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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 Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives Third Day, First Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Wednesday, February 20, 2019, at 1:30 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO  
SPEAKER


## MEMORANDUM

DATE : 15 February 2019  
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
FROM : Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao   
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Day, 1<sup>st</sup> Regular Session for Wednesday, 20 February 2019 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
LB Director  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2019

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, First Regular Session	Wednesday, February 20, 2019	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:**

**H. B. No. 21-18**

To amend the Litter Control Act to prohibit the possession of glass containers while on public beaches; and for other purposes.

**Filed by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 21-19**

To repeal and reenact 4 CMC §4263(a) to impose a higher fee structure for the Department of Commerce, Office of the Registrar of Corporations; and for other purposes.

**Filed by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 21-20**

To amend 9 CMC §5815, to require lease vehicle businesses to provide a Driver's Handbook in each vehicle leased; and for other purposes.

**Filed by: REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 21-21**

To amend 1 CMC §8248(a) and (b) by expanding the salary ceiling exemption for certain professions; and for other purposes.

**Filed by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3  
*(for himself)*

**B. House Local Bills:**

**H. L. B. NO. 21-6**

To appropriate \$1,436,967 of the Casino License Fee allocated to the First Senatorial District in accordance with 4 CMC § 2307(a).

**Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*)

**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. 21-8: (1/7/19 received 2/13/19) **Executive Order 2019-1** – Ordered that the CUC Procurement Regulations codified at NMIAC §50-50-001 *et. seq.* are suspended with regard to the procurement of items and services necessary to fully restore power and water service to the islands of Saipan and Tinian. Ordered that the Board of Professional Licensing’s regulations governing the Practice of Engineering and the licensing requirements contained therein are hereby suspended with regard to the Practice of Engineering rendered (or offered) in response or pursuant to any contract with CUC for services necessary for CUC’s typhoon recovery efforts authorized pursuant to Executive Order 2019-1.

GOV. COMM. 21-9: (1/23/19 received 2/13/19) **Executive Order 2019-2** – Renewal: Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation’s Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater services [AMENDED EO 2018-16; renewed by EO 2018-23 and EO 2018-27].

GOV. COMM. 21-10: (2/8/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-78 (Health Claims Uniformity and Prompt Payment Act.). Became **Public Law 20-88** [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-11: (2/11/19) Informing Mr. Joe Ayuyu, Jr., member of the Saipan Zoning Board of his continuing service to serve the Saipan Zoning Board. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-12: (2/11/19) Informing Mr. Patrick V. Reyes, member of the Saipan Zoning Board of his continuing service to serve the Saipan Zoning Board. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-13: (2/11/19) Informing Mr. Mariano Taitano, member of the Saipan Zoning Board of his continuing service to serve the Saipan Zoning Board. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-14: (2/11/19) Acknowledging courtesy resignation of Mr. Diego Blanco to the Saipan Zoning Board. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-15: (2/11/19) Acknowledging courtesy resignation of Mr. George M. Fleming, Jr. to the Saipan Zoning Board. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-16: (2/13/19) **Executive Order 2019-3** – Ordered that the CUC Procurement Regulations codified at NMIAC §50-50-001 *et. seq.* are suspended with regard to the procurement of items and services necessary to fully restore power and water service to the islands of Saipan and Tinian. Ordered that the Board of Professional Licensing’s regulations governing the Practice of Engineering and the licensing requirements contained therein are hereby suspended with regard to the Practice of Engineering rendered (or offered) in response or pursuant to any contract with CUC for services necessary for CUC’s typhoon recovery efforts authorized pursuant to Executive Order 2019-3.

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 21-1: (2/14/19) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 21-1, entitled, “To recognize and commend Don Allen Farrell for his years of exceptional service in the field of education, his commitment to preserve the history of the Marianas, and his dedicated public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2019. [For info]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 21-26: (2/8/19) From Representative Itibus officially authorizing Representative John Paul P. Sablan to introduce his legislations on his behalf. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 21-27: (2/11/19) From Representative Maratita informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from February 10, 2019 to February 13, 2019 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during her absence. [For info]

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

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

**11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

MISC. COMM. 21-6: (2/7/19) From the CNMI Women’s Association funding request for operations for FY 2019. [*For info*]

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)**

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>H. RES. NO. 21-4</b>	A House Resolution to amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted 0.on January 14, 2019; and for other purposes.	
<b>H. J. R. NO. 21-1</b>	A House Joint Resolution to request the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Honorable Gregorio Kilibi C. Sablan, Delegate to the U.S. Congress, to convey the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands’ position to exempt the Northern Mariana Islands from the ban on workers from the Philippines from the H-2B worker program to our federal partners.	

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

<b>Bill/Initiative</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

## 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### (ADJOURNMENT)

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#### *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. 21-3: To amend Saipan Local Law 20-19, Section 2(e) to authorize the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to procure tractors for the Division of Agriculture; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*), Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Jose I. Itibus, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on  
February 8, 2019:*

H. B. NO. 21-1: To establish a retirement plan for Commonwealth Government employees. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 21-2: To establish a separate statute and penalty for individuals committing the act of vandalism; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 21-3: To amend 4 CMC §2103 to enhance Marianas Visitors Authority’s promoting capabilities in attracting tourists to visit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 21-4: 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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 21-5: To amend Title 4 Section 2308 of the Commonwealth Code by prioritizing funding for the CNMI Medicaid Agency and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation’s Indigent Program. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 21-6: 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 February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 21-7: To require all governing bodies as defined in Chapter 9 of Title 1, § 9902, to broadcast all public meetings via live Internet video streaming for public viewing; and to archive live streamed videos and make such videos available to the public all around the world. This bill may be referred to as “The Live Streaming Video Act of 2019”. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROBST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Luis John DLG. Castro, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 21-8: To amend 6 CMC §102 by inserting a definition for “disability” and /or “disabilities”. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 21-9: To amend 1 CMC Section 7406 (4) to add unmarked investigation vehicles used by the CNMI Office of Public Auditor to the definition of law enforcement vehicles. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Antonio SN. Borja, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, and Janet U. Maratita) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 21-10: To amend certain provisions under Title 3, Division 1, Chapter 2 of the Commonwealth Code to provide better clarity of such provisions in regards to the Chamorro - Carolinian Language Commission; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Antonio SN. Borja, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, and Janet U. Maratita) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 21-11: To clarify the powers of the Commonwealth Casino Commission and to make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code given the unique regulatory oversight of the Casino Industry in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Gaming.

[Added-2/8/19] H. B. No. 21-12: To establish the level of funding for the Legislature and provide the Legislature with control of the expenditure of funds appropriated for its operations. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-2/8/19] HSE. COMM. 21-13: To amend the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019; was referred to the House Committee on Cannabis.

[Added-2/8/19] H. B. No. 21-14: To regulate Real Estate Brokers and Salespersons. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, and Donald M. Manglona) on February 8, 2019.

[Added-2/8/19] H. B. No. 21-15: To amend 4 CMC § 2308 (c). Disposition of Gross Revenue Tax. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on February 8, 2019.

[Added-2/8/19] H. B. No. 21-16: To amend 1 CMC § 8248, Government Salary Ceiling. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on February 8, 2019.

[Added-2/8/19] H. B. No. 21-17: To prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019.

H. L. B. No. 21-1: To appropriate the CIP Bonds Accrued Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District in the amount of one hundred ninety-five thousand, four hundred and sixty-eight dollars and fifty cents (\$195,468.50). Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019.

H. L. B. No. 21-2: To appropriate the amount of not more than six million dollars (\$6,000,000.00) from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(c)(2) to pay the Government employees of the Third Senatorial District who did not receive salary increases due to Governor's 2001 freeze of within-grade annual increase and the NMIAC §10-20.2-1101, Financial Austerity Measures. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representative Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero) on February 8, 2019.

H. L. B. No. 21-3: To amend Saipan Local Law 20-19, Section 2(e) to authorize the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to procure tractors for the Division of Agriculture; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Jose I. Itibus, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019.

H. L. B. No. 21-4: To appropriate \$225,633.60 from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Second Senatorial District under 4 CMC §2307(b); To re-appropriate \$100,000.00 from Section 2(c) of Tinian Local Law 19-14; To repeal Sections 1-6 of TLL 20-18 and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 8, 2019.

[Added-2/8/19] H. L. B. No. 21-5: To appropriate up to Two Hundred and Twenty-Seven Thousand US Dollars (\$227,000.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*) on February 8, 2019.



H. RES. NO. 21-2: To honor, congratulate, and commend the Mount Carmel School Theatre Club and Tribe Marianas for their successful production of the award-winning and award-nominating film adaptations of “We Drank Our Tears.” Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Janet U. Maratita, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 21-3: To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Ignacio Lizama Villanueva and to honor his memory whose worthy endeavors contributed to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 21-4: To amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 14, 2019; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on February 8, 2019; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

[Added-2/8/29] H. J. R. NO. 21-1: To request the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Honorable Gregorio Kili C. Sablan, Delegate to the U.S. Congress, to convey the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands’ position to exempt the Northern Mariana Islands from the ban on workers from the Philippines from the H-2B worker program to our federal partners. Introduced by REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 8, 2019; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*