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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 Special Session
Date and Time: Monday, June 13, 2022, at 2:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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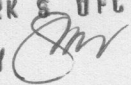
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 07 June 2022
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 3rd Special 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 Special Session for Monday, 13 June 2022 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2022

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Third Special Session	Monday, June 13, 2022	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (None)**
- INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-104

To amend Title 1, Division 8 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new Chapter to enact provisions associated with public corruption, official misconduct, other unlawful influence and related offenses for public officials; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-35

To appropriate \$140,000.00 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. No. 22-36

To make supplemental appropriations for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission for Fiscal Year 2022 pursuant to 10 CMC § 2581 [Tinian Local Law 21-9] and 1 CMC § 1405(a) [Public 11-17].

Prefiled by: **REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

H. L. I. No. 22-2

To amend Article III, Section 12 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of a Public Auditor; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin K. Propst, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 22-20

To strongly urge Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to issue a new \$1,000 Commonwealth Utilities Corporation utilities voucher to provide much needed financial relief to all qualified households in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. CORINA L. MAGOFNA of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

H. RES. NO. 22-21

To remember and honor the Late Elias Parong Sablan for his munificent dedication, contributions, and sacrifices that left an indelible impact in the lives of the people of Saipan by being one of the very first island local leaders to organize the political, social, and economic trajectory of Saipan post-World War II and steered the progress for the people of Saipan to return to self-sufficiency.

Prefiled by: REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-130: (5/26/2022) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Nicolette Deleon Guerrero Villagomez, Civil Engineer, at the Office of Infrastructure and Recovery Program to receive an annual salary of \$90,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-95: (5/31/2022) Returning H. J. R. 22-15, entitled, “*To recognize Community College Month in the month of April and to commend the Northern Marianas College for the reaffirmation of its accreditation for a historic eight-year term and its contributions to the workforce development needs of the Commonwealth.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on May 26, 2022. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-96: (5/31/2022) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 22-11, entitled, “*Requesting Governor Torres and the Secretary of Finance to provide ARPA funds for a bonus for*

government and private employees who did not receive a bonus.”, which was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2022. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-97: (5/31/2022) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. NO. 22-12, entitled, *“To acknowledge and commemorate Cielo Gutierrez Long for her unselfish contributions to the community as a scholar and a member of the 17th and 18th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2022. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-98: (5/31/2022) Returning H. B. No. 22-22, HD1, entitled, *“To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.”*, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on May 26, 2022, in the form of **H. B. No. 22-22, HD1, SD1**. [**For action on Senate amendments**]

SEN. COMM. 22-99: (6/2/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-22, entitled, *“To acknowledge and honor Marian Aldan-Pierce for her passionate and devoted contributions to her profession, our community and the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2022. [**For info**]

SEN. COMM. 22-100: (6/2/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 22-23, entitled, *“To recognize and honor Jose Dela Cruz for his devoted contributions to agricultural practices on the island of Tinian and the entire Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2022. [**For info**]

SEN. COMM. 22-101: (6/2/2022) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 22-02, entitled, *“To recognize and commend Mr. David Mangarero Sablan for his notable accomplishments, tireless service, and remarkable contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the people.”*, which was adopted by the Senate on May 26, 2022. [**For info**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-85: (5/31/2022) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from June 2—June 5, 2022 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-86: (6/2/2022) From Representative Staffler informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business from June 5—June 10, 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 – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-119: (6/2/2022) From Youth Congress Senator/Vice-Speaker Liekeila’akata T. Iakopo, 18th CNMI Youth Congress, informing of her resignation effective Wednesday, June 15, 2022 to pursue her educational and career endeavors. [**For info**]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (3)

S. C. R. No. 22-48: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-86 entitled: “To amend 1 CMC Section 26018 Amendment of Vital Records.” *Your Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-86, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 22-49: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-87 entitled: “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.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-87 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-59 ~~50~~: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-102 entitled: “To exempt public corporations and autonomous agencies from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-102, HS1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
S. B. No. 22-59	A Bill for an Act to rename the Tinian Head Start/Early Head Start Center the “Magdalena M. Hofschneider Head Start/Early Head Start Center.	

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:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
May 25, 2022:*

H. B. No. 22-102: To exempt public corporations and autonomous agencies from paying the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Corina L. Magofna, Donald M. Manglona, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Ralph N. Yumul) on May 25, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[ADDED-5/25/2022] H. B. No. 22-103: To amend P.L. 16-10 section 2 to allow for the construction of a regulation basketball court and volleyball court. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on May 25, 2022; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. No. 22-33: To appropriate one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) from the poker licensing fee account (specifically under BU 3302); and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Donald M. Manglona of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself) on May 25, 2022.

H. L. B. No. 22-34: To appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000.00) from the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Reserve account (specifically under BU 2301); and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Donald M. Manglona of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself) on May 25, 2022.

House information on deadlines for override: