



APRIL 17, 2023

THE SENATE
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD SPECIAL SESSION - 2023

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Thursday, April 20, 2023	10:00 a.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:**
- Senate Journal No. 23-04:** -1st Special Session 03/17/23
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
- Gov. Msg. No. 23-64:** Apr. 02, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Jamika Tajeron to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to represent Saipan.
 - Gov. Msg. No. 23-65:** Apr. 01, 2023 – Nomination of Mr. James S. Sirok to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission to Saipan.
 - Gov. Msg. No. 23-66:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Monique B. Sablan to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District.
 - Gov. Msg. No. 23-67:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Rebecca Agnes C. White to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-68:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Elizabeth Emma C. Itibus to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-69:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Dana Calvo to serve on the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority Board of Directors to represent the First Senatorial District.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-70:** Apr. 11, 2023 – Nomination of Ms. Sachiko N. Gerrard to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors to represent the Saipan Business.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-71:** Apr. 11, 2023 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. James S. Sirok nominated to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 23-72:** Apr. 12, 2023 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Rebecca C. White nominated to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Board of Directors.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-05:** Mar. 23, 2023 – Department of Commerce response to the questions by Senate President DeLeon Guerrero and Senator Hofschneider during the PUTC public hearing on March 15, 2023.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-06:** Mar. 29, 2023 – DOF – Div. of Financial Services regarding timesheets deadline.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 23-07:** Apr. 13, 2023 – Homeland Security & Emergency Management requesting a meeting with House and Senate to discuss ongoing project – CNMI Tsunami Evacuation Planning on April 20, 2023.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 23-19:** April 14, 2023 – *Rejected* the Senate amendments to **H.B. No. 23-31, HS1, SS2** - To repeal and re-enact Public Law 22-22 in order to make revised 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 revised budget authority for government corporations for the Fiscal Year 2023; and for other purposes, and appointment of House conferees. *[FOR INFO.]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-108:** Mar. 19, 2023 – Senator Magofna’s off-island notice from March 19, 2023 to March 29, 2023.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-109:** Mar. 27, 2023 – Senator Mendiola’s personal off-island notice from April 03, 2023 to April 07, 2023.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-110:** Mar. 17, 2023 – Senator P. Manglona’s off-island notice from March 19-24, 2023.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-111:** Apr. 04, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Mr. James S. Sirok to serve as a member of PUC.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-112:** Apr. 04, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Jamika Tajjeron to serve as a member of MVA.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-113:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Monique B. Sablan to serve as a member of CNMI Scholarship.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-114:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Rebecca C. White to serve as a member of CUC Board of Directors.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-115:** Apr. 10, 2023 – Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Elizabeth Emma C. Itibus to serve as a member of CNMI Scholarship.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-116:** Apr. 10, 2023 –Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Dana Calvo to serve as a member of CEDA Board of Directors representing 1st Senatorial District.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-117:** Apr. 12, 2023 –Referral to EAGI Committee the nomination of Ms. Sachiko N. Gerrard to serve as a member of MVA Board of Directors.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-118:** Apr. 12, 2023 –Referral to EAGI Committee the Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Mr. James S. Sirok nominated to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission.
12. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-119:** Apr. 12, 2023 – Appointment of Senate conferees to the Revised FY 2023 CNMI Budget.

13. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-120:** Apr. 13, 2023 –Referral to EAGI Committee the Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, drug test result of Ms. Rebecca C. White nominated to serve as a member of the CUC Board of Directors.
14. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-121:** Apr. 13, 2023 – Withdrawal of S.B. No. 23-02 from REDP & Gaming Committee for placement at the next Senate Session.
15. **Sen. Comm. No. 23-122:** Apr. 13, 2023 – Withdrawal of S.B. No. 23-05 from HEW Committee for placement at the next Senate Session.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 23-03:** To honor the life of Honorable Herman Rogolifoi Deleon Guerrero and his innumerable contributions to the benefit of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [**SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 04/12/23**]
2. **Senate Resolution No. 23-04:** To acknowledge and commend Consolacion Cabrera Togawa for her selfless service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people. [**SEN. EDITH E. DELEON GUERRERO – 04/14/23**]

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-09:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs & Gaming reporting on **S.B. No. 23-17** - To amend the provisions pertaining to village and agricultural homesteads in Rota, Tinian and Saipan, and to specifically prohibit the Department of Public Lands from revoking a village or agricultural homestead permit after it is approved and issued because the applicant met all the requirements, including that the applicant has no interest in land at the time the permit was approved; and for other purposes. [*Recommends passages in its current form*]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-10:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of

- Dr. Rita A. Sablan** to serve as a member of the Marianas Public Land Trust representing Saipan/Women.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-11:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Alvaro Santos** to serve as a member of the Marianas Public Land Trust representing the Third Senatorial District.
 4. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-12:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Phillip M. Long** to serve as a member of the Marianas Public Land Trust representing the Second Senatorial District.
 5. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-13:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Ms. Donna M. Flores** to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
 6. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-14:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Ms. Victoria S. Bellas** to serve as a member of the Civil Service Commission.
 7. **Standing Committee Report No. 23-15:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive Appointment of **Mr. Clement R. Bermudes** to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety.

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **S.R. No. 23-03**
2. **S.R. No. 23-04**

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<p>S.B. No. 23-17 (See SCRep. 23-09)</p>	<p>To amend the provisions pertaining to village and agricultural homesteads in Rota, Tinian and Saipan, and to specifically prohibit the Department of Public Lands from revoking a village or agricultural homestead permit after it is approved and issued because the applicant met all the requirements, including that the applicant has no interest in land at the time the permit was approved; and for other purposes.</p>
<p>S.B. No. 23-02</p>	<p>To amend 4 CMC § 2103 to enhance the Marianas Visitors Authority's promoting capabilities in attracting tourists to visit the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.</p>
<p>S.B. No. 23-05</p>	<p>To transfer the Administration of the CNMI Government's Group Health and Life Insurance from the Department of Finance to the Office of Personnel Management.</p>
<p>S.B. No. 23-22</p>	<p>To amend 1 CMC § 8265(a) and (c), and Section 8266, and to add a new Section 8268; and for other purposes.</p>

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-17:** Mar. 29, 2023 – LB & YC FY 2024 budget proposals.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-18:** Mar. 28, 2023 – Saipan & Northern Islands Municipal Council (SNIMC) FY 2024 Budget submission.

3. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-19:** Mar. 30, 2023 – Commonwealth Casino Commission FY 2024 Budget appropriation request.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-20:** Mar. 31, 2023 – Office of Public Auditor FY 2024 Budget submission.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-21:** Apr. 04, 2023 – SOPHIA 6 – Bulgarian Performing Arts Group’s visit April 21, 2023.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 23-22:** Apr. 10, 2023 – CHCC requesting for additional funding to sustain the operations of Health Network Program (HNP).

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	<i>NONE</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.