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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:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, Third Special Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, May 22, 2018, at 10:00 AM
Location: Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village, Tinian

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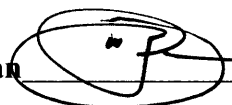


RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 14 May 2018
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
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 Tuesday, 22 May 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Tinian Courthouse, San Jose, Tinian.**

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2018

| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| 1st Day, Third Special Session | Tuesday, May 22, 2018 | 10:00 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. 20-169

To amend 1 CMC §7209 to establish a penalty provision for the failure of the Governor to submit his/her itemized comparison to the legislature in a timely manner.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T Attao)

H. B. No. 20-170

To allocate twenty percent of the Beverage Container Tax to fund the operations of the Commonwealth Museum of History and Culture.

Prefiled by: REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representative Angel A. Demapan)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 20-67

To appropriate \$79,000 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 20-30

To congratulate and commend the CNMI Sharks of the Commonwealth Football League Association for their impressive victorious performance in the Philippines.

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

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-203: (5/11/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 20-29, HD1, SD2, (“To appropriate nine hundred thirty-one thousand, three hundred forty dollars (\$931,340) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs and to appropriate four hundred eighty-five thousand dollars (\$485,000) from the Second Senatorial District’s Solid Waste Revolving account for the payment to Docomo Pacific, Inc.”). Became **Public Law 20-58** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-204: (5/11/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 20-102, HD1, SS1, CCS1, (“To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-59** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-205: (5/16/18) Certifying and granting approval for Mrs. Mathilda A. Rosario, to receive an annual salary of \$55,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-206: (5/16/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-53, D3, (“To appropriate the CIP Bonds accrued interest income collected for the Third Senatorial District in the amount of two hundred forty thousand, five hundred seventy-eight dollars (\$240,578).”). Became **Saipan Local Law 20-23** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-168: (5/16/18) Informing the House that the Senate accepted the House amendments to S. B. NO. 20-64, SD1, HD1, (To establish a State Directory of New Hires; and for other purposes.) on May 16, 2018. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-169: (5/16/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 20-11, SD1, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 1503 to authorize the third senatorial district to establish additional fees for electronic gaming machines licensed pursuant to Public Law 18-30; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2018. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-170: (5/16/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 20-91, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend specific statutory provisions in Title 9 of the Commonwealth Code concerning non-payable traffic offenses; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2018. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-171: (5/16/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 20-100, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to exempt a debtor from the one reinstatement requirement and allow the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation to negotiate an affordable payment scheme to allow the debtor to save their property and family home; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2018. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-172: (5/17/18) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 20-62, SS1, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to regulate cannabis in the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on May 16, 2018. [*For action*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS – None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - (6)

S. C. R. NO. 20-122: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-46, SD1, entitled: “To repeal and re-enact 2 CMC § 7142, Relative to Adopting the International Building Code as the official building code of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. NO. 20-46, SD1, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-123: Reporting on Pacific Telecom, Inc., request to extend the term of its lease (LA No. 90-14S; LA No. 90-15S; and LA No. 90-16S) for an additional 15 years pursuant to Article XI, Section 5(c) of the NMI Constitution. *Your Committee on Natural Resources*

recommends that the House rejects the Draft request for 15 year lease renewal of lease Agreement Nos. LA No. 90-14S; LA No. 90-15S; and LA No. 90-16S between the Department of Public Lands and Pacific Telecom, Inc.

S. C. R. NO. 20-124: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-130, entitled: “To repeal and reenact 3 CMC § 4972(b)(1) to allow the Public School System to hire foreign national workers as classroom teachers for STEM (science, technology, engineering, math), special education and related services; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-130, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-125: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-35, SD3, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 15 years for a total 55 years; to authorize certain existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years; to amend 1 CMC § 2807 to authorize DPL to negotiate a new public land lease with certain existing public land lessees under new terms and consideration without publishing an RFP; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 20-35, SD3 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-126: Reporting on H. B. NO. 20-6, entitled: “To amend 2 CMC § 7251 to require three (3) public hearings for any proposed change of district boundary, uses, or requirements; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House file H. B. No. 20-6.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-127: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-133, entitled: “To rename Building P of the Northern Marianas College in As Terlaje Hill, Saipan, as the “Agnes Manglona McPhetres Administrative Building” in recognition of her untiring and outstanding contributions to the development of higher education in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-133, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

| Resolution | Subject | Action |
|--------------------------|--|--------|
| H. RES. NO. 20-27 | A House Resolution to congratulate and commend the Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Manta Ray Battalion for their stellar performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet in Torrance, California on April 28, 2018. | |
| H. RES. NO. 20-28 | A House Resolution to congratulate and commend the Tinian Jr./Sr. High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Stallion Battalion Unarmed Drill Team for their stellar performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet in Torrance, California on April 28, 2018. | |

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| H. RES. NO. 20-29 | A House Resolution to congratulate and commend the Kagman High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Ayuyu Battalion for their stellar performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet in Torrance, California on April 28, 2018. | |
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16. BILL CALENDAR

| Bill/Initiative | Subject | Action |
|-------------------------|--|--------|
| H. B. NO. 20-139 | A Bill for an Act to amend Title 1, Division 2, Section 2807 to grant the Department of Public Land Secretary the authority to negotiate public land leases pursuant to his/her fiduciary, constitutional and statutory duties. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of 11/21/17, 11/29/17, & 12/4/17]</i> | |
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17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

First Legislative Day: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

Second Legislative Day:

Third Legislative Day:

H. L. B. NO. 20-66: To amend Section 406(e) of the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, as amended, by adding a new subsection (1) to allow for mobile homes to be situated on Beach Road upon compliance with the statutes set forth in the Building Safety Code. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on May 1, 2018.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
May 11, 2018:*

H. B. NO. 20-165: To appropriate eight million three hundred thousand dollars (\$8,300,000) from the Special Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §2308. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Glenn L. Maratita) on May 11, 2018; was moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

[ADDED-5/11/18] H. B. NO. 20-166: To repeal statutes relating to public officials' financial disclosures and re-enact them as the Public Official Disclosure Act of 2018. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Ivan A. Blanco) on May 11, 2018; was subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-5/11/18] H. B. NO. 20-167: To create a Commonwealth Construction Licensing Board; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on May 11, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-5/11/18] H. B. NO. 20-168: To ensure safe and reasonable towing practices; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative John Paul P. Sablan) on May 11, 2018; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[ADDED-5/11/18] H. RES. NO. 20-27: To congratulate and commend the Saipan Southern High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp. Manta Ray Battalion for their stellar performance at the Golden Bear West Coast National Drill Meet in Torrance, California on April 28, 2018. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, 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, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinnie F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on May 11, 2018.

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House information on deadlines for override: