



DECEMBER 19, 2025

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
9 th Day	Monday, December 22, 2025	1:30 p.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 No. 24-17** - 8th Day, Second Regular Session – 12/01/25
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
 - 1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-179:** Nov. 26, 2025 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-54 – To increase the number of military leave hours to CNMI government employees and to broaden eligibility for its use, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-18**.
 - 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-180:** Dec. 02, 2025 – *Vetoed* H.L.B. No. 24-14 – To impose a 0.5% ad valorem local excise surtax for the privilege of importing construction materials from outside and within the Commonwealth by licensed construction contractors into the First Senatorial District.
 - 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-181:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Signed into local 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 fund for future appropriation by the Rota Legislative Delegation; and for other purposes, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-05**.

4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-182:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Mr. James Mendiola Jr., to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission representing the Second Senatorial District.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-183:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result of Ms. Carline B. Sablan to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority representing the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-184:** Dec. 09, 2025 – Execution of Pension Loan with Marianas Public Land Trust.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-185:** Dec. 10, 2025 – 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, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-12.**
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-186:** Dec. 10, 2025 – Signed into law H.L.B. No. 24-30 – To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of Forty-Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$48,450.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-13.**
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-187:** Dec. 10, 2025 – Signed into law H.L.B. No. 24-32 – To re-appropriate Seventy-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$78,980.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 18-17; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-14.**
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-188:** Dec. 10, 2025 – Signed into law H.L.B. No. 24-33 – To amends Saipan Local Law 24-05 that appropriated the remaining fund balance of \$85,000 under Saipan Local Law 23-04 for the repair, maintenance, and improvements of recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-15.**
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-189:** Dec. 10, 2025 – Nomination of *Mr. Dave B. Guerrero* to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the Third Senatorial District/Private Sector.
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-190:** Dec. 10, 2025 – Nomination of *Mr. Michael N. Evangelista* to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents representing the Private Sector.
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-191:** Dec. 11, 2025 –Nomination of *Mr. Mark O. Rabauliman* to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority representing the Public Sector/Carolinian Community.

14. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-192:** Dec. 15, 2025 – Certification of annual salary in excess of Government salary ceiling to Mr. Keith Longuski, a Physician Assistant (PA) for the Department of Corrections proposed salary of \$104,000.00 per year.
15. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-193:** Dec. 17, 2025 – Nomination of Ms. Janet U. Maratita to serve on the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District/Private Sector.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 24-07:** Dec. 12, 2025 – Proposed amendment to NMI Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure.

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.: (NONE)

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-100:** Dec. 04, 2025 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-8 – WWII-era unexploded ordnance in the NMI. *[For info]*
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-101:** Dec. 04, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-16 – Project Buddy Check 670. *[For info]*
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-102:** Dec. 04, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-17 – Late Honorable Diego T. Benavente. *[For info]*
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-103:** Dec. 04, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-18 – Late Honorable Benigno Magofna Sablan. *[For info]*
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-104:** Dec. 05, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **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.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-105:** Dec. 18, 2025 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-1, SD1– Inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the non-immigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program. *[For info]*
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-106:** Dec. 18, 2025 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-9, SD1– Implementation of EO 14324. *[For info]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-171:** Dec. 01, 2025 – Senator Hofsneider’s off-island notice and delegation of authority beginning 12/02/25 to 12/09/25.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-172:** Dec. 01, 2025 – Joint Senate FA and House WM Chairperson’s letter to Governor Apatang regarding the passage of Revised FY 2026 Budget.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-173:** Dec. 01, 2025 – Senators Donald and Paul Manglona regarding the Rota Resort RFP update from DPL.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-174:** Nov. 24, 2025 – Referrals of legislations to Educ. & Youth Affairs, RED&W, FA and JGL Committees.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-175:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee Mr. James Mendiola’s copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result to serve as a member of the CPUC.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-176:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Referral to EAGI Committee Ms. Carline B. Sablan’s copies of resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest and drug test result to serve as a member of CPA Board of Directors.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-177:** Dec. 02, 2025 – Holidays Administrative Leave for the employees of the Legislature.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-178:** Dec. 16, 2025 – Referrals to JGL, REDW, HWP and FA Committees SBs and HB 24-34.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS: (NONE)

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (NONE)

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **S.R. No. 24-11**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 24-75 (See HC 24-104)	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.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-65:** Nov. 25, 2025 – CEDA’s FY 2025 Citizen Centric Report.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-66:** Dec. 09, 2025 – MPLT loan of \$29 million with the CNMI Government.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-67:** Nov. 25, 2025 – CEC request for approval NMD ID Design.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-68:** (Rec’d 12/17/25) – NMHC Independent Auditors’ Report/Financial Statements & additional information - Year ended 9/30/21.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

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

3rd Appearance

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