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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 Eleventh Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time:	Monday, December 4, 2017, at 2:00 PM
Location:	House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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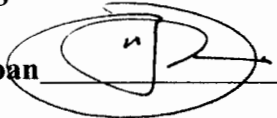


RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
SPEAKER

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 01 December 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 11th 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 **11th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Monday, 04 December 2017 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
11th Day, Second Regular Session	Monday, December 4, 2017	2:00 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:*
 - B. House Joint Resolutions:*
 - C. House Commemorative Resolutions:*
 - D. House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-128: (11/17/17) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Barbara P. Cepeda, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$75,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-129: (11/22/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-42, D3, (“To appropriate from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-8** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-130: (11/28/17) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, Capital Improvement Program Office, to receive an annual salary of \$100,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-109: (11/29/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-15 entitled, “To recognize and congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduate, Matthew Quiambao, on passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.”, which was adopted by the Senate on November 21, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-110: (11/29/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-16 entitled, “To recognize Mrs. Ursula Lifoifoi-Aldan for her long-term length of service as a public servant, and to bestow distinguish honor for receiving the American Probation and Parole Association (APPA) Membership Award for 2017.”, which was adopted by the Senate on November 21, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-111: (11/29/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-17 entitled, “To commemorate and memorialize the life and memory of the late Henry Iglesias Sablan for his tremendous contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands through his services to the CNMI Department of Education/Public School System and to express a heartfelt condolence to his bereaved family on their loss.”, which was adopted by the Senate on November 21, 2017. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-76: (11/30/17) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Monday, December 4, 2017 until December 8, 2017 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session 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 - (None)
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.	
H. J. R. NO. 20-7	A House Joint Resolution to support the efforts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government and private sector in seeking legislative relief through amendments to U.S. Public Law 110-229 in order to continue the upward growth of the Commonwealth's economy.	

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. 20-113, 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. 20-35, HD1	A Bill for an Act 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. 20-19	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). <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 20-92]	

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.	

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. 20-45: 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.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on November 29, 2017:

[Added-11/29/17] H. B. NO. 20-143: To amend 1 CMC § 8265 (c) Public Employment definition of “Immediate Family Member”. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonthan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan) on November 29, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-11/29/17] H. B. NO. 20-144: To amend Title 1, General Provisions, Chapter 4, Article 3 by adding a new §439 naming the Rota Fire Station 8 the “Robert O. Hocog Fire Station”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on November 29, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-11/29/17] H. J. R. NO. 20-7: To support the efforts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government and private sector in seeking legislative relief through amendments to U.S. Public Law 110-229 in order to continue the upward growth of the Commonwealth’s economy. 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, 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 November 29, 2017.

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**]

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**]