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

Meeting: House of Representatives Fourth Day, First Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, March 12, 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 : 11 March 2019
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Acting Speaker Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero.
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 4th Day, 1st Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **4th Day, 1st Regular Session for Tuesday, 12 March 2019 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
 House Clerk
 LB Director
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 Media

HOUSE CLERK'S OFFICE
 RECEIVED BY *[Signature]*
 DATE 3/12/19 TUE 1:18 pm



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2019

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4th Day, First Regular Session	Tuesday, March 12, 2019	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)**

First Day, First Regular Session Journal - January 14, 2019
Second Day, First Regular Session Journal – February 8, 2019

- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. NO. 21-24

To restrict the harvesting, cutting, removing or mutilating of the nigas plant or *Pemphis acidula forst*; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 21-25

To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue licenses and use permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high water mark.

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

H. B. NO. 21-26

To require vexatious litigants to get the approval of a judge before they could file any lawsuits in the future; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representative John Paul P. Sablan)

H. B. NO. 21-27

To amend Title 4 Section 5523 and to renumber Section 5524 of the Commonwealth's Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 21-28

To prohibit the sale, offer for sale, and distribution in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands of sunscreen containing oxybenzone and octinoxate without a prescription from a licensed healthcare provider.

Prefiled by: REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. NO. 21-29

To amend 1 CMC §11102(e) and 1 CMC §11103(i) of the Second Marianas Political Status Commission Act of 2015, to allow the Commission to submit its final report on November 30, 2020; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, and John Paul P. Sablan)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 21-10

To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC § 3511 to include hospitals as a conditional use in Village Commercial Zoning Districts; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Luis John DLG. Castro and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. L. B. NO. 21-11

To establish fishing license fees in Tinian; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 21-2

To congratulate and honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2019 proclaimed as CNMI Women's Month and March 8th as International Women's Day.

Prefiled by: REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 21-2

To recognize the achievements of His Excellency Shaikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa, President of the Asian Football Confederation along with his efforts in promoting the growth of the sport football in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled 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 Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 21-17: (2/18/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-86, HD1 (CNMI Product Seal Act (To Est)). Became **Public Law 20-89** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-18: (2/18/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-188, HD1 (Vehicle Code Amdt). Became **Public Law 20-90** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-19: (2/18/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 20-13 (Susupe Lake Wildlife Park (To Designate & Est)). Became **Public Law 20-91** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-20: (2/18/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-106, SD1, HD1 (“Career and Technical Training Act of 2018”). Became **Public Law 20-92** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-21: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the reappointment of Mr. Mark Rabauliman to serve as Secretary to the Department of Commerce pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-22: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. Robert Hunter to serve as Secretary to the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-23: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the reappointment of Mr. Vincent Attao to serve as Secretary to the Department of Corrections pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-24: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. Claudio Norita to serve as Secretary to the Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-25: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Ms. Victoria Benavente to serve as Secretary to the Department of Labor pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-26: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. Anthony Benavente to serve as Secretary to the Department of Lands and Natural Resources pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-27: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Ms. Marianne Concepcion-Teregeyo to serve as Secretary to the Department of Public Lands pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-28: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. Robert Guerrero to serve as Secretary to the Department of Public Safety pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-29: (2/18/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. James A. Ada to serve as Secretary to the Department of Public Works pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-30: (2/20/19) Informing Departments and Agency Heads of the delegation of authority and reappointment of Mr. Roman Tudela to serve as Resident Executive for Indigenous Affairs pending advice and consent of the Senate. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-31: (2/21/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 21-4, D1 (“Allotting \$225,633.60 pursuant to 4 CMC §2307(b) to the Second Senatorial District; amending TLL 20-15; repealing Sections 1-6 of TLL 20-18; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 21-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-32: (2/27/19) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Jose P. Mafnas, Jr., Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$61,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-33: (3/5/19) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. David DLG. Atalig, Special Assistant to the Governor for Finance and Audit, at the Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$65,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 21-28: (From the House Minority Bloc requesting guidance from the Office of the Public Auditor and the Office of the Attorney General pertaining to 21st HOR Rules of Procedure. [*For info*] [This communication was submitted on the House floor on 2/20/19])

HSE. COMM. 21-29: (2/15/19) From Representative Flores informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from Saturday, February 16, 2019 to

Wednesday, February 20, 2019 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 21-30: (2/22/19) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning February 25, 2019 to March 6, 2019, and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 21-31: (2/25/19) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning February 26, 2019 and will return on March 8, 2019 and designates Vice Speaker Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero as Acting Speaker. Furthermore, authorizes Vice Speaker Deleon Guerrero to officially introduce pending legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 21-32: (2/26/19) From Representative Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave beginning February 28, 2019 to March 6, 2019, and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 21-33: (3/6/19) From Representative Castro informing the Acting Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Sunday, March 10, 2019 to Saturday, March 16, 2019 and request to be excused from all scheduled meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 21-1: (3/1/19) CNMI Judiciary FY 2020 budget request submission. [*For info*]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-6: (2/25/19) From the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) submitting FY 2019 First Quarter Expenditure Report pursuant to PL 20-67 (FY19 Appropriations Act). [*For info*]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-7: (2/27/19) Commonwealth Casino Commission FY 2020 budget request submission. [*For info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 21-7: (1/25/19) From the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia transmitting certified copy of Congressional Resolution No. 20-167, C.D.1. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-8: (2/25/19) From the Chairman of the Twenty-First Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation informing the House of being duly organized and of its elected Officers of the 21st SNILD. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-9: (2/22/19) From the 15th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council requesting funding assistance. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-10: (2/26/19) From the 15th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council submission of FY 2020 Budget request to the Special Assistant for Office of Management and Budget (OMB). [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-11: (2/22/19) FY 2020 Legislative Bureau and CNMI Youth Congress Budget submission. [*For info*]

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. 21-4, HD1	A House Resolution to amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 14, 2019; and for other purposes.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

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. 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.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
February 20, 2019:*

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, and John Paul P. Sablan) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-2/20/19] H. B. No. 21-22: To facilitate the leasing of public lands to tax exempt organizations at a rental not based on appraised value. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 27, 2019.

[Added-2/20/19] H. B. No. 21-23: To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 8 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new subsection to §20148 to implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on February 20, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs on February 27, 2019.

H. L. B. No. 21-6: To amend Rota Local Law 20-8, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019.

[Added-2/20/19] H. L. B. No. 21-7: To appropriate \$1,436,967 of the Casino License Fee allocated to the First Senatorial District in accordance with 4 CMC § 2307(a). Introduced by Prefiled by: REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019.

[Added-2/20/19] H. L. B. No. 21-8: To appropriate \$84,000 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019.

[Added-2/20/19] H. L. B. No. 21-9: To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law 18-30, as amended; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 20, 2019.

House information on deadlines for override: