



# NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives Eleventh Day, Second Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Monday, December 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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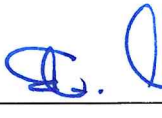
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ  
SPEAKER

**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building**  
**P. O. BOX 500586**  
**Saipan, MP 96950**

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE** : 17 December 2025  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 11<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</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 **11<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session for Monday, 22 December 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
11th Day, Second Regular Session	Monday, December 22, 2025	10:00 a.m.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

- ROLL CALL**
- PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** – (None)
- INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

### **A. House Bills:**

#### **H. B. No. 24-78**

To amend Title 4. Economic Resources, Division 6. Banking and Financial Institutions of the Commonwealth Code, to give the Banking Director authority to regulate digital asset businesses; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by:** **REP. DANIEL I. AQUINO JR.** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Malcolm J. Omar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

#### **H. B. No. 24-79**

To amend Title 4, Division 2, Chapter 3 of the Commonwealth Code, to amend the Commonwealth Gaming provisions, remove exclusive license, and allow for more casino licenses; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by:** **REP. RALPH N. YUMUL** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and John Paul P. Sablan*)

#### **H. B. No. 24-80**

To Repeal and Re-Enact Public Law 24-14 to further Define and Identify General Revenues and approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (a) of the CNMI Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2026 and make 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 budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by:** **REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**H. B. No. 24-81**

To establish a Non-Profit Organization Tax Credit to incentivize individual and corporate contributions, promote philanthropic engagement, and ensure the long-term viability of organizations that provide essential services and enhance the quality of life for the people of the CNMI.

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

**B. House Local Bills:**

**C. House Legislative Initiatives:**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. House Resolutions:**

**H. RES. NO. 24-21**

To encourage the Honorable David M. Apatang, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to declare a Proactive Resilience Emergency Declaration to protect the Commonwealth's renewable energy future in light of the approaching federal deadline under the 2025 "Big Beautiful Budget" Act (BBB); and urging all agencies to fast-track renewable energy projects before the opportunity expires.

**Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**H. RES. NO. 24-22**

Supporting the establishment of mandatory financial literacy education in CNMI public schools; urging the CNMI Public School System (PSS) and the Board of Education to collaborate with private financial institutions, workforce development partners, and accredited financial education providers; and encouraging a unified, community-wide effort to equip students with essential financial skills needed for lifelong success.

**Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**B. House Joint Resolutions:**

**C. House Commemorative Resolutions:**

**D. House Concurrent Resolutions:**

**H. C. R. NO. 24-3**

To further approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified under Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and Title 1, Division 7, of the Commonwealth Code, for Fiscal Year 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

**Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel*

*C. Camacho, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)*

## 6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-86: (12/2/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-27, S1 (*To appropriate Three Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (\$305,000.00) for the continued RCGC operations, establish a reserve for future appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation; and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law 24-05** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-87: (12/9/2025) Informing the House of the execution of the \$29 million pension loan with the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) and urging immediate legislative action on the FY 2026 Revised Budget to prevent disruption to the Group Health & Life Insurance Program. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-88: (12/10/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-28 (*To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$221,649.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-12** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-89: (12/10/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-30 (*To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$48,450.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-13** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-90: (12/10/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-32 (*To re-appropriate \$78,980.00 allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-17; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-14** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-91: (12/10/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-33 (*To amend Saipan Local Law 24-05 that appropriated the remaining fund balance of \$85,500 under Saipan Local Law 23-04 for the repair, maintenance and improvements of recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-15** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-92: (12/15/2025) Certification and request for legislative authorization to exceed the government salary ceiling pursuant to 1 CMC § 8248(a) for the Department of Corrections to hire a Physician Assistant at an annual salary of \$104,000.00. [***For action***]

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-63: (12/1/2025) Returning H. B. No. 24-74, entitled, “To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November 2025.”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on December 1, 2025, in the form of **H. B. No. 24-74, SS2 to read: “To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust.”** [***For action on Senate amendments***]

SEN. COMM. 24-64: (12/2/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06, entitled, “*To recognize and honor the Honorable Diego Tenorio Benavente for his exemplary lifetime of public service and profound contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its People, and to convey the Senate’s sincere condolences, prayers, and appreciation to his family.*”. [*For info*]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-73: (12/4/2025) From Representative Thomas John DIC. Manglona informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official matters beginning December 8, 2025,

until further notice, and respectfully requests to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during this period. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-74: (12/9/2025) From Representative Roman C. Benavente informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from December 9, 2025 to December 13, 2025, and respectfully requests to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-75: (12/15/2025) From Representative Julie M. A. Ogo informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from December 31, 2025 to January 5, 2026, and respectfully requests to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-76: (12/16/2025) From Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business from December 19 to January 7, 2026, and respectfully requests to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-77: (12/18/2025) From Representative Ralph N. Yumul informing the Speaker that he will be on personal leave from December 22, 2025, through January 2, 2026, and respectfully requesting to be excused from all official meetings and sessions during this period. Further informing that Representative John Paul P. Sablan has been designated to officially introduce legislation on his behalf. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-78: (12/18/2025) From Representative Raymond U. Palacios informing the Speaker that he will be taking a leave of absence and respectfully requesting to be excused from the House Session scheduled for December 22, 2025. [*For info*]

## **9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH**

JUD. BR. COMM. 24-8: (12/12/2025) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro to the Senate President and Speaker of the House submitting: *Proposed Amendment to NMI Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure, specifically enacting a newly enacted Rule 5(d), which creates a Confidentiality Rule to supplement the establishment of a Lawyer Assistance Program in the CNMI.* [Submitted 12/12/2025; **Deadline: 2/10/2026**]

## **10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)**

## **11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS**

MISC. COMM. 24-79: (12/9/2025) Transmitting a copy of the executed \$29 million Loan Agreement between the Marianas Public Land Trust and the CNMI Government, dated December 5, 2025. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-80: (Rec'd 12/17/2025) From the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) submitting: *NMHC's Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report Years and Additional Information for Year Ended September 30, 2021.* [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 24-81: (Rec'd 12/17/2025) From the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) submitting: *NMHC's Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control and on Compliance for Year Ended September 30, 2021.* [*For info*]



## 12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)

**S. C. R. No. 24-42:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 24-59, entitled: “To enact the “CNMI Fair Billing Practices Act” to establish clear and fair standards for back billing practices in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to protect consumers while allowing service providers to recover unpaid amounts lawfully due; and for other purposes.”  
*Your House Committee on Commerce recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 24-59, HD1.*

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

## 14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

## 15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
<b>H. RES. NO. 24-19</b>	A House Resolution to Express the Sense of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Regarding the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s Request for Information and Interest on Commercial Leasing for Outer Continental Shelf Minerals Offshore the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Published in the Federal Register on November 12, 2025 (FR Doc. No. 2025-19852), and to Urge Respect for CNMI Self-Government, Indigenous Rights, Environmental Protection, Equitable Benefit-Sharing, and the Lessons of Global and Pacific History.	
<b>H. RES. NO. 24-20</b>	A House Resolution to respectfully recognize the significant contributions of Victorino “Vic” Sablan Cepeda to the educational and vocational advancement of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.	

## 16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>S. B. NO. 24-04</b> [SEN. COMM. 24-26]	A Bill for an Act to advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI.  [No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of July 14, 2025]	

## 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. 24-37: To rename Isa Drive to “Governor Carlos S. Camacho Drive” in honor of the First Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*) Introduced on December 5, 2025.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on December 5, 2025:*

H. B. No. 24-75: To authorize the continued payment of employer premiums for the Group Health & Life Insurance (GHLI) Program by permitting expenditure of \$3,747,585.00 recently identified by the Governor that shall be appropriated by the Legislature for FY 2026. REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*). Introduced on December 5, 2025; moved and placed on the Bill Calendar; and moved and passed on First and Final Reading without amendments.

[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. B. No. 24-76: To adopt the village delimitation and name master map for Saipan as the sole village delimitation and name master map of Saipan and to provide for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan to be the primary custodian for maintaining and preserving the master map and for the Department of Commerce – Central Statistics Division to be the secondary custodian; and for other purposes. REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*). Introduced on December 5, 2025. Referred to: House Committee on Natural Resources and to the House Committee on Commerce on 12/9/2025 (MEMO).

[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. B. No. 24-77: To amend the operating budget and scope of operations of the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse (CNMI OGM-SC); and for other purposes. REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*). Introduced on December 5, 2025. Referred to: House Committee on Ways and Means on 12/9/2025 (MEMO).

[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-36: To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$89,217.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-15 (Project Code 3754H) for the maintenance and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct III and the maintenance and improvements of Garapan Core and the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road pathway in Precinct III; and for other purposes. REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*). Introduced on December 5, 2025, and transmitted to the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation.

[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-37: To rename Isa Drive to “Governor Carlos S. Camacho Drive” in honor of the First Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*) Introduced on December 5, 2025; requires three legislative days appearance prior to transmittal to the respective Legislative Delegation.

[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. RES. NO. 24-19: To Express the Sense of the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature Regarding the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management’s Request for Information and Interest on Commercial Leasing for Outer Continental Shelf Minerals Offshore the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Published in the Federal Register on November 12, 2025 (FR Doc. No. 2025-19852), and to Urge Respect for CNMI Self-Government, Indigenous Rights, Environmental Protection, Equitable Benefit-Sharing, and the Lessons of Global and Pacific History. REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*,



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[ADDED-12/5/2025] H. RES. No. 24-20: To respectfully recognize the significant contributions of Victorino “Vic” Sablan Cepeda to the educational and vocational advancement of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*) Introduced on December 5, 2025; moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar; no action taken.