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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, Third Regular Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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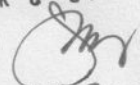
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 05 January 2022
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 3rd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 1st Day, 3rd Regular Session for Wednesday, 12 January at 10:00 a.m. in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Third Regular Session	Wednesday, January 12, 2022	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

Sixth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – December 20, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-91

To amend the Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2022 (Public Law 22-08) to establish a business unit and properly fund the Retirees' Bonus; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-29

To re-appropriate Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty cents (\$9,784.20) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-23; One Thousand One Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Twenty Cents (\$1,149.20) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-19; and Twelve Dollars and Fifty-Five Cents (\$12.55) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-09; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself, and Representative Richard T. Lizama*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

H. J. R. No. 22-12

To strongly encourage and endorse the issuance of a new local economic impact payment to provide direct and expedited financial relief to qualified households of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the expansion of eligibility for premium pay “bonuses” for essential workers in the government and private sector.

Prefiled by: REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. J. R. No. 22-13

To authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) to receive and administer \$15 million dollars as a sub-recipient of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund from the American Rescue Plan Act and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 22-100: (12/6/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, at the Capital Improvement Program to receive an annual salary of \$120,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 22-101: (12/21/2021) Gilbert J. Birnbrich, Legal Counsel, Office of the Governor, re: *Membership and Procedures of the Special Committee Considering Impeachment Resolution*. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 22-102: (1/7/2022) Submitting a copy of Mr. Ramon S. Basa *résumé*, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and drug test receipt. [*Deadline: 2/28/2022-Note: Gov- Appt of Mr. Basa is jointly referred to the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications and the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations for disposition on 12/20/2021*].

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-65: (12/15/2021) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 22-04, entitled, “*Expressing support to implement the participation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana*”

Islands in the small community air service programs offered by the United States Department of Transportation.”, which was adopted by the Senate on December 15, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-66: (12/15/2021) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 22-05, entitled, “*Approving the Governor’s request to create a new program and business unit for retiree bonuses and to reprogram \$1.3M dollars from the general fund for the payment of the retirees’ \$500.00 bonuses.*”, which was adopted by the Senate on December 15, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-68: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-12, entitled, “*To recognize and commend Julliah Lorraine H. Santos for her unyielding commitment to serve as a passionate entrepreneur and a proud advocate for the deaf community in the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands.*”, which was adopted by the Senate on December 15, 2021. [**For info**]

SEN. COMM. 22-69: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 22-01, entitled, “*Commending the life and selfless contributions of the late Glicerio “Eli” Del Mundo Arago, Honorary Consul of the Philippines for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to pay tribute for his many years of dedication and exceptional acts of distinguished service.*”. [**For info**]

SEN. COMM. 22-70: (12/28/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of S. J. R. NO. 22-02, entitled, “*A Senate Joint Resolution commending the life and selfless contributions of the late Glicerio “Eli” Del Mundo Arago, Honorary Consul of the Philippines for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to pay tribute for his many years of dedication and exceptional acts of distinguished service.*”. [**For info**]

SEN. COMM. 22-71: (12/28/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of S. J. R. NO. 22-03, entitled, “*A Senate Joint Resolution to recognize and commend Gordon Ichihara Marciano for his significant contributions and years of selfless dedication to preserve, promote, and protect the indigenous cultures of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*”. [**For info**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-59: (12/21/2021) From the Speaker re: *Appointment of Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment (H. RES. NO. 22-14) Vice Speaker Attao (To serve as Chair) with the following members: Reps. Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler* .[**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-60: (12/29/2021) From Representative Sheila J. Babauta informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from December 28, 2021—January 6, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during her absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-61: (1/4/2022) From Representative Yangetmai informing the Speaker that she will be out of the office on personal leave beginning January 5, 2022—January 11, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during her absence. [**For info**]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-38: From the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) re: *Performed observation and walkthrough of the Rota Municipal Treasury's (RMT) cash management system process (October 6 to October 8, 2021).* [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-39: From the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) re: *Performed observation and walkthrough of the Tinian Municipal Treasury's (RMT) cash management system process (October 7 to October 8, 2021).* [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-40: (12/29/2021) From the Secretary, Department of Public Works (S-DPW) re: *Updating long range CNMI Highway Master Plan; to provide feedback on specific locations for the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota, visit the [cnmi highway masterplan](#) by January 22, 2022.* [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-85: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-4, entitled, *"To recognize and honor Dr. Francois Claassens for over 35 years of selfless service as a medical professional around the world and most especially to the people of the Commonwealth."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on December 9, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-86: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-5, entitled, *"To honor and commend Daisy Frances Atalig Quitugua, Principal of Sinapalo Elementary School, for over 25 years of selfless service in the field of education as we recognize October 2021 as "National Principals Month"."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on December 9, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-87: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-6, entitled, *"To honor and congratulate Kari Beth Van Gorp Camacho upon the occasion of her selection as the Teacher of the Year of Sinapalo Elementary School and to recognize her role and contributions as a teacher for over 17 years and the countless hours dedicated to help our children reach their full potential."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on December 9, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-88: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-7, entitled, *"to honor and commend Denise Tanya King, Principal of Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School, for over 32 years of selfless service in the field of education as we recognize October 2021 as "National Principals Month."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on December 9, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-89: (12/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of RLD Resolution No. 22-8, entitled, *"To amend Rule III of the Official Rules of the Rota Legislative Delegation to authorize a member to participate electronically in a meeting, public hearing, or session."*, which was adopted by the Rota Legislative Delegation on December 9, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-90: (1/3/2022) From the Marianas Alliance of Non-governmental Organizations (MANGO) on the distribution of CNMI ARPA funds for Nonprofits. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (1)

SP. C. R. NO. 22-1: From your Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment Reporting on H. RES. NO. 22-14, entitled, “Impeaching Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth for commission of felonies, corruption, and neglect of duty, in violation of Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth” *Your Special Investigating Committee on Impeachment recommends that the full membership of the House shall decide upon H. RES. NO. 22-14.*

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, HD1	A Bill for an Act to waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 22-28]	
H. B. No. 22-7	A Bill for an Act to provide clarity relative to the crime of promoting prison contraband, or otherwise known as the Contraband Reform Act of 2021; and for other purposes. [No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of February 19, 2021; March 16, 2021; and December 20, 2021]	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 22-28: To amend Saipan Local Law 22-6, Section 101(a) to restructure the local license fee imposed on all electronic gaming devices as defined in Title 6 section 3154(a) (4), located within the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on December 20, 2021.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 22-26: To authorize, establish, and regulate casino gambling within the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on October 29, 2021.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
December 20, 2021:*

H. B. No. 22-85: To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 7 of the Commonwealth Code by permitting private employers to exercise a voluntary veterans' preference in employment relating to veterans' relief; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, and Donald M. Manglona) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

H. B. No. 22-86: To amend 1 CMC Section 26018 Amendment of Vital Records. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, and Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. No. 22-87: To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex, gender identity, and sexual orientation, to be known as the CNMI Equality Act or *Åktun Achá-Parehu or Alléghúl Aweewepagh* of 2021. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, (Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 22-88: To amend 1 CMC §§8222-8223 to clarify the provision of official residences for eligible elected officials as well as implement a reasonable cap on the amount of utility charges allowed per month; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, (Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 22-89: To exempt pre-existing village and agricultural homestead structures, existing from January 1985 to January 2000, that are encroaching on public lands; and for other purposes. Introduced by JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 22-90: To create a "CNMI Road & Highway Regulatory Signs" account separate from the general fund; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on December 20, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications and to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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H. RES. NO. 22-13: To honor and commend the late Maya Kara for her relentless dedication and selfless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to extend our heartfelt condolences to her bereaved family on her untimely passing. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, (Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on December 20, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 22-14: Impeaching Ralph Deleon Guerrero Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, pursuant to Article II, Section 8 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth for commission of felonies, corruption, and neglect of duty, in violation of Article III, Section 19 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, (Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on December 20, 2021.

C. RES. NO. 22-5: To honor and commend the late Glicerio "Eli" Del Mundo Arago for his countless contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, (Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on December 20, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: