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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Acting 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 Second Day, Third Regular Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, January 31, 2018, at 1:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 23 January 2018
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Acting Speaker Janet U. Maratita 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 2nd Day, 3rd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **2nd Day, 3rd Regular Session for Wednesday, 31 January 2018 at 1:30 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
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2018

SESSION DAY
2nd Day, Third Regular Session

CALENDAR DAY
Wednesday, January 31, 2018

TIME
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:**
 - B. House Joint Resolutions:**
 - C. House Commemorative Resolutions:**
 - D. House Concurrent Resolutions:**

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-154: (1/19/18) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Richard Pickett, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$61,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-155: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-44, S1, (“To re-appropriate \$1,270,779.89 from Section 2(a) of Tinian Local Law 20-3; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-9** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-156: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-40, SD1, (“To amend 9 CMC §2116 to provide for the identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-37** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-157: (1/18/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-72, (“To amend 8 CMC §1421(a) [Guardianship]; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-38** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-158: (1/26/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-118, HD1, (“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..”). Became **Public Law 20-39** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-159: (1/26/18) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-101, HD1, (“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.”). Became **Public Law 20-40** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS - None

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS - None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 20-2: (12/22/17) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, CNMI Supreme Court re: *Appointment of Director of Courts*. [*For info*]

JUD. BR. COMM. 20-3: (12/22/17) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, CNMI Supreme Court re: *Appointment of Chief Marshal*. [*For info*]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 20-6: (1/24/18) From the Youth Congress Clerk, transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Bill No. 16-2, entitled, "To amend 1 CMC §1610 (a); and for other purposes.," which was passed by the 16th Youth Congress on January 20, 2018. [*For disposition*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - (12)

S. C. R. No. 20-93: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-29, entitled: "To appropriate Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-29, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-94: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, entitled: "To establish a Northern Marianas Technical Institute by adding a new Chapter 11 to Title 3, Division 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 20-21, SS1, SD1, in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-95: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-3, SD1, entitled: "To amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-3, SD1, in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-96: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-123, entitled: "To limit the excise tax exemption to tobacco products and alcoholic beverages to items brought in by individuals arriving at the airport and seaport." *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-123 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-97: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-34, SS1, entitled: "To amend Section 302(a) of PL 19-75 to mandate CUC to immediately apply the subsidy to residential customer accounts upon the transfer of funds to CUC; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends that the House file S. B. No. 20-34, SS1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-98: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-124, entitled: "To authorize and establish expedited partner therapy for certain sexually transmitted infections." *Your Committee on Health recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-124, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-99: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-49, entitled: "To amend the Commonwealth Museum Act under Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 8, Article 6 of the Commonwealth Code to include representatives from the Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, and the Marianas Visitors Authority to be included in the Museum Board of Governors; and for other purposes." *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-49 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-100: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-140, entitled: "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.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-140, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-101: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-24, SD1, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC § 50143(a) to provide immunity for minors assisting in tobacco control undercover investigations; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 20-24, SD1 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-102: Reporting on S. B. No. 20-65, SD1, entitled: “To establish a license suspension program for non-custodial parents who are in non-compliance with an order of support; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 20-65, SD1 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-103: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-143, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 8265 (c) Public Employment definition of “Immediate Family Member”.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-143, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-104: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-144, entitled: “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.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-144 in its current form.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. J. R. No. 20-8	A House Joint Resolution to support the passage of S.2325, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Work Force Act, introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski in the Senate of the United States Congress.	

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]	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
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 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]	
H. B. No. 20-146	A Bill for an Act to apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers.	
H. B. No. 20-150	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §1402(a) for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes.	
H. B. No. 20-96, SD1	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</i> [SEN. COMM. 20-119]	

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:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
January 26, 2018:*

H. B. No. 20-148: To prohibit the operation of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight in excess of 4,000 pounds between 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM from the Beach Road and Micro Beach Road Intersection to the Beach Road and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road Intersection. Introduced by Rep. John Paul P. Sablan on behalf of Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018; subsequently referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 20-149: To abolish the Commonwealth Health Corporation and return its functions to the Department of Public Health. Introduced by Rep. Janet U. Maratita of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on January 26, 2018; subsequently referred to the Special Committee on H. B. No. 20-149.

H. B. No. 20-150: To amend 1 CMC §1402(a) for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018; placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. L. B. No. 20-54: To appropriate \$75,000 from the funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56 to fund the Micronesian Legal Services Corporation extension office in Rota; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018.

H. L. B. No. 20-55

To appropriate \$1,402,811 specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Glenn L. Maratita of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 26, 2018.

H. J. R. No. 20-8: A House Joint Resolution to support the passage of S.2325, the Northern Mariana Islands U.S. Work Force Act, introduced by Senator Lisa Murkowski in the Senate of the United States Congress. 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, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 26, 2018; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

GOV. COMM. 20-135: (12/11/17) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. No. 20-67, (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.). [**Deadline: 2/9/18**]