



November 26, 2025

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
8 th Day	Monday, December 01, 2025	10:30 a.m.
Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill – Saipan		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL:

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. **SJ 24-14** - 4th Day, Second Regular- 9/26/25
2. **SJ 24-15** - 6th Day, Second Regular – 11/14/25
3. **SJ 24-16** - 7th Day, Second Regular – 11/17/25

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-162:** Nov. 13, 2025 – Withdrawing the nomination of Ms. Sheila J. Babauta to serve on the NMC Board of Regents.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-163:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-164:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Group Health & Life Insurance (GHLI) Program at-risk of termination
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-165:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of *Mr. Theodore R. Parker* to continue serving as

a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board, representing the Health Care Professional.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-166:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-23, D1 – To establish the Rota Cultural Heritage and Education Tour Act; and for other purposes, becomes ***ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-03***.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-167:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-24 – To establish the Rota Department of Public Works equipment rental fee; and for other purposes, becomes ***ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-04***.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-168:** Nov. 17, 2025 – Withdrawing the re-nomination of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve on the CPA Board of Directors, representing the Third Senatorial District.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-169:** Nov. 17, 2025 – Withdrawing the nomination of Mr. Paul C. Andrew C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees, representing the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-170:** Nov. 18, 2025 – Nomination of Ms. Carline B. Sablan to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-171:** Nov. 18, 2025 – Update to FY 2026 Budgetary Resources.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-172:** Nov. 18, 2025 – **EO 2025-004** – Streamline Business Permitting Processes in the CNMI.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-173:** Nov. 18, 2025 – **EO 2025-005** — Transfer of authority of Commonwealth Cannabis Commission to Alcohol Beverage & Tobacco Control Division of the Department of Commerce.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-174:** Nov. 21, 2025 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-68 HD1 – To conditionally authorize the MPLT to establish a margin account solely to facilitate the \$29,000,000 loan authorized under PL 24-13, subject to the continuing fiduciary and constitutional duties of the Trustees, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-17***.
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-175:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Re-submitting the nomination of Michi Aldan Viches to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees, representing the Second Senatorial District.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-176:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Re-submitting the nomination of Mr. Paul C. Andrew C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees, representing the Third Senatorial District.

16. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-177:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. Vincent Norita Camacho, Jr., nominated to serve on the Board of Directors for the Commonwealth Ports Authority representing the Third Senatorial District.

17. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-178:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Signed into local law, H.L.B. No. 24-31, D1- To appropriate Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) for the personnel and operations of the Tinian Casino Gaming Commission and other needs of the municipality, becomes ***TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-08.***

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-17:** Nov. 14, 2025 – DCCA Div. of Youth Services mandates, operations and exemption status.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-97:** Nov. 20, 2025 – Certified copy of Hse. Commemorative Resolution 24-5 - Northern Marianas Islands Football Association's (NMIFA) 20th Anniversary. ***[FOR INFO]***

2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-98:** Nov. 25, 2025 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-31, SD1 – To ensure food safety and support small food entrepreneurs sell non-time/temperature control (TCS) for safety food and home-cooked meals; and for other purposes. ***[FOR INFO. GOING TO GOV]***

3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-99:** Nov. 25, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-34** – To streamline business licensing in the Commonwealth by establishing a business start-up task force, a digital one-stop platform, a support center, and a conditional business licensing process.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-162:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Referral to EAGR resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of *Mr. Theodore R. Parker* to continue serving as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board, representing the Health Care Professional.

2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-163:** Nov. 14, 2025 – Referral to FA Committee H.B. Nos. 24-70 and 74.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-164:** (Rec'd Nov. 17, 2025) - Referral to EAGR resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of *Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis* to continue serving as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board, representing the Health Care Physicians Professional.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-165:** Nov. 17, 2025 - Referral to EAGI withdrawing the re-nomination of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member of the CPA Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-166:** Nov. 17, 2025 - Referral to EAGI withdrawing the re-nomination of Mr. Paul Andrew C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-167:** Nov. 19, 2025 – Administrative Leave for the CNMI Legislature – November 28, 2025.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-168:** Sept. 30, 2025 (Rec'd 11/21/25) – Referral to EAGI withdrawing Ms. Tania Sophia P. David to serve as a member of the CEDA Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-169:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Referral to EAGR resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of *Mr. Vincent Norita Camacho, Jr.* to continue serving as a member of the CPA Board of Directors, representing the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-170:** Nov. 25, 2025 – Referral to EAGR the re-nomination of Mr. Paul C. Andrew C. Guerrero to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees, representing the Third Senatorial District.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 24-51:** To amend the quorum and removal of members provisions for the State Board of Education, and for other purposes. *[SEN. MANNY GREGORY T. CASTRO – 11/19/25]*
2. **Senate Bill No. 24-52:** Authorizing the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to utilize its preferred dividend funds to carry out the mandates of Public Law 22-01. *[SEN. MANNY GREGORY T. CASTRO – 11/19/25]*

3. **Senate Bill No. 24-53:** To prohibit the Office of the Attorney General from issuing criminal investigative subpoenas or adopting regulations to issue investigative subpoenas unless explicitly authorized by CNMI Law or a CNMI Judicial Officer; and for other purposes. *[SEN. KARL R. KING-NABORS – 11/25/25]*
4. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-06:** 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. *[SEN. KARL R. KING-NABORS – 11/25/26]*

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-30:** From the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on **H.J.R. No. 24-01** – 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. *[Recommends passage in the form of Senate Draft 1]*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-31:** From the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on **H.J.R. No. 24-03** – To urge the United States Congress to require all contractors and subcontractors performing federally funded work in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to register with the CNMI Department of Finance and certify compliance with CNMI tax laws as a condition of receiving federal payments, to request the U.S. Department of Defense to adopt a CNMI-specific clause in the Defense federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to institutionalize this requirement, and to affirm the CNMI's right under Section 703(b) of the Covenant to receive federal income tax revenues generated from contract work performed in the Commonwealth. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-32:** From the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on **H.J.R. No. 24-08** – To urge the United States to take immediate and comprehensive action to identify, remove, and safely dispose of World War II-era unexploded ordnance throughout the Northern Marianas Islands. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-33:** From the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on **H.J.R. No. 24-09** – To respectfully urge the United States Department of Treasury, United States Customs and Border Protection, the United States Postal Service and any other responsible federal agencies to immediately cease and desist the implementation of Executive Order 14324 and remit to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands all revenues collected under Executive Order 14324, or in the alternative, to recognize the CNMI's austerity to collect such revenues itself consistent with the Covenant and applicable law in the event that said charges must be imposed. *[Recommends passage in the form of Senate Draft 1]*

5. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-39:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of ***Mr. Ramon M. Dela Cruz*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors (CEDA) representing the Second Senatorial District.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-40:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of ***Dr. Tiffany Lynn Willis*** to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing the Physicians Profession.
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-41:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of ***Mr. Theodore R. Parker*** to serve as a member of the Health Care Professions Licensing Board representing the Health Care Professional.
8. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-42:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of ***Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District.
9. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-43:** From the Executive Appointments and Government Investigations Committee reporting on the Executive appointment of ***Ms. Elsie Tilipao-Rebuenog*** to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Election Commission representing the Third Senatorial District/Carolinian Community.
10. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-44:** From the Fiscal Affairs Committee reporting on ***H.B. No. 24-74*** - 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. ***[Recommends passage in the form of SS1]***

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **S.R. No. 24-11**
2. **H.J.R. No. 24-01, SD1**
3. **H.J.R. No. 24-03**
4. **H.J.R. No. 24-08**
5. **H.J.R. No. 24-09, SD1**
6. **Sen. Comm. Resolution No 24-06**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 24-74, SS1	To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-58:** Nov. 10, 2025 - Joint Letter of CNMI Defense Attorneys in Opposition to Proposed Regulation: Use of Investigative Subpoenas by the Office of the Attorney General: Commonwealth Register Volume 47, Number 10: Pages 052967-052975.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-59:** (Rec'd 11/13/25) – CHCC FY 2025 Citizen Centric Report.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-60:** (Rec'd 11/17/25) – CUC Financial Statement & Supplemental Information as of September 30, 2023 and 2022.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-61:** (Rec'd 11/17/25) – Mayor of Rota Citizen Centric Report.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-62:** (Rec'd 11/19/25) – CNMI Civil Service Commission FY 2024-2025 Citizen Centric Report.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-63:** Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission FY 2025 Citizen Centric Report.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-64:** Nov. 24, 2025 – TALD certified Commemorative Resolution Nos. 24-01 and 02.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 24-03	<i>To amend 10 CMC §2521 (g) to provide for the suspension of Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission members' compensation; and for other purposes.</i> <i>2nd Appearance</i>

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