



APRIL 22, 2025

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SENATE SESSION – 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST Day	Friday, April 25, 2025	2:00 p.m.
SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. **SJ No. 24-03** - 3rd Day, First Regular – 2/28/25
2. **SJ No. 24-04** - 4th Day, First Regular – 3/07/25

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No 24-20**: Feb. 28, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-1, D1 = To appropriate \$11,877.00 for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission pursuant to 10 CMC §2581 and 1 CMC §1405, becomes ***TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-01***.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-21**: Feb. 14, 2025 – Re-nomination of Mr. Lilio B. Tipples to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Licensing representing the Third Senatorial District.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-22**: Apr. 01, 2025 – Proposed budget for the CNMI and its related agencies for FY 2026. *[Volume attachments, please see Network Fileserver under Senate Budget folder]*

4. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-23](#): Mar. 31, 2025 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-2, D1 – To appropriate Eighty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$84,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes, becomes ***TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-02***.
5. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-24](#): Apr. 7, 2025 – Drug test results of Mr. Lilio B. Tiples re-nominated to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Licensing, representing the Third Senatorial District.
6. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-25](#): Apr. 7, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-6 – To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$50,411.00 under SLL 21-10) Project Code 7192H) for the maintenance, repairs and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct IV and for the purchase of base coarse to repair secondary roadways in Precinct IV; and for other purposes, becomes ***SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-01***.
7. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-26](#): Apr. 09, 2025 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175 of Ms. Olga Kelley AAG, to receive \$80,000.00 per annum.
8. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-27](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – ***Vetoed*** S.L.B. No. 24-01, D1 – To amend TLL 21-09 to provide for regulatorily complaint internet gaming; to authorize the establishment of the Tinian Stable Token; and for other purposes.
9. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-28](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-4, D1 – To appropriate Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Department of Finance Rota Division and the Mayor of Rota's Operations; as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota DLNR, becomes ***ROTAL LOCAL LAW NO. 24-01***.
10. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-29](#): Mar. 11, 2025 – Nomination of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Carolinian descent.
11. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-30](#): Mar. 11, 2025 – Nomination of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Public Sector/Women.
12. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-31](#): Apr. 03, 2025 – Nomination of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.
13. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-32](#): Apr. 03, 2025 – Nomination of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.

14. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-33](#): Apr. 07, 2025 – Resume and statement of financial interest of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar nominated to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.
15. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-34](#): Apr. 07, 2025 –Resume and statement of financial interest of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero nominated to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
16. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-35](#): Apr. 07, 2025 – Resume and statement of financial interest of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Carolinian descent.
17. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-36](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – Police clearance and sealed drug test results of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.
18. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-37](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – Police clearance and sealed drug test results of Mr. Sixto Kaipat Igisomar nominated to serve on the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors.
19. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-38](#): Apr. 15, 2025 – Police clearance and sealed drug test results of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero nominated to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
20. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-39](#): Apr. 16, 2025 – Resume and statement of financial interest, police clearance and sealed drug test results of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Public Sector/Women.
21. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-40](#): Apr. 07, 2025 – Signed into law and disapproved parts of H.L.B. No. 24-03, D2 – To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to PL 20-59, becomes ***SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-02***.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. [Jud. Comm. No. 24-01](#): Mar. 05, 2025 – Judiciary FY 2026 Budget request.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. [Dept. Msg. No. 24-07](#): Jan. 31, 2025 – DOF FY 2025 First Quarter Financial Report.
2. [Dept. Msg. No. 24-08](#): Feb. 14, 2025 – DPL proposed budget for FY 2026.
3. [Dept. Msg. No. 24-09](#): Mar. 14, 2025 – DPW re CNMI 4-Year TTIP FY 2024 – 2027.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-06](#): Mar. 11, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-7** – to ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it.
2. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-07](#): Mar. 11, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-11** – To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes.
3. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-08](#): Mar. 11, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.J.R. No. 24-1** – To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security.
4. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-09](#): Mar. 25, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-17** – To amend 2 CMC §2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances.
5. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-10](#): Mar. 31, 2025 – Hse. Commemorative Res. No. 24-2 – Late Honorable Miguel Mendiola Sablan.
6. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-11](#): Mar. 31, 2025 – Hse. Res. No. 24-5 – CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day.
7. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-12](#): Mar. 31, 2025 – Hse. Res. No. 24-6 – Late Honorable Oscar Manglona Babauta.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-38](#): Feb. 25, 2025 – From Chairman of the Senate Committee on Federal Relations and Military Affairs, Senator King-Nabors to Rep. King-Hinds requesting for detailed information from the U.S. Dept. of Treasury.
2. [Sen. Comm. Nos. 24-39 to 41](#): Mar. 05, 2025 – Referral to FA Committee SNIMC, [DPL FY 2026 Budget submission](#) and HWP Committee [CHCC re 2025 Health Network Program analysis](#).

3. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-42](#): Mar. 07, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the re-nomination of Mr. Lilio B. Tiples to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Licensing representing the Third Senatorial District.
4. [Sen. Comm. Nos. 24-43 to 47](#): Mar. 10, 2025 – Referral of SR, SBs to Rules, HWP, RED& Workforce, FA and JGL Committees.
5. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-48](#): Mar. 14, 2025 – Senator Hofschneider’s off-island notice from March 17-20, 2025.
6. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-49](#): Mar. 20, 2025 – Senate President Mendiola to Chairman, PUTC request for oversight of the CUC procurement process.
7. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-50](#): Mar. 21, 2025 – Senate President Mendiola to Chairman, FA request for oversight of the Office of Grants Management.
8. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-51](#): Mar. 25, 2025 – Referral to FA Committee Commonwealth Casino Commission FY 2026 Budget request.
9. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-52](#): Mar. 27, 2025 – Senate President Mendiola referral to RED&Workforce ANAKS Ocean View Hill Homeowners’ Association concerns – Ref. HLB 23-59.
10. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-53](#): Apr. 7, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the drug test results of Mr. Lilio B. Tiples re-nominated to serve on the Board of Professional Licensing.
11. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-54](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – Senate President’s off-island notice 04/13/25 to 04/17/25.
12. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-55](#): Apr. 16, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Remedio C. Mafnas to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Public Sector/Women.
13. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-56](#): Apr. 16, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Mr. Joseph C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
14. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-57](#): Apr. 16, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as Secretary of the Department of Public Lands.
15. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-58](#): Apr. 16, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Free Trade Zone Authority Board of Directors representing the Carolinian descent.
16. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-59](#): Apr. 17, 2025 – Senate President with Speaker granting Administrative Leave on Monday, April 21, 2025.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE:

1. [CNMI Del. Comm. 24-02](#): Apr. 01, 2025 – Commonwealth’s use of State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) under the ARPA.

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. [Senate Bill No. 24-33](#): To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 18, Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, of the Commonwealth Code, to rename the Commissioner to Fire Chief, Deputy Commissioner to Deputy Fire Chief, Division Deputy Commissioner to Assistant Fire Chief; and for other purposes. *[SEN. DENNIS C. MENDIOLA – 04/10/25]*
2. [Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-01](#): To recognize and commend the Saipan Eagle Lions Club and the Saipan Beacon Lions Club for their outstanding achievements in membership growth and retention. *[SEN. CELINA R. BABAUTA – 04/16/25]*
3. **Senate Joint Resolution No. 24-03**: To support the passage of H.R. 2132, which aims to reestablish eligibility for NMI Airports to participate in the Essential Air Service. *[SEN. JUDE U. HOF SCHNEIDER – 04/22/25]*

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. [Standing Committee Report No. 24-03](#): From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of *Ms. Rosemond B. Santos-Sword* to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District and Women.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-04**: From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-18 – To amend 1 CMC §2803 regarding the budget submission of the Department of Public Lands; and for other purposes. *[Recommends passage in the form of Senate Draft 1]*
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-05**: From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on Senate Bill No. 24-32 –To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second

Senatorial Districts to the mayor of each respective municipality; and for other purposes.
[Recommends passage in the form of Senate Draft 1]

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **Sen. Commemorative Res. No. 24-01**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<u>S.B. No. 24-09</u>	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Captive Insurance Act of 2025; and for other purposes.
<u>S.B. No. 24-22</u>	To establish mandatory presentation of valid personal photo identification for any debit card or credit card transaction made in person and any check cash exchange or purchase for all business establishments in the Commonwealth.
S.B. No, 24-18, SD1 (See SCRep. 24-04)	To amend 1 CMC §2803 regarding the budget submission of the Department of Public Lands; and for other purposes
S.B. No, 24-32, SD1 (See SCRep. 24-05)	To amend 2 CMC § 3551 to change the expenditure authority, management, and control of the solid waste sub-accounts for the First and Second Senatorial Districts; and for other purposes.”

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-23](#): Mar. 04, 2025 – SNILD Resolution No. 24-01 – Rules of Procedure.
2. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-24](#): Feb. 28, 2025 – 18TH SNIMC FY 2026 Budget submission.

3. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-25](#): Mar. 01, 2025 – CHCC 2025 Health Network Program analysis.
4. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-26](#): Mar. 07, 2025 – Mayor of Saipan’s request for resumption of access to quarry materials for public benefit.
5. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-27](#): Mar. 17, 2025 – Commonwealth Casino Commission FY 2026 Budget request.
6. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-28](#): Mar. 25, 2025 – TALD Res. No. 24-02 – Marvin Ngirarois Cruz Sr.
7. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-29](#): Mar. 27, 2025 – YC Bill 19-04 – Repeal and Re-enact the CNMI Youth Congress Act.
8. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-30](#): Mar. 27, 2025 – YC Bill 19-05 – Requiring background checks for Youth Affiliated Sport Administration, Coaches, Trainers and Instructors.
9. [Misc. Comm. No. 24-31](#): Mar. 27, 2025 – YC Resolutions 19-32-35 -13 QuestBridge National College recipients from MHS; POLKSAI Chamorro Club at MHS; 2025 National Speech & Debate Association; Grace Christian Ministries in CNMI.
10. [Misc. Comm. No 24-32](#): Apr. 09, 2025 – RLD transmitting certified copies of Res. No. 24-02 to 05. (See attached)

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.