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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 Second Day, Second Special Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at 1:45 p.m.
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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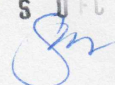
BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 03 May 2019
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 2nd 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 **2nd Day, 2nd Special Session for Wednesday, 08 May 2019 at 1:45 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION, 2019

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day, Second Special Session	Wednesday, May 8, 2019	1:45 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. 21-46: (4/29/19) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 21-37, HD1, (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.). Became **Public Law 21-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 21-47: (5/1/19) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Karie Elizabeth Comstock, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$60,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 21-47: (4/24/19) From Representative Blanco, WM Chair, submitting amended composition to the Ways and Means Committee appointing Representative Marco T. Peter replacing Vice Speaker Deleon Guerrero. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 21-14: (4/29/19) From the Commonwealth Casino Commission transmitting the Commission’s Multi-Year Report from July 11, 2014 through September 30, 2018. [*For info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 21-26: (4/22/19) From the Mayor of Saipan submitting FY 2020 budget request. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-27: (4/24/19) From the Legislative Bureau and the CNMI Youth Congress submitting second quarter expenditure report ending March 31, 2019. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 21-28: (4/30/19) From the Office of Management and Budget submitting Fourth Quarter report of Vacant Holding Accounts for FY 2018. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (3)

S. C. R. No. 21-6: Reporting on H. B. No. 21-17, entitled: “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.” *Your House Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 21-17, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 21-7: Reporting on H. B. No. 21-18, entitled: “To amend the Litter Control Act to prohibit the possession of glass containers while on public beaches; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 21-18, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 21-8: Reporting on H. B. No. 21-13, entitled: “To amend the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018.” *Your House Committee on Cannabis recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 21-13, HD1.*

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. C. R. NO. 21-1	A House Concurrent Resolution 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.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 21-44	A Bill for an Act 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.	

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. 21-13: 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.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
April 29, 2019 & May 2, 2019:*

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). Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Education.

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. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 21-42: To impose a toll fee to be paid by passengers who enter the Marpi area; and for other purposes. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

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. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

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 Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 21-48: To amend 4 CMC §5565 and §5566 to allow 18 year old’s to sale and serve alcoholic beverages. Introduced by Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019; referred House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

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. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019.

H. L. B. NO. 21-16: To appropriate \$148,920 from the Rota Municipal Scholarship Foundation Reserve account (specifically BU 2301); and other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019.

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. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019.

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. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on April 29, 2019.

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. Introduced 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) on April 29, 2019.

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). Introduced by 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, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 29, 2019; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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. 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, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 29, 2019; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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. 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, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 29, 2019; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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. 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, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 29, 2019; placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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. Introduced by Introduced by 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, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Marco T. Peter, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 29, 2019; placed on the Resolution Calendar. [*The resolution was introduced by the committee of the whole house; no objections were made on the floor*]

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*]