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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 Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>House of Representatives Fifth Day, Third Regular Session</b>
<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>Friday, March 16, 2018, at 9:30 AM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill</b>

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE : 12 March 2018  
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan   
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 5<sup>th</sup> Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **5<sup>th</sup> Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session for Friday, 16 March 2018 at 9:30 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
LB Director  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2018**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5th Day, Third Regular Session	Friday, March 16, 2018	9:30 a.m.

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

*A Moment of Silence*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - (None)**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**A. House Bills:**

**H. B. No. 20-159**

To eliminate the required leave for government employees after candidate certification.

**Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Vinnie F. Sablan)

**H. B. No. 20-160**

To enact a provision to provide tax incentives for employers who hire individuals with special needs.

**Prefiled by: REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

**B. House Local Bills:**

**C.     *House Legislative Initiatives:***

**5.     INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A.     *House Resolutions:***

**H. RES. NO. 20-20**

To congratulate and honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2018 proclaimed as CNMI Women's Month and March 8<sup>th</sup> as International Women's Day.

**Prefiled by: REP. JANET U. MARATITA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself, Representative Alice S. Igitol*)

**H. RES. NO. 20-21**

To honor †Tomas A. Camacho, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa for his unwavering dedication and relentless services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to extend our sincere condolences to his bereaved family on his untimely passing.

**Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

**H. RES. NO. 20-22**

To honor and commend the late Frances Fibar Rebuenog for her unwavering dedication and extensive length of service to the Commonwealth in the field of law enforcement and to extend our heartfelt condolences to her bereaved family on her untimely passing.

**Prefiled by: REP. JANET U. MARATITA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself, Representative Alice S. Igitol*)

**H. RES. NO. 20-23**

To recognize and commend the Chamorro Hands in Education Links Unity (CHE'LU) Organization for their continuous contributions to the community in their efforts to preserve and promote the Chamorro culture and language.

**Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representative Alice S. Igitol*)

*B. House Joint Resolutions:*

*C. House Commemorative Resolutions:*

*D. House Concurrent Resolutions:*

## **6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 20-163: (2/16/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-135, SD4, ("To amend Public Law No. 20-11, Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act to reflect the revised Fiscal Year 2018 Operations Budget for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation."). Became **Public Law 20-41** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-164: (3/1/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-147, HS1, HD1, SD4, ("To appropriate twenty-four million, twenty-six thousand, fifty-six dollars and thirty-five cents (\$24,026,056.35) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308."). Became **Public Law 20-42** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-165: (3/2/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-140, HD1, SD1, ("Designate DCCA Administrator Authority for Respite Services Program."). Became **Public Law 20-43** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-166: (3/2/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-22, ("Managaha Lane & Papaungan Lane - Street Naming."). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-20** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-167: (3/2/18) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Nicole Babauta, Administrator, at the Department of Commerce, to receive an annual salary of \$53,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-168: (1/26/18 received 3/9/18) **Executive Order 2018-1** – Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater services.

GOV. COMM. 20-169: (2/28/18 received 3/9/18) **Executive Order 2018-2** – Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater services.

GOV. COMM. 20-170: (3/7/18) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Sami Saati, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender, to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-171: (3/7/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-47, S1, D1, ("To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 to allow adult gaming machines to be

operated within certain areas zoned mixed commercial.”). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-21** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-172: (3/7/18) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. NO. 20-55, S1, (To appropriate \$1,402,810.12 specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56; and for other purposes.). Became **Rota Local Law 20-8 item vetoed** [*Deadline 5/6/18*]

GOV. COMM. 20-173: (3/8/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-69, HS1, SD1, (“To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-44** [*For info*]

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-146: (2/27/18) Appointing its Members to the Conference Committee on **H. B. No. 20-102, HD1, SS1**, entitled, “To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC §1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.”

SEN. COMM. 20-147: (3/1/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-24 entitled, “Conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Jose Santos Rios and to memorialize his outstanding contributions and public service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-148: (3/1/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-25 entitled, “Celebrating February 28, 2018 as CNMI Women’s proclamation signing and to commemorate and honor all women in the Commonwealth for their remarkable achievements and contributions.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 22, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-149: (3/9/18) Returning H. B. No. 20-42 (To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on March 8, 2018. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-150: (3/9/18) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-1 (Respectfully requesting the Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. James Aldan Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works to reserve at least \$850,000.00 from the Federal Highway Funds for Fiscal Year 2017, \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018, and \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 for the A&E design and construction of roads, drainage and water catchment tanks from Capitol Hill to Mt. Tapochau and Chalan Galaide to Navy Hill including lateral roads; and for other purposes.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on March 8, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-151: (3/9/18) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. No. 20-5, entitled, “A Senate Joint Resolution approving the Northern Mariana Islands Proposed Rules for *In Forma*

*Pauperis* of the Judiciary of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2018. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-152: (3/9/18) Returning H. B. NO. 20-141, entitled, “To give the Department of Finance the authority to pay the obligated 25% retiree death benefit payments due to the survivors of CNMI deceased retirees.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on March 8, 2018, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-141, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 20-153: (3/12/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-26 entitled, “To recognize and congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College graduate Maria Louise Gabriela Marinas Atrero, on passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.”, which was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-154: (3/12/18) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-27 entitled, “To mourn the loss of the late Bishop Emeritus Tomas Aguon Camacho of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa on his untimely passing, to express a sincere condolences to his bereaved family and to pay tribute for his profound contributions and dedication to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2018. [*For info*]

## **8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 20-98: (3/1/18) From Representative Blanco informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Sunday, March 4, 2018 to Friday, March 9, 2018 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-99: (2/22/18) From the Speaker informing the Senate President of the change of composition of the Chairperson of the House Conference Committee on **H. B. NO. 20-102, HD1, SS1**, entitled, “To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC §1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.”, appointing Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero to serve as Chair.

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – None**

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None**

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None**

## **12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - (1)**

**S. C. R. NO. 20-108:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-152, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to authorize and empower the Governor to request that the Secretary of the Interior transfer administration of the American Memorial Park to the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-152 in its current form.*

**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

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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***APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS***

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 20-60: To amend Article 9, Section 902(c) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by granting the Saipan Zoning Board with the authority to exempt temporary residential structures of the parking requirements. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 27, 2018.



**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 20-57: To require all future developments within the Third Senatorial District to have the necessary infrastructure prior to request for any rezoning of an area; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 16, 2018.

H. L. B. NO. 20-58: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 19 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, and Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero) on February 16, 2018.

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on  
February 27, 2018:*

H. B. NO. 20-156: To establish the level of funding for the Legislature and provide the Legislature with control of the expenditure of funds appropriated for its operations. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 27, 2018; subsequently referred to House Committee on Ways and Means.

[ADDED-2/27/18] H. B. NO. 20-157: To establish a retirement plan for Commonwealth Government employees. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, and Janet U. Maratita) on February 27, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-2/27/18] H. B. NO. 20-158: To add a new Article 5 to Chapter 5, Division 8 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code to establish the “Pregnancy Related Medical Leave and the Parental Leave Act; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representative Janet U. Maratita) on February 27, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-2/27/18] H. L. B. NO. 20-60: To amend Article 9, Section 902(c) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by granting the Saipan Zoning Board with the authority to exempt temporary residential structures of the parking requirements. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 27, 2018.

[ADDED-2/27/18] C. RES. NO. 20-16: Conveying heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Honorable Jose Santos Rios and to pay tribute to his outstanding contributions and dedication of public service for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 27, 2018; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*