challenging times, every effort we make to ease the strain on our businesses is an investment in the health and future of our community. Supporting this House Bill isn't just a policy, it's about standing alongside the entrepreneurs. Employers and neighbors who keep our economy moving and making sure that they have breathing room and support they need to thrive. We appreciate your opportunity for these comments, and thank you for your leadership and dedication to the Commonwealth Economic Development.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Mr. Reyes. Public comments is this still open. There being none. I'll officially close public comments. And just for the record the item that was discussed on today's public comments was on the agenda for the previous session, but we'll go ahead and keep them on the record. For action in the future for the Committees. Now we're on moving on to Reading and Approval of the Journal. Recognize Floor Leader.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. We have Senate Journal No. 24-09, First Day, Fifth Special Session dated July 31st, 2025. I move for its adoption.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There is a motion for the adoption of Senate Journal No. 24-09 and has been seconded. Discussion by the members? If everybody is ready, Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – Excused
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 Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, six (6) members voting yes, one (1) abstention and two (2) absent.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With six members voting yes and one abstention and two absent. We have the requisite number to adopt the Senate Journal No. 24-09. Messages from the Governor. I recognize the Clerk.

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have two on our agenda 24-68 to 24-69.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussion from the members?

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: In reference to House for communications 24-68. I want to commend the legislation and the bill because it actually provided a fund status with regards to the preparation being made by the Saipan Delegation. So, I appreciate this kind of a product coming from the Office of the Governor whereby they sign a local law and there is an accompanying a certification of funds. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Hofschneider. Any other members? Moving on.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: We have nothing under Item E, Communications from the Judiciary. Nothing under Item F, Communications from Heads of Executive Departments.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS

NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Nothing on Item G, Communications from the House. Oh yes, we do. Under Item G, Communications from the House. I recognize the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have seven on our agenda 24-51 to 24-57.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Recognize Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you Mr. President. This is pertaining to House Communication 24-52. I appreciate the Rev and Tax coming in to provide their support. This bill would be going into Committee, but like what Senator Jude had mentioned in regards to the Saipan

Local Law, House Bill 24-18 did not provide a fund status report. And while this bill was introduced back in March this account may have, brought in additional revenue. And so, if we can get the support of the director to assist the committee in providing an updated fund status as of today so that we can appropriate all monies that are in there to assist the department with their needs. But again, this is something that we'll be discussing in Committee and just to help expedite the process once we get that fund certification, we can. Discuss how we can appropriate additional monies. That's all I wanted to bring up. Thank you, Mr. President.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Floor Leader. Discussions from any of the members? Being none. On Item H, Communications from the Senate. Recognize the Clerk.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE

Senate Clerk: Mr. President, we have three on our agenda 24-98 to 24-101.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Discussion? There being none. We'll move on to Item I, Communications from the Delegate.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DELEGATE NONE

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There is none on Item J. Item K, Pre-filed Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions.

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PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Item L, Introduction of Bills, Initiatives, Local Bills and Resolutions. I would now like to recognize Senator Manny Castro.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Manny G.T. Castro: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like, would like to introduce an unnumbered Senate Local Bill. A Local Bill For An Act; To rename part of Routes 30 and Route 33 "Governor Arnold I. Palacios Memorial Highway" in honor of the former late Governor Arnold I. Palacios and for other purposes.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you, Senator Castro. Any other members? Moving on. Item M, Reports of Standing Committees.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Item N, Reports from Special and Conference Committees.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There are none. Under Item O, Resolution Calendar. I now recognize the Floor Leader.

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Mr. President, thank you. We have House Concurrent Resolution 24-2; To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and Title 1, Division 7, of the Commonwealth Code, for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026. I move for its adoption.

Senator Francisco Q. Cruz: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion for the adoption of House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2 and has been seconded. We're now open for discussion. I recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President, and I like to offer an amendment to the Concurrent Resolution as stated by the Floor Leader. I believe all the members have a copy. That essentially is the work that your Committee on Fiscal Affairs have been addressing this the last few days. Last couple days, I wish to offer such amendment and I just need to get a second so that I can enumerate what changes that was made. Give me a second.

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Second.

The motion has been seconded.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: There has been a motion and has been seconded. Under discussion. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you, Mr. President. Just a brief history of the process to which the Concurrent Resolution a chain of events. April 1st, 2025 Governor Arnold Palacios submitted Fiscal Year 2026 and proposed budget identifying projected resources of \$179,701,969 million for the Commonwealth Government and related agencies. On July 14, during First Day, Fourth Special Session of the House of Representatives, Representative John Paul Sablan formerly introduced House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2. And that is to define and identify general revenue and approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana

Islands as identified under Article 3, Section 9(a) of the Constitution as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7 for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1st, 2025, and ending September 30th, 2026. Accordingly, the House adopted House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2 in its original form, and it was transmitted to the Senate on July 15. Your Committee on Fiscal Affairs conducted a Committee hearing and we invited the Secretary of Finance, Tracy Norita, Office of Management and Budget, Special Assistant Ms. Vicky, Marianas Visitors Authority, Managing Director Jamica Tajeron, and the Hotel Association of Northern Mariana Islands HANME Chairman [inaudible], as well as the Commonwealth Ports Authority acting Executive Director Frederick Pangelinan. During the budget deliberation or the deliberation of the product your Committee had arrived with, the necessary amendments to provide the full board for the Senate today for this position. And I would like to read out the amendments include the title, change to reflect amendments opted by the Committee. And I just want to go ahead and do it for consistency to approve revenue and resources of the Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands as identified under Article 3, Section 9(a) of the Constitution as amended the Title 1, Division 7 of the Commonwealth Code for Fiscal Year 2026, October 1, 2025, and ending September 30, 2026. We reverted back to the House Concurrent Resolution format of identifying special revenues, and we also, the Committee removed the definition of general revenues, which has been clearly defined by the Supreme Court. And corrected any reference of public laws have identified earmarks inserting proper statutory citations. We correctly identified the corporation fees earmarked that was overstated by approximately \$33,900 by the House, which identified a 100%, which represents \$135,508 in dollar figure of the funds. But the earmark only accounts for 75%. Which is representative of a 101 and \$698,000 of the fees collected. This changes the subtotal of identified earmarks from \$10,374, \$653,000 or \$10,000,000 million, I'm sorry, to \$10,340,753 while subsequently changing the total resources available for appropriation from \$127,455,066 to \$127,488,966, we further inserted a notwithstanding clause under MVA earmark funds to provide \$175,000 to the First, Second, and Third Senatorial Districts respectively, and it's reflective on the product. Each Senatorial District \$175,000, and removed all earmarks identified with a zero value. Simply meaning that the house proposed to suspend these identified earmarks, which does not change the subtotal of the identified earmarks in the House Concurrent Resolution. So, we removed any reference to MPLT investment, proposed proposal loan of \$29,000,000 million. It is the position of the Senate that this matter must be addressed in a separate legislation and approved by both Houses of the Legislature and should not be embedded in the House Concurrent Resolution. And the clarifying references to the total resource available for a corporation which are general revenue or for the Department of Public Lands are not local revenues. So with that, Mr. President, I so move and request this body to adopt this product and I yield back. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any other members for discussion? I would like to now ask the Clerk to please call the roll on the amendments or the substitute. I'm sorry.

CLERK called the roll with the following results:

Senator Celina R. Babauta	Absent – Excused
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 Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting yes, the substitute is hereby adopted. Back to the main motion. Clerk, please call the roll. Oh, I'm sorry. Under discussion. Recognized Senator Hofschneider.

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Mr. President, I appreciate the second go around recognition. I do want to give my appreciation on behalf of the Committee to the participating agencies that were called to discuss this particular document that we are about to dispose as well as our staff. The LB staff, the office staff for their assistance throughout the process. And I do want to remind the staff and all the agencies out there that there will be some hearings that will be caught on by this Committee and which will be announced at a later date. So again, to everyone that have participated to allow the Senate members to arrive with the product that we're about to dispose today. Thank you, Mr. President, I yield back.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Chairman Hofschneider, and I too would like to share that same sentiment. I'd like to express my gratitude and this year thank you to all the members of the Committee, all the attendees, the different agencies, also the LB staff for the tireless work to give us to help us come to this product. And with that, I'll finally, kindly ask the Clerk to call the roll.

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Senator Ronnie M. Calvo	Yes
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Senator Jude U. Hofschneider	<i>Hunggan</i> (Yes)
Senator Corina L. Magofna	Absent – Excused
Senator Donald M. Manglona	Yes
Senator Paul A. Manglona	Yes
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors (President)	Yes

CLERK: Mr. President, seven (7) members voting yes.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: With all seven members voting yes, House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2 is hereby adopted in the form of Senate Substitute one. Moving on to the agenda. Bill Calendar.

BILL CALENDAR
NONE

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

PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS
NONE

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Any members? None. Announcements. Recognize Senator Hofschneider.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senator Jude U. Hofschneider: Thank you Mr. President. Staying on the agenda just to notify the members of the Fiscal Affairs Committee that we'll be having our first budget hearing, and it's going to happen next week, Monday and Tuesday on the island of Tinian. And then the second one will be on August 21st and 22nd on the island of Luta. The requisite announcement and invitation has already been sent out. I ask that we participate in these important meetings with both as an auditor district. Thank you.

President Karl R. King-Nabors: Thank you Chairman Hofschneider. Any other members? There being none. I recognize the Floor Leader for the proper motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Donald M. Manglona: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time, I move to adjourn 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 to adjourn today's session subject to the call of the President and has been seconded. All in favor say aye. All opposed say nay.

All members voiced, "aye".

The ayes have it. This session is adjourned at 3:37 P.M. Good afternoon everybody.

The Senate session adjourned at 3:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Chanele C. Borja
Senate Journal Clerk