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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 Tenth Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time:	Wednesday, November 29, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Location:	House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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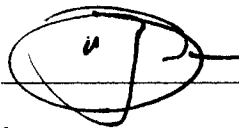


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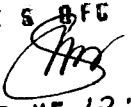
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 22 November 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 10th Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **10th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Wednesday 29 November 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2017

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
10th Day, Second Regular Session	Wednesday, November 29, 2017	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:***
 - B. *House Local Bills:***
 - C. *House Legislative Initiatives:***
- 5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**
 - A. *House Resolutions:***
 - B. *House Joint Resolutions:***
 - C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:***
 - D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:***

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-126: (11/21/17) Informing the House that he signed into law Tinian Local Bill No. 20-2, D1, (Supplemental appropriation - Tinian Municipal Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2018.). Became **Tinian Local Ordinance 20-2**. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 20-127: (11/22/17) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-8, HS1, SD1, (To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.). [**Deadline: 1/21/18**]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-105: (11/21/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-9, (To require all scuba dive shop operators to impose a \$10.00 surcharge per tank usage to purchase, install, operate, and maintain decompression chambers in the CNMI; and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on November 21, 2017. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-106: (11/21/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-131, HD1, (To appropriate three million, three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$3,375,000.00) from the Tobacco Control Fund, earmarked under 3 CMC §2177, to support and supplement awareness, detection and prevention programs relating to cancer and other tobacco related illnesses.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on November 21, 2017. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-107: (11/21/17) Returning H. B. NO. 20-2, HD2, entitled, “To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on November 21, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-2, HD2, SD1**. [***For action on Senate amendments***]

SEN. COMM. 20-108: (11/21/17) Transmitting for House action S.B. NO. 20-72, entitled, “To amend 8 CMC §1421(a); and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on November 21, 2017. [***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 - (1)

S. C. R. No. 20-92: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-19, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 6 CMC §3156 (b) by requiring a hotel or resort attached to a golf course to have a minimum of eighteen (18) holes in order to be eligible to conduct electronic gaming activities as defined in 6 CMC §3156(a)(6).” *Your Committee on Gaming recommends the House pass H. B. No. 20-19 in its current form.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 20-17	A House Resolution to encourage the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres to render his support, along with the House of Representatives of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature, for the re-nomination of the Honorable Frances Tydingco-Gatewood to serve as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court of Guam and to recognize her for her distinguished career.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 20-71, HS1	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</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-47]	
H. B. No. 20-91	A Bill for an Act to exempt the residents of our neighboring island of Guam from the operator’s license requirements by amending Title 9, Subsection 2203 Operator’s License: Exemption from License. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-69]	
H. B. No. 20-10, SD1	A Bill for an Act to establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account and the Bond Payment Revolving Fund Account; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [SEN. COMM. 20-92]	
H. B. No. 20-113, HD1	A Bill for an Act to establish a criminal provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-78]	
H. B. No. 20-102, HD1	A Bill for an Act to repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-79]	
H. B. No. 20-101, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §8364, as amended by public law 15-70, to allow annuitants to enroll in the commonwealth government health insurance program; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-80]	

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H. B. No. 20-121, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 6 CMC Section 2301(a)(9) to allow individuals to import used tires for personal use. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-81]	
H. B. No. 20-35, HD1	A Bill for an Act to to repeal and reenact 1 CMC §§ 8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-83]	
H. B. No. 20-36, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-84]	
H. B. No. 20-59	A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC §4101 to require all vehicle headlights to project rays of white color and to require the headlights to be in compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-85]	
H. B. No. 20-132	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §7406(a)(4) by including the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC) Division's vehicles in the definition of "Law enforcement vehicle". <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-86]	
S. B. No. 20-40, SD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-87]	
H. B. No. 20-129, HD1	A Bill for an Act to apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC customers. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-88]	
H. B. No. 20-125, HD1	A Bill for an Act to generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration of rental vehicles; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-91]	

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:

H. L. B. NO. 20-45: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 20 of 29. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Jose I. Itibus, and John Paul P. Sablan) on November 21, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-47: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013 to allow adult gaming machines to be operated in any zoning district where gaming machines are allowed. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLÁN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, and Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.) on November 21, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-48: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map sheets 17, 23, and 27 of 29 to rezone certain districts to “Mixed Commercial”. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLÁN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, and Gregorio M. Sablan, Jr.) on November 21, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on November 21, 2017:

H. B. NO. 20-134: To amend Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) provisions regarding Qualifying Certificates. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-135: 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. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Alice S. Igitol, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on November 21, 2017; was moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. NO. 20-136: To amend Public Law 18-56 as codified in 4 CMC section 2308 (c) (2) to allow funds allocated from the Business Gross Receipts Tax to be available for appropriation by the Commonwealth Health Care Corporation without fiscal year limitation. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-137: To designate commonwealth parks and establish a CNMI Park System and to redesignate the Department and Division of Historic Preservation Office within the Department of Lands and Natural Resources; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD C. BARCINAS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-138: To amend 1 CMC §6424 to require all potential and certified candidates and their respective committees to fully disclose financial contributions and expenses one year before an election on a quarterly basis, and seven days before the date of the election; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Vinson F. Sablan) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 20-139: 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. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S.

DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-140: To repeal and reenact Title 3, Division 2, Chapter 4, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to designate the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the program administering authority for the respite services program; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on November 21, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-11/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-141: 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. 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, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017.

[Added-11/21/17] H. B. NO. 20-142: To amend 4 CMC §1402(c) to add a provision to exempt from excise tax traditional canoes imported into the CNMI when funded by a philanthropic organization for the primary purpose of improving the cultural and economic condition of the indigenous Chamorro and Rafaluwasch people. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on November 21, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-44: To re-appropriate One Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,200,000.00) from Section 2 (a) of Tinian Local Law 20-3; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on November 21, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-45: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511, by amending the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheet 20 of 29. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Jose I. Itibus, and John Paul P. Sablan) on November 21, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-46: To appropriate the sum of Two Million, Ninety-Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,092,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, and Alice S. Igitol, and Jose I. Itibus) on November 21, 2017.

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[Added-11/21/17] H. L. B. NO. 20-49: To appropriate the sum of Six Million, Four Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$6,408,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307 (c)(2); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

H. RES. NO. 20-16: To honor and commend the late William R. Barrineau for the countless monumental contributions he has made to our beloved Commonwealth and to extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family on his untimely passing. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST 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, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017; moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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distinguished career. 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, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on November 21, 2017; moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

Gov. COMM. 20-123: (11/2/17) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-63, HS1, (To require test firing of all firearms as a prerequisite for registration of a firearm.). [**Deadline: 1/1/18**]