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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-Third Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Third Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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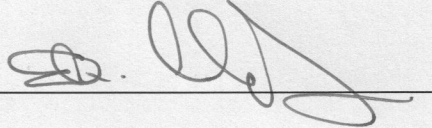
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 02 September 2023
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3rd Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **3rd Day, 2nd Regular Session for Thursday, 07 September 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2023

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, Second Regular Session	Thursday, September 7, 2023	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)

First Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 10, 2023

Second Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 18, 2023

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 23-70

To establish the offense of drunk and disorderly conduct as a payable infraction; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas*)

H. B. No. 23-71

To provide disclosure requirements upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle rebuilt from salvage.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGELO A. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 23-26

To re-appropriate Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-10; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Malcolm J. Omar and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*)

H. L. B. NO. 23-27

To re-appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, Section 2(r)(1), specifically under Business Unit 7190D; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO** and **REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for themselves*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 23-7

To honor and commemorate Ruth Pauline Demapan Palacios and Wednesday Alexander Palacios for their selfless efforts in assisting CNMI Residents that were medically referred to Los Angeles, California.

Prefiled by: **REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R.S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 23-48: (8/7/2023) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. John Brendan Layde, to be employed as the Governor’s Legal Counsel, at the Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$80,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 23-45: (8/21/2023) From the Senate President AMENDING its appointment of Senate Conferees adding Sen. Celina R. Babauta as an alternate member to review H. C. R. NO. 23-2,

entitled, *“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 2024, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024.”*. [For info-see also Sen. Comm. 23-41]

SEN. COMM. 23-46: (8/22/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 23-02, entitled, *“Requesting Governor Arnold I. Palacios to task the Division of Revenue and Taxation to collect all Business Gross Revenue Tax owed the Commonwealth government.”*. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 23-47: (8/21/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 23-09, entitled, *“Urging the Governor and the Tax Collection Taskforce of the Department of Finance to utilize all qualified human resources to conduct its tax enforcement and collection activities.”*. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 23-48: (8/21/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 23-02, entitled, *“To commemorate the distinguished and remarkable life of the late Candido Soughulumwar Babauta Taman and to recognize his honorable service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and throughout Micronesia.”*. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 23-52: (8/24/2023) From Representative Ada informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave and official business from August 29, 2023 and returning September 7, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all official functions, legislative sessions, and committee meetings during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 23-53: (8/28/2023) From Representative Joseph A. Flores informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business from August 28, 2023 to September 25, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 23-54: (8/29/2023) From Representative Yumul informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business beginning August 30, 2023 and returning September 5, 2023 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 23-5: (8/17/2023) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting *FY 2023—Third Quarter Financial Report ending June 30, 2023*. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 23-33: (8/21/2023) From Mr. .& Mrs. Sablan (Juan M. & Barbara T.) re: *Request for amendment to Saipan Local Law 22-42, Section 2, (d) – to address the Nan Ocha Road Retaining Wall Restoration Funding*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-34: (7/12/2023 received 8/17/2023) From Mr. Henry Seki to the Attorney General on matters that pertain to complaint on fraud and or stealing of land. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-35: (8/23/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Commemorative Resolution No. 19-01, entitled, “*Remembering the late Honorable Candido “Candy” Babauta Taman for his legacy of Chamorro/Carolinian music and his desire to protect the culture and language of the Marianas.*”. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-36: (8/23/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 19-02, entitled, “*To recognize and commend Ms. Jill Anne Mallari of Mount Carmel School on winning the 32nd Annual Attorney General’s Cup Speech Competition through her remarkable speech and skills.*”. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-37: (8/23/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 19-03, entitled, “*Commending Grace Christian Academy for participating and winning the 2023 CNMI Academic Challenge Bowl Competition.*”. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-38: (8/23/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 19-04, D1, entitled, “*Commending the 19th Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Youth Congress on their first successful youth program, the 2023 Youth Summer Sports Blitz.*”. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 23-39: (8/23/2023) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 19-05, entitled, “*Relative to recognizing the delegates of the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa to the 2023 World Youth Day, held from August 1—6, 2023, in Lisbon, Portugal.*”. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (2)

S. C. R. No. 23-39: Reporting on S. B. No. 23-02 entitled: “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.” *Your House Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 23-02, HSI.*

S. C. R. No. 23-40: Reporting on H. B. No. 23-39 entitled: “To establish a tax credit for monetary donations/contributions made to public hospitals and/or clinics.” *Your House Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (1)

C. C. R. No. 23-2: Reporting on H. C. R. No. 23-2, SS1, entitled, “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 2024, beginning October 1, 2023, and ending on September 30, 2024.” *Your conference committee recommends adoption of the resolution in the form of H. C. R. No. 23-2, SSI, CCSI.*

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

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

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on August 18, 2023:

H. B. NO. 23-68: To increase the passenger vehicle excise tax to ten (10) percent; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Manny G. T. Castro, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 18, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 23-69: To exempt CNMI agencies from obtaining a permit for the repair, maintenance, or replacement of any public improvement that is not a new improvement; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 18, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. NO. 23-25: To re-appropriate Two Hundred Four Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$204,500.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186W; One Hundred Ninety Thousand Dollars (\$190,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26, specifically under Business Unit 7186Y; and One Hundred Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (\$109,400.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 21-07, specifically under Business Unit 4963O; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Edwin K. Propst, J, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 18, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.