



September 01, 2026

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Friday, September 04, 2026	4:14 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:** Eight (8) members present and (1) absent excused -Sen. Babauta
- B. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 3 presented testimonies.
- C. **READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (ALL ADOPTED)**
1. **SJ No. 24-28:** - 1ST Day, Emergency Session – 07/03/26
 2. **SJ No. 24-29:** - 1st Day, 6th Special Session – 07/20/26
 3. **SJ No. 24-30** - 1st Day, 7th Special Session – 07/30/26
- D. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR: (NONE)**
- E. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**
- F. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:**
1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-36:** Aug. 28, 2026 – DOF FY 2026 – July Monthly Financial Report.
- G. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**
1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-172:** Aug. 20, 2026 – ***Rejected*** the Senate amendments to **H.B. No. 24-107, HD1, SD1** – To authorize the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to obtain emergency financing for utility restoration, stabilization, and fuel procurement in response to Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi and related fuel supply disruptions; and for other purposes. Appointment of members to serve as conferees.

2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-173:** Aug. 20, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-81** – To establish a Non-Profit Organization Tax Credit to incentive 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.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-174:** Aug. 20, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.J.R. No. 24-17** - To affirm the Commonwealth's interests in submerged lands and offshore mineral resources and to respectfully urge Congress to enact legislation conveying ownership, recognizing Commonwealth rights, and establishing a federal framework governing offshore mineral development adjacent to the Commonwealth.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-175:** Aug. 20, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.C.R. No. 24-4** - To 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 2027, beginning October 1, 2026, and ending on September 30, 2027.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-176:** Aug. 27, 2026 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-28 – Rufina Tuloi Borja Seman.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-177:** Aug. 27, 2026 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-29 – Gloria Worswick Hunter.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-178:** Aug. 27, 2026 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-15 – Master Navigator Sesario Sewralur.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-179:** Aug. 27, 2026 – Certified copy of H.J.R. No. 24-16 – ESGR.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-258:** Aug. 10, 2026 – Senator Castro’s leave notice beginning August 10-15, 2026.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-259:** Aug. 18, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee the resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. Warren F. Villagomez to serve on the MVA Board of Directors, representing the Second Senatorial District.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-260:** Aug. 20, 2026 – Sen. Hofschneider’s off-island notice from August 21-31, 2026.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-261:** Aug. 25, 2026 – Referral to FA, PUTC, REDW and JGL Committees HCR and HBs.

5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-262:** Sept. 01, 2026 – Appointment of *Senate conferees to H.B. No. 24-107, HD1, SD1* - To authorize the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to obtain emergency financing for utility restoration, stabilization, and fuel procurement in response to Super Typhoons Sinlaku and Bavi and related fuel supply disruptions; and for other purposes.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-263:** Sept. 01, 2026 – Withdrawal from FA Committee H.C.R. 24-4.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-309:** August 5, 2026 – *Vetoed* S.L.B. No. 24-04 – To define and authorize the use of abandoned investigative deposits held by the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC); to establish procedures for notice, claims, and final disposition of such deposits; to authorize the appropriation of abandoned deposits to pay outstanding regulatory fees, assessments, penalties, and taxes owed to the Commission; and for other purposes. *[Deadline: 10/04/26]*

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

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

1. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-10**
2. **S.B. No. 24-66**

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-87:** From the Judiciary, Government and Law Committee reporting on *S.B. No. 24-07* – To establish a Police Reserve Unit within the Department of Public Safety. *[Recommends passage in its current form] ADOPTED*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-91:** From the Resources, Economic Development, and Workforce Committee reporting on *S.B. 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. *[Recommends passage in its current form]*

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR: (BOTH ADOPTED)

1. **S.C.R. No. 24-19** – Naval Mobile Construction Battalion ONE Detail Tinian
2. **H.C.R NO. 24-4**, SD1

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 24-07 (See SCRep. No. 24-87) PASSED	To establish a Police Reserve Unit within the Department of Public Safety.
S.B. No. 24-52 (See SCRep. No. 24-91)	Authorizing the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority to utilize its preferred dividend funds to carry out the mandates of Public Law 22-01.
S.B. No. 24-62	To enact the “CNMI Dignified Aging and Long-Term Care Act of 2026”; to establish a comprehensive statutory and regulatory framework for assisted living facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and Programs of All Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE); to regulate licensing, operations, and oversight of long-term care facilities; and for other purposes.; and for other purposes.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

(NONE)

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT at 4:53 p.m.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.L.B. No. 24-05	To name the Rota East Harbor to the “Joseph Songao Inos East Harbor” in recognition and appreciation of his exemplary service and significant contributions to the Municipality of Rota and to the people of the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. <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.