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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Twenty-Second Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives First Day, Second Special Session
Date and Time: Friday, May 28, 2021, at 1:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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
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SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 20 MAY 2021

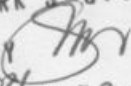
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 2nd Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call the **1st Day, 2nd Special Session for Friday, 28 May 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL SESSION 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Second Special Session	Friday, May 28, 2021	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

Fourth Day, First Regular Session Journal – March 19, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-58

To amend 7 CMC §4101 to lower the interest rate of civil money judgments from nine percent (9%) to three percent (3%).

Prefiled by: REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Vicente C. Camacho, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler)

H. B. No. 22-59

To rename the San Vicente Elementary School to “Moses Tydingco Fejeran Elementary School”.

Prefiled by: REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-60

To amend 1 CMC §425 by renaming the Youth Center within the “Commissioner Joaquin S. Tudela Community Park” in San Vicente, Saipan as the “Prudencio Cabrera Youth Center”; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 22-61

To repeal statutes relating to public officials’ financial disclosures and re-enact them as the Public Official Disclosure Act of 2021.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. NO. 22-62

To repeal and re-enact 1 CMC §7407(f) to stiffen the penalty for anyone who violates the stated travel restriction; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. NO. 22-63

To amend 1 CMC §6424 to require all candidates and their respective committees to fully disclose financial contributions and expenses of amounts in excess of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) within fifteen (15) days.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. NO. 22-64

To provide for the issuance of certificates as certified public accountants to regulate the practice of accountancy in the public interest; to establish a Board of Accountancy and prescribe its powers and duties, and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 22-65

To amend 3 CMC §2822(f) to rename the Commonwealth Health Center on Saipan as the Dr. Carlos S. Camacho Commonwealth Health Center.

Prefiled by: **REP. VICENTE C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 22-66

To amend 1 CMC §2901 to require newly appointed persons to undergo certification training in regards to the Open Government Act (OGA); and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*)

H. B. NO. 22-67

To amend 4 CMC § 8112 to prioritize net metering to include public libraries; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. B. NO. 22-68

To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Richard T. Lizama, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

H. B. NO. 22-69

To repeal Title 1, Division 8, Part 2, Chapter 2, Article 1 (codified as 1 CMC §§ 8221-8223) in order to remove taxpayer-funded housing for key elected officials.

Prefiled by: **REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Christina M.E. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

H. B. NO. 22-70

To reform the Investment Incentive Act of 2000 to promote economic development in the Commonwealth and increase competitiveness of the Commonwealth for private sector investment.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 22-9

To re-appropriate Two Thousand, One Hundred Forty-Five Dollars and Seventy-Three cents (\$2,145.73) allotted under Saipan Local Law 17-18, specifically under Business Unit 3398P and Three Thousand, Three Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars (\$3,387.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 19-05, specifically under Business Unit 3752U; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. ROY C. A. ADA** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. L. B. NO. 22-10

To re-appropriate lapse funds under Section 2(B)(5) of Saipan Local Law 21-5; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, , and Ralph N. Yumul)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 22-6

To urge Members of the United States Congress to enact federal legislation granting statehood to the people of Washington, D.C.

Prefiled by: **REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho,

Richard T. Lizama, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 22-30: (4/26/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. James A. Houston, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-31: (4/27/2021) Submitting revision worksheets allocations under the (American Rescue Plan) for FY 2022 for the following Business Units (BUs) BUs 1722A; 1764A; 1770; 1979; 1950 and 1440. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-32: (4/27/2021 received 4/28/2021) **Executive Order 2021-09** – Declaration of Executive reorganization by transferring the Agricultural Quarantine Section of the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to the Division of Custom Services of the Department of Finance; and directing the establishment of an Office of Information Technology within the Department of Finance. [*Deadline 6/27/2021*]

GOV. COMM. 22-33: (5/11/2021) **Executive Order 2021-10** – *RENEWAL*–Declaration of State of Public Health Emergency and continued Declaration of State of Significant Emergency establishing response, quarantine, and preventive containment measures concerning coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and *RENEWAL*–Order directing the Homeland Security & Emergency Management Office through the CNMI COVID-19 Task Force in partnership with the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation to undertake necessary COVID-19 containment measures by means of the development of Emergency Directives to protect the health and safety of the public.

GOV. COMM. 22-34: (5/13/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-5, D1 (*To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law 18-30, as amended; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-1** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-35: (5/13/2021) In accordance with 29 U.S.C. §3111, “*Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act*”, “*The Governor of a State shall establish a State workforce development board to carry out the functions to develop a statewide workforce development plan—primary objective of supporting a comprehensive and streamlined workforce development system in the Commonwealth.* [*For info-Note A member of each Chamber of the Legislature shall be appointed by the presiding officer to serve a two-year term*]

GOV. COMM. 22-36: (5/18/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mrs. Marianne Concepcion-Tregay, Infrastructure and Recovery Coordinator for the Infrastructure/Recovery Program created under Directive 2021-05, at the Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$75,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-14: (5/18/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-19, HD1, entitled, “*To repeal Title 4 Section 1709 of the Commonwealth Code in order to provide relief for working families by making them eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on May 18, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on May 20, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-15: (5/18/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-21, HD1, entitled, “*To strengthen the tools and powers of the CNMI Government to promote and expand economic development and to establish the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on May 18, 2021. [*For info- Transmitted to Governor on May 20, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-16: (5/18/2021) Returning H. J. R. 22-2, HD1, entitled, “*Strongly supports a delay in the proposed coral critical habitat designation process by National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) until such time as the 5-year coral status review and coral recovery plan can be completed, and have the Department of Lands and Natural Resources work in coordination with NMFS in identifying appropriate coral critical habitat for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) using Best Scientific Information Available.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on May 18, 2021. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-17: (5/18/2021) Returning H. J. R. 22-4, entitled, “*To authorize the establishment of an additional sixteen (16) positions as needed by the CMA and partially funded by the CMS program for Compliance and Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES); and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate with amendments in the form of **H. J. R. 22-4, SDI** on May 18, 2021. [**For action on Senate amendments**]

SEN. COMM. 22-18: (5/18/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-10, SD1, entitled, “*To amend 1 CMC § 2804(c) to authorize the payment of the travel expense, airfare, car rental if a department car is not provided, and per diem, in advance of a scheduled meeting for the Department of Public Lands Advisory Board members.*”, which was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-19: (5/18/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-24, SD1, entitled, “*To establish guidelines for the CNMI’s membership in the Pacific Islands Development Bank; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-20: (5/18/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-34, SD1, entitled, “*To amend 3 CMC § 2212 to require that Medical Assistants be licensed, certified, registered, or otherwise regulated by the Health Care Professions Licensing Board.*”, which was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-21: (5/18/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-50, entitled, “*To clarify the NMTI Trustee Nominating Committee provisions by repealing and reenacting 3 CMC § 12114(a); and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on May 18, 2021. [**For action**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-17: (4/23/2021) From the House Standing Committee on Health & Welfare to the NMI Delegate re: *Supports funding of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation’s (CHCC) proposed infrastructure projects submitted for consideration by Congress.* [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 22-18: (4/30/2021) From Representative Celina R. Babauta informing the Speaker that she will be off-island beginning Wednesday, May 12, 2021 to Monday, May 24, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all official functions or sessions during her absence. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-16: (4/21/2021) From the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) submitting *CUC's FY 2021—Second Quarter Expenditure Report*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-17: (ELECTRONIC MAIL) From the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) submitting *Tourism Industry Update as of April 30, 2021*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-18: (5/10/2021) From the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) submitting *FY 2021—Second Quarter Report*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-19: (5/14/2021) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting *FY 2021—Second Quarter Financial Report*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-20: (5/17/2021) From the Secretary, Department of Public Works (DPW) submitting *Amendment 3 to the 4-Year Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) for the periods of FY 2020 to 2023 for review and comments [comments should be submitted no later than June 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.]*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-21: (ELECTRONIC MAIL) From the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) submitting *Tourism Industry Update as of May 22, 2021*. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-23: (4/20/2021) From the Presiding Officers of the 22nd Legislature re: *Mr. Perry P. Tenorio's appointment to the Office of Director, Legislative Bureau*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-24: (4/23/2021) From the LB Director requesting supplemental budget request. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-25: (4/26/2021) From the CNMI Scholarship Office re: *submission of FY 2022 Annual Report*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-26: (4/29/2021) Invitation to the inaugural ceremony of the 18th CNMI Youth Congress scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 10:00 AM in the Senate Chamber. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-27: (4/30/2021) From the LB Director re: *Utilities consumption and request conservation of energy and water of the Legislature building*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-28: (5/3/2021) From the Presiding Officers of the 22nd Legislature to the Governor re: *Revised legislative branch budget for FY 2022*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-29: (5/3/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of 16SCM-02, entitled, *"To commemorate and recognize the 500th anniversary since the accidental arrival of Ferdinand Magellan on March 6, 1521, the arrival of the Spanish Navy ship Juan Sabastian de Elcano, on February 26, 2021, in the Marianas, and the impact since on the Chamorro, the indigenous people*

of the Mariana Islands.”, which was adopted by the 16th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-30: (5/14/2021)) From the Presiding Officers of the 22nd Legislature to the Governor re: *Additional Funding for Fiscal Year 2021*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-31: (5/11/2021) A memorandum from Docomo Pacific, Inc. re: *Overview of Docomo Pacific, Inc’s efforts to work with CNMI Government to adopt policies as applied to local telecommunications infrastructure*. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-32: (5/19/2021) From the Twenty-Second Rota Legislative Delegation informing the House that the 22nd RLD is duly organized and ready to transact business. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 22-33: (5/19/2021) Mayor Vicente C. Santos, Jr. informing Departments and Agency Heads that Mrs. Lorna Ilap O. Iginof shall serve as delegation of Officer-In-Charge for the Office of the Mayor of the Northern Islands, upon his return. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (7)

S. C. R. NO. 22-5: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-2 entitled: “To amend the Commonwealth Code to authorize civil claims for child sexual abuse to be commenced at any time; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 22-2 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-6: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-5 entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §20175 to include additional members to serve on the Planning and Development Advisory Council (PDAC); and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-5, HDI.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-7: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-28 entitled: “To rename the structure for the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI to “The Lydia D. Igitol Center for Living Independently in the CNMI”; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-28, HDI.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-8: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-29 entitled: “To authorize government agencies, boards, and commissions to promulgate regulations to utilize electronic means to participate in official meetings.” *Your House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 22-29, HDI.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-9: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-26 entitled: “To amend 3 CMC §2204(e) to remove the limitation of terms for members to serve on the Health Care Professions Licensing Board; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Health and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-26, HDI.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-10: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-57 entitled: “To provide a tax credit for business entities that hire United States citizens or residents of the CNMI whose employment was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-57, HDI.*

S. C. R. NO. 22-11: Reporting on H. B. No. 22-48 entitled: “To amend Public Law 21-35, “To make 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 budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2021”; and for other

purposes.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 22-48, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 22-8	A House Resolution to encourage Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and CNMI Delegate Gregorio “Kilili” Camacho Sablan to submit to the President of the United States their recommendation for the re-nomination of the Honorable Ramona Villagomez Manglona to serve another term as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and to recognize her for her distinguished career.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. NO. 22-8: To impose a local license fee on all non-poker electronic gaming devices within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
 April 23, 2021:*

H. B. NO. 22-48: To amend Public Law 21-35, “To make 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 budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2021”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 22-49: To provide a voluntary incentive to business establishments to install closed circuit television cameras. Introduced by REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-50: To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1, §2104 of the Commonwealth Code to have all trailer(s) in the CNMI registered in order to be operated on public streets; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-51: To amend 9 CMC § 4101 to add new subsections (f), (g), (h), (i), (j), and (k) to have restrictions related to the color of headlights, signal lights and brake lights on vehicles; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 22-52: To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to provide flexibility in negotiating public land rental amounts for hotels and golf courses. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 22-53: To appropriate funds for the Commonwealth Medicaid Agency to ensure that federal appropriated and awarded funds may be expended for program administration, reimbursements to medical providers, and for compliance and Medicaid enterprise systems and further enable recruitment, retention, and appropriate classification and compensation of personnel. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Sheila J. Babauta, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means; and to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 22-54: To update the definition of tobacco products in the CNMI’s excise tax laws; bring tobacco tax rates to the recommended level; set tobacco tax rates to increase with inflation; and invest tobacco tax revenues in health promotion and disease prevention and control programs in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, and Representatives Sheila J. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Edwin K. Propst, and Leila H.F.C. Staffler) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 22-55: To amend 4 CMC §5526 to establish a separate license for online sales of alcoholic beverages. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representative Vicente C. Camacho) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

[ADDED-4/23/2021] H. B. NO. 22-56: To assess a fee on plastic checkout bags distributed in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representative Leila H.F.C. Staffler) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

[ADDED-4/23/2021] H. B. NO. 22-57: To provide a tax credit for business entities that hire United States citizens or residents of the CNMI whose employment was affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on April 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. NO. 22-7: To appropriate \$1,446,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Celina R. Babauta, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021.

H. L. B. NO. 22-8: To impose a local license fee on all non-poker electronic gaming devices within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 23, 2021.

H. RES. NO. 22-6: To commend Maria Palacios Muna for her time-honored legacy of dedication, enthusiasm, and outstanding public service given to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the past thirty years. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 22-7: To honor and commend Ms. Jane Mack for her lengthy service and extraordinary contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 22-8: To encourage Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and CNMI Delegate Gregorio “Kilili” Camacho Sablan to submit to the President of the United States their recommendation for the re-nomination of the Honorable Ramona Villagomez Manglona to serve another term as Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands and to recognize her for her distinguished career. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Leila H.F.C. Staffler, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 22-3: To respectfully urge the Honorable Governor Ralph DLG. Torres to reallocate necessary funds generated by the fees paid for by prospective employers of foreign nonimmigrant workers to the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI). Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 22-4: To authorize the establishment of an additional sixteen (16) positions as needed by the CMA and partially funded by the CMS program for Compliance and Medicaid Enterprise Systems (MES); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 22-5: To authorize the establishment of an additional nine (9) positions as needed by the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LEILA H.F.C. STAFFLER of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Sheila J. Babauta, Ivan A. Blanco, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph A. Flores, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Richard T. Lizama, Donald M. Manglona, Edwin K. Propst, Christina M.E. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. C. R. NO. 22-1: To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year

2022, beginning October 1, 2021, and ending on September 30, 2022. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*, Representative Celina R. Babauta) on April 23, 2021; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: