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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 First Day, Second Special Session

Date and Time: Monday, April 29, 2019, at 1:45 p.m.

Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial

Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER

Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building P.O. BOX 500586

Saipan, MP 96950

BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE

: 24 April 2019

TO

: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM

: Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 2nd Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 1st Day, 2nd Special Session for Monday, 29 April 2019 at 1:45 p.m. in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President House Clerk LB Director SAPLR Media

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE SPECIAL SESSION, 2019

SESSION DAY CALENDAR DAY TIME
1st Day, Second Special Session Monday, April 29, 2019 1:45 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

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

First Day, First Special Session Journal – April 12, 2019

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 21-40

To amend 1 CMC §7831 by adding a new subsection (f) to exempt the Northern Marianas College (NMC) from any payment and/or withholding requirement to the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA).

Prefiled by: REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-41

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.

Prefiled by: REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-42

To impose a toll fee to be paid by passengers who enter the Marpi area; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-43

To amend 2 CMC §43104(a)(5) to provide proper eligibility for people who wish to avail of the village and agricultural homesteading programs under the Department of Public Lands; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Luis John DLG. Castro, Jose I. Itibus, and Marco T. Peter)

H. B. No. 21-44

To pledge as security the interest income distributions from the Marianas Public Land Trust pursuant to Article XI, Section 6(d) of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution and to authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to withhold and to retain Net Annual Distributable Interest Income starting Fiscal Year 2020 and beyond as necessary, to create a credit facility to address bond obligations and retirement settlement fund payments.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Marco T. Peter, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-45

To amend Title 1, Division 2, Section 2807 of the Commonwealth Code to grant the Department of Public Lands Secretary the authority to negotiate public land leases pursuant to his/her fiduciary, constitutional and statutory duties.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Marco T. Peter, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-46

To amend 9 CMC §5251(c) to establish a speed limit of 5 miles per hour for vehicles driving on secondary roads.

Prefiled by: REP. MARCO T. PETER of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Ivan A. Blanco, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 21-47

To add a new § 2121 entitled Street Light Fund to Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself)

H. B. No. 21-48

To amend 4 CMC §5565 and §5566 to allow 18 year old's to sale and serve alcoholic beverages.

Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 21-15

To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law 18-30, as amended; and for other purposes.

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

H. L. B. No. 21-16

To appropriate \$148,920 from the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Reserve account (specifically BU 2301); and other purposes.

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

H. L. B. No. 21-17

To amend Rota Local Law 20-08, Section 2(q), to reappropriate the \$100,000 for the Rota Island Specialty Crop Association.

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

H. L. B. No. 21-18

To appropriate \$75,519 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the First Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.

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

H. L. B. No. 21-19

To appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Ivan A. Blanco, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, and John Paul P. Sablan)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. No. 21-7

To pay tribute to the life and memory of the late Jimmy G. Sablan for his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his longstanding service at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems, Inc. (NMPASI).

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

H. RES. No. 21-8

To extend the Legislature's condolences to the family of the late Jon Alan Anderson, as well as to recognize his contributions to the world of broadcasting, journalism, and print media in the Marianas.

Prefiled by: REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself)

H. RES. No. 21-9

To recognize the contributions of the late Rex Winther Sorensen in promoting the advancement of mass media in the Marianas and the Western Pacific.

Prefiled by: REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself)

H. RES. No. 21-10

Congratulating our Commonwealth's schoolchildren for their outstanding participation in the 2019 *Inacha'igen Fino'Chamorro* (Chamorro Language Competition) held on Guam.

Prefiled by: REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself)

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

H. C. R. No. 21-1

To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2020, beginning October 1, 2019, and ending on September 30, 2020.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 21-43: (4/3/19) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Deanna M. Ogo, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$66,150. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-44: (4/18/19) Requesting the legislature to enact legislation authorizing to secure line of credit from the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT). [For info]

GOV. COMM. 21-45: (4/22/19) **Executive Order 2019-6** – Renewal: Declaration of Major Disaster and State of Significant Emergency embodied in amended EO 2018-16; renewed by EO 2018-23; EO 2018-27, EO 2019-02, EO 2019-04, and EO 2019-05].

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 21-2 (4/10/19) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-1, HD1 (To request the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Honorable Gregorio Kilili 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.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on April 10, 2019. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 21-3: (4/10/19) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-2 (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.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on April 10, 2019. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 21-4: (4/10/19) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 21-2, SD1, entitled, To amend 3 CMC § 2177(a) to include the CHCC Diabetes Care and Control Center as a program recipient of the Tobacco Control Fund; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on April 10, 2019. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 21-5: (4/22/19) Returning H. B. No. 21-37, HD1, entitled, "To amend Public Law 20-61 Section 2(c)(2) to fund the personnel and operations of the Tinian Municipal Government; and for other purposes.", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on April 22, 2019. [For info-Will go to Governor]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 21-43: (4/4/19) From Representative Itibus informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from April 8, 2019 to April 12, 2019 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 21-44: (4/10/19) From Representative Blanco informing the Speaker that he will be on personal leave on Friday, April 12, 2019 and request to be excused from the scheduled session; furthermore, officially authorizing Rep. Yumul to introduce HB 21-34 and the Vice Speaker to introduce HR 21-6 on his behalf. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 21-45: (4/15/19) From Representative Guerrero, CT Chair, submitting amended composition to the Commerce and Tourism Committee adding one additional Member. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 21-46: (4/22/19) From Representative Maratita informing the Speaker that she will be on leave of absence on personal matters from April 22, 2019 to May 31, 2019 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during her absence; furthermore, officially authorizing Rep. Guerrero to introduce her legislations on her behalf. [For info].

9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH** – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-10: (4/10/19) From the Office of the Public Auditor response submission on minority bloc request for guidance on House Rules pertaining to drawing allowance from that of member's individual office allotment. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-11: (4/10/19) From the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) submitting FY 2018 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info] [The Citizen-Centric Report is codified under TITLE 1: GOVERNMENT DIVISION 2: EXECUTIVE BRANCH § 2311.]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-12: (4/15/19) From the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) submitting corrected FY 2018 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-13: (4/17/19) From the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) submitting MVA's second quarter report for FY 2019. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 21-22: (4/2/19) Northern Islands Mayor's Office requesting funds for operations and transportation. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 21-23: (4/12/19) From the House Legal Counsels submitting Legal Opinion (L.O. 2019-01) on the 21st House Rule XIII, Sec. 10. Allowances. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 21-24: (4/20/19) From the 17th CNMI Youth Congress credential committee informing the House of its recommendation of the Youth Senators-Elect qualifications as elected members of the 17th CNMI Youth Congress. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-25: (4/20/19) From the 17th CNMI Youth Congress informing the House of its elected officers and chairs for the 17th CNMI Youth Congress. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)

S. C. R. No. 21-5: Reporting on H. B. No. 21-31, entitled: "To allow Senatorial Districts to establish and regulate internet gaming; and for other purposes." *Your House Committee on Gaming recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 21-31, HD1*.

- 13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES (None)
- **14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** None
- 15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

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:

- H. L. B. No. 21-13: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, codified as 10 CMC §3511. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 12, 2019.
- H. L. B. No. 21-14: To amend 10 CMC §1122(b) of the Rota Dog Control Act; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself) on April 12, 2019.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

- 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. Introduced by Rep. Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Luis John DLG. Castro and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 12, 2019.
- H. L. B. No. 21-11: To establish fishing license fees in Tinian; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself) on March 12, 2019.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on April 12, 2019:

- H. B. No. 21-32: To amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.
- H. B. No. 21-33: To require business establishments to install closed circuit television cameras. Introduced by Rep. Joseph T. Flores on behalf of REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, and Edwin K. Propst) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.
- H. B. No. 21-34: To enact a provision to require all CNMI government agencies to prepare and submit a fiscal impact statement and a fiscal revenue statement for related legislations to the Legislature when said agencies are affected and required to do so by law. Introduced by Rep. Ralph N. Yumul on behalf of REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
- H. B. No. 21-35: To restrict the use of mobile electronic devices while driving vehicles; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.
- H. B. No. 21-36: To require signs by the Commonwealth Government to be in the three official languages. Introduced REP. LUIS JOHN DLG. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.
- H. B. No. 21-37: To amend Public Law 20-61 Section 2(c)(2) and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO SN. BORJA of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) was moved and placed on the Bill Calendar on April 12, 2019.
- H. B. No. 21-38: To establish a one-day non-resident sport fishing license fee in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Antonio SN. Borja of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- H. B. No. 21-39: To suspend the enactment of Public Law 20-52 for period of (5) years to allow for the Department of Public Works to promulgate the necessary rules and regulations to carry out the intent of the specified public law; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

- H. L. B. No. 21-13: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, codified as 10 CMC §3511. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Joseph A. Flores, Richard T. Lizama, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 12, 2019.
- H. L. B. No. 21-14: To amend 10 CMC §1122(b) of the Rota Dog Control Act; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself) on April 12, 2019.
- H. L. I. No. 21-1: To provide for the management of designated tourist sites by the Department of Lands and Natural Resources. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- H. L. I. No. 21-2: To amend Article XI, Public Lands, of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. Antonio SN. Borja of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself) on April 12, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
- H. RES. No. 21-6: To pay tribute to the life and memory of the late Command Sergeant Major (CSM), US Army Retired Benjamin Camacho Palacios for his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his longstanding service in the United States Armed Forces. Introduced by Rep. Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero on behalf of REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Roman C. Benavente, Antonio SN. Borja, Joel C. Camacho, Luis John DLG. Castro, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph A. Flores, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on April 12, 2019; was moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.
- 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. 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, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on April 12, 2019; was moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

GOV. COMM. 21-37: (3/20/19) Informing the House that he vetoed H. L. B. No. 21-7, D2 (To appropriate \$1,435,967 of the Casino License Fee allocated to the First Senatorial District in accordance with 4 CMC §2307(a).). [Deadline: 5/19/19] Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on April 12, 2019.

GOV. COMM. 21-41: (3/29/19) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. No. 21-9, D1, (To appropriate funds allotted to the Second Senatorial District under PL 18-30 (e-gaming fees), as amended; and for other purposes.). Became Tinian Local Law 20-3 item vetoed [Deadline 5/28/19]