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MINISTRY OF STATE

Mr. KOMURA Masahiro, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister Parliamentary Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs, paid a courtesy call with His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, and ended with a bilateral meeting with The Honorable Gustav N. Aitaro, Minister of State.



L-R: The Honorable Ngiraibelas Tmetuchl, Minister of Human Resources, Culture, Tourism, & Development, The Honorable Steven Victor, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, & the Environment, His Excellency Surangel S. Whipps, Jr., President of the Republic of Palau, The Honorable KOMURA Masahiro, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, The Honorable Gustav N. Aitaro, Minister of State, and His Excellency ORIKASA Hiroyuki, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Palau



L-R: Mr. Jeffrey Antol, Director of the Bureau of Foreign Affairs and Trade, The Honorable Gustav N. Aitaro, Minister of State, The Honorable KOMURA Masahiro, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency ORIKASA Hiroyuki, Ambassador of Japan to the Republic of Palau, and Mr. NANAŌ Eiichiro, Executive Assistant to the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs

PALAU NATIONAL CONGRESS

NATIONAL CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

The Senate, 11th Olbiil Era Kelulau

14th Regular Session 3rd Day

May 02, 2024 2:00 p.m.

Bill Calendar:

A. First Reading:

SB 11-104 – *“To add Chapter 11 to Title 20 of the Palau National Code to establish labeling requirements with respect to allergenic substances in foods, and for other related purposes”*

- PASSED AND ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE (HSW) CHAIRED BY SENATOR STEVENSON J. KUARTEI

SB 11-105 – *“To amend Section 2040 of Title 33 of the Palau National Code to allow Bureau of Public Safety Officers the option to retire after thirty (30) years of service and, for other related purposes”*

- PASSED AND ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS (JGA) CHAIRED BY FLOOR LEADER SECILIL ELDEBECHEL.

SB 11-106 – *“To create a comprehensive cybersecurity system in the Republic of Palau and for other related purposes”*

- PASSED AND ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS, CYBERSECURITY, AND TECHNOLOGY (CIPCT) CHAIRED BY SENATOR TJ IMRUR REMENGESAU

HB 11-128-13S, HD1 – *“To amend Title 12 of the Palau National Code to modernize and update the Corporations Law of the Republic of Palau, and for other related purposes”*

- PASSED AND ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON BANKING, INSURANCE, & OTHER FINANCIAL MATTERS (BIFM) CHAIRED BY SENATOR LENTCER BASILIUS

B. Second Reading: NONE

C. Third Reading: NONE

Resolution Calendar:

A. Referral:

SJR No. 11-51 – *To encourage the Executive Branch, the Office of the President of the Republic of Palau and the Ministry of Finance to establish a Palau Credit Bureau”*

- ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND FINANCIAL MATTERS (WMFM) CHAIRED BY SENATOR RUKERAI KIKUO INABO

B. Adoption:

SR 11-184 – *“Confirming the presidential reappointment of Mr. Timothy Gabriel Ungilbesul Udui to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Belau Submarine Cable Corporation for a term of four (4) years”*

- ADOPTED

SR 11-185 – *“Confirming the presidential reappointment of Mr. Conrad Ellechel to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Belau Submarine Cable Corporation for a term of four (4) years”*

- ADOPTED

Adjourned at 5:01 p.m. Subject to call of the chair.

STATE GOVERNMENTS
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11th Sonosorol State Legislature
Installation Session Day
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Sonsorol State Legislature Chamber, Meyuns, Koror

1. Adoption of Temporary Rules of Procedure
 - ADOPTED
 2. Election of Temporary Speaker
 - Legislator-Elect Chelsea Pedro
 3. Create Credential Committee
 - ADOPTED
 4. Adoption of Credential Committee Report
 - ADOPTED
 5. Introduction of Resolution
SSL Res No. 11-1 – *“Approving the qualifications of the members of the Tenth Sonosorol State Legislature”*
 - ADOPTED
 6. Adoption of Resolution of Credentials
 - ADOPTED
- Recess until 2:00 p.m.

Oath Taking Ceremony
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
Palau Supreme Court, Koror, Palau



Installation Session Day
Wednesday, May 1, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
Sonsorol State Legislature Chamber, Meyuns, Koror

Resume

1. Adoption of Permanent Rules
 - ADOPTED
2. Election of Permanent Officers

SPEAKER – Legislator Alexander Sumor
VICE SPEAKER – Legislator Leo Pedro
FLOOR LEADER – Legislator Nicholas Aquino

3. Bill Calendar: NONE
 4. Resolution Calendar:
 5. SSL Res No. 11-01-1 – *“Approving the qualifications of the members of the Tenth Sonsorol State Legislature”*
 - ADOPTED
 - SSL Res. No. 11-2-1 – *“Appointment of Presiding Officers of Eleventh Sonsorol State Legislature”*
 - ADOPTED
- Adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Subject to call of the chair.

11th Kelulul Ngardmau
2nd Regular Session, 25th Day
Thursday, May 2, 2024 6:30 p.m.

Bill Calendar:

- A. First Reading: NONE
- B. Second Reading:
 1. KN Bill No. 10-24-2022, LD1 – *“To establish Ngardmau Housing Authority (NHA) with the responsibility to plan for, develop, implement and manage Ngardmau Housing project for the benefit of the people of Ngardmau, and for other related purposes”*
 - PASSED
 2. KN BILL NO. 10-30-2024, LD1 – *“To establish comprehensive regulations for the conduct of elections in Ngardmau State, in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Ngardmau State Constitution, to ensure transparency, fairness, and integrity in the electoral process for the office of the Governor and members of the Kelulul Ngardmau; and for other related purposes”*
 - PASSED
- C. Third Reading:
 1. KN Bill No. 10-24-2022, LD1 – *“To establish Ngardmau Housing Authority (NHA) with the responsibility to plan for, develop, implement and manage Ngardmau Housing project for the benefit of the people of Ngardmau, and for other related purposes”*
 - PASSED
 2. KN BILL NO. 10-30-2024, LD1 – *“To establish comprehensive regulations for the conduct of elections in Ngardmau State, in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Ngardmau State Constitution, to ensure transparency, fairness, and integrity in the electoral process for the office of the Governor and members of the Kelulul Ngardmau; and for other related purposes”*
 - PASSED

Resolution Calendar: NONE

Adjourned at 9:34 p.m. Next session is on May 7, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kelulul Ngardmau Chamber.

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