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Meeting: House of Representatives Sixth Day, First Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, March 17, 2023, at 3:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 14 March 2023
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 6th 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 **6th Day, 1st Regular Session** for ay, **Friday 17 March 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2023

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
6th Day, First Regular Session	Friday, March 17, 2023	3:00 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. 23-31: To repeal and re-enact Public Law 22-22 in order to make revised appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide revised budget authority for the government corporations for the Fiscal Year 2023; and for other purposes. Introduced by **REP. RALPH N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Manny Gregory T. Castro, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. Ogo, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita K. Yangetmai)

B. House Local Bills:

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

H. RES. NO. 23-6

To amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 9th, 2023; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1, **REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 1, and **REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for themselves*)

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 23-15: (3/10/2023) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 23-02, D1, (*To appropriate \$68,000 from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 23-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 23-16: (3/10/2023) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. NO. 23-1, S1, (*To appropriate \$800,000 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 23-01 item vetoed** [*Deadline 5/9/2023*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS – (3)

HSE. COMM. 23-29: (3/10/2023) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning March 19, 2023 and returning March 26, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 23-30: (3/9/2023) From Representative Joel C. Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning March 19, 2023 and returning March 26, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 23-31: (3/13/2023) From Representative Thomas John DLC. Manglona informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning March 19, 2023 and returning March 26, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 23-4: (3/13/2023) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Senate President and Speaker of the House submitting: *Proposed amendment to the NMI Rules for Continuing Legal Education*. [Submitted 3/13/2023; **Deadline: 5/12/2023**]

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS – (2)

MISC. COMM. 23-17: (3/9/2023) From the Refaluwasch Advisory Council requesting for funding. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-18: (3/13/2023) From the Legislative Bureau revisions to the Appropriations and Budget Act for 2023. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (3)

S. C. R. No. 23-6: Reporting on H. B. No. 23-15 entitled: “To amend Title 6 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new Chapter to enact provisions associated with public corruption, other unlawful influence and related offenses for public officials; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 23-15, HS1.*

S. C. R. No. 23-7: Reporting on H. L. B. No. 23-6 entitled: “To re-appropriate Eleven Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Six Dollars (\$11,246.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 18-09; Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Nine Dollars (\$14,159.00) allotted under Tinian Local Law 19-13; Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Two Dollars (\$30,882.00) from Tinian Local Law 19-15; One Hundred Ninety-One Dollars (\$191.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-9; Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-17; and One Thousand Forty Dollars (\$1,040.00) from Tinian Local Law 20-17; and for other purposes. *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the H. L. B. No. 23-6* be transmitted to the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation (TALD) for its action.

S. C. R. No. 23-8: Reporting on H. L. B. No. 23-8 entitled: “To appropriate \$1,000,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC); and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the H. L. B. No. 23-8* be transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) for its action.

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:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 23-5: To amend the Rota Dog Control Act under Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 1, Article 2, of the Commonwealth Code. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on March 9, 2023.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on March 13, 2023:

H. B. NO. 23-30: To impose an additional five percent (5%) on any licensed construction contractor that earns a yearly gross revenue of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) or more for a period of three years. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on March 13, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. C. R. NO. 23-1: 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 2023, effective upon the passage of this resolution, and ending on September 30, 2023 to reflect proposed revisions to the FY 2023 Annual Appropriations Act enacted as Public Law 22-22. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on March 13, 2023; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.