



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2017

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4th Day, Second Regular Session	Tuesday, September 5, 2017	1:30 p.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:*

*B. House Local Bills:*

*C. House Legislative Initiatives:*

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

*A. House Resolutions:*

**H. RES. NO. 20-13**

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Tony A. de Brum and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality and character of a true dignitary for his country, the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

**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 - None**

## **7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

[READ-8/30/17]SEN. COMM. 20-63: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-22, entitled, to amend 1 CMC §§ 8459(a) and 8460(a) to require employers to contribute 4 percent of an employee's compensation if an employee contributes at least 4 percent to the employee's Defined Contribution Plan individual account; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-64: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action 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., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-65: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-58, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2836 to remove the payment requirement by CHCC to the Commonwealth government; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

[READ-8/30/17] SEN. COMM. 20-66: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-59, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2824, to establish a claims and clinical data warehouse at CHCC and to improve accountability for how health insurance premiums are spent by requiring health insurance insurers and health care providers to submit reports on claims and clinical data to the insurance commissioner; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-68: (8/31/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-116, entitled, "To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015", which was passed by the Senate, with amendments on August 31, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-116, SD2**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

## **8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 20-66: (8/28/17) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from August 29, 2017 to September 2, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. Furthermore, Representative Guerrero officially authorizes the Speaker to introduce his legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-67: (8/29/17) From Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters, August 31, 2017 to September 8, 2017 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

**9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None**

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

**11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None**

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES (7)**

**S. C. R. No. 20-56:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-13, entitled: "To designate and establish Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland as "Susupe Lake Wildlife Park" for the purpose of and in accordance with this Act." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-13 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-57:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-67, entitled: "To amend 1 CMC § 1402 for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato "Kamuti"; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-67 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-58:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-69, entitled: "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." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-69, HSI.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-59:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-65, 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." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-65 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-60:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-73, entitled: "To amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-73 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-61:** Reporting on H. B. No. 20-81, entitled: "To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans." *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-81 in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 20-62:** Reporting on H. Res. No. 20-2, entitled: “To respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to preserve and designate 30,000 square meters of feasible public land on the island of Saipan for the future site of the Indigenous Cultural Center.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House adopt H. Res. No. 20-2 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
<b>H. B. No. 20-71, HS1</b>	A Bill for an Act to make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 20-47]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-86, HD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-48]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-25, HD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-49]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-85</b>	A Bill for an Act to establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occurs within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-50]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-83</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-51]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-93, HD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §8250(e) by including the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) to be exempted from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act as amended. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-52]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-96</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-54]</i>	

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<b>S. B. No. 20-3, SS1, HD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-55]</i>	
<b>H. B. No. 20-28</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §§ 2306, 2307 and 2308 (Public Law No. 18-56) to authorize, establish, and fund a Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account and CNMI Retiree Future Generation Pension Plan.	
<b>S. B. No. 20-7, SD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC §4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC §4435(h); and for other purposes. <i>See [SEN. COMM. 20-16]</i>	

## 17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### (ADJOURNMENT)

### *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. 20-39: To amend Saipan Local Law 19-4 to restrict adult gambling machine businesses to certain areas; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 20-37: To establish and mandate the use of a centralized reburial location for the treatment of human remains. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph

Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on August 18, 2017.

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on August 30, 2017:*

H. B. No. 20-113: To establish a criminal provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications.

H. B. No. 20-114: To establish provisions that would require new and existing business establishments to provide for proper parking lot lighting; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. No. 20-115: To repeal and reenact 6 CMC §§ 9201-9219 by changing the funding sources of the Criminal Justice Information System; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-116: To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017 and moved to the Bill Calendar.

H. B. No. 20-117: To appropriate Five Hundred Forty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred Twenty Three US Dollars (\$543,223.00) of the Solid Waste Management Revolving Account collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Secretary of Finance as available for appropriations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-118: To generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration and licenses and establishing a Temporary Operator's License category; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and Donald C. Barcinas) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-119: To establish the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Landlord and Tenant Rental Act of 2017; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 20-120: To provide for the payment of the salary increases suspended by the Financial Austerity Measures. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, and Angel A. Demapan) on August 30, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-121: To amend 6 CMC Section 2301(a)(9) to allow individuals to import used tires for personal use. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Jose I. Itibus, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on August 30, 2017.

H. L. B. No. 20-39: To amend Saipan Local Law 19-4 to restrict adult gambling machine businesses to certain areas; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on August 30, 2017.

C. RES. No. 20-9: To commemorate our cultural uniqueness by dedicating the month of September to celebrate the cultural legacy of our Chamorro and Carolinian cultures within our great Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, 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., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 30, 2017; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*



# *House of Representatives*

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September 2, 2017

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 Fourth Day, Second Regular Session</b>
<b>Date and Time:</b>	<b>Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 1:30 PM</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill</b>

Copies of this notice, the official Session Call, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of the House Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before the meeting date. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting on Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

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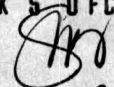
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE : 31 August 2017**  
**TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**  
**FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan**   
**SUBJECT : Call for Session, 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</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 **4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session for Tuesday, 05 September 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
LB Director  
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