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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 Fourth Day, Second Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Friday, September 15, 2023, at 10:00 AM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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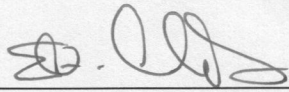
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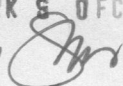
## MEMORANDUM

DATE : 08 September 2023  
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez   
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **4<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session for Friday, 15 September 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
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# HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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

| SESSION DAY                     | CALENDAR DAY               | TIME       |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| 4th Day, Second Regular Session | Friday, September 15, 2023 | 10:00 a.m. |

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** – (None)
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

**A. *House Bills:***

**H. B. No. 23-75**

To re-appropriate Thirteen thousand four hundred one dollars (\$13,401.00) allotted under Public Law No. 20-61; and for other purposes.

**Filed by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

**B. *House Local Bills:***

**C. *House Legislative Initiatives:***

- 5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. *House Resolutions:***

**B. *House Joint Resolutions:***

**C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:***

**D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:***

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR – (None)**

**7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 23-49: (9/7/2023) Informing the House that the Senate in its 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, Second Regular Session, on September 7, 2023, adopted Conference Committee Report No. 23-02 on House Concurrent Resolution No. 23-2, SS1, CCS1, 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.”*, by the unanimous vote a quorum being present. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 23-50: (9/12/2023) Returning H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, entitled, *“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 2024; and for other purposes.”*, which was passed by the Senate with amendments on September 11, 2023, in the form of *H. B. No. 23-66, HS1, SS2.* [For action on Senate amendments]

**8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 23-55: (9/8/2023) From Representative Castro informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from September 11, 2023 to September 16, 2023 to attend the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Legislative Advisory Committee annual meeting scheduled for September 12-13, 2023, in Phoenix, Arizona and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, committee meetings, and other official functions during his absence. [For info]

**9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)**

**11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS – (None)**

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)**

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

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

| <b>Resolution</b> | <b>Subject</b> | <b>Action</b> |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------|
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## 16. BILL CALENDAR

| Bill/Initiative | Subject | Action |
|-----------------|---------|--------|
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## 17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

## 18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### (ADJOURNMENT)

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#### *APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS*

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

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#### *Appearance of measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on September 7, 2023:*

H. B. No. 23-70: To establish the offense of drunk and disorderly conduct as a payable infraction; and for other purposes. Introduced 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) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 23-71: To provide disclosure requirements upon transfer of ownership of a vehicle rebuilt from salvage. Introduced by: REP. ANGELO A. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Julie M. A. Ogo, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-9/7/2023] H. B. No. 23-72: To establish a Department of Labor Revolving Fund and authorize the collection of fees through the Administrative Hearing Office for services to other agencies. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-9/7/2023] H. B. No. 23-73: To amend 1 CMC § 7406 (a)(4) to include the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) vehicles in the definition of “Law enforcement vehicle”. Introduced by REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Ralph N. Yumul) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-9/7/2023] H. B. No. 23-74: To impose an additional 3% tax on the yearly gross revenue of constructions activities in excess of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000.00) for a period of three years. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Marissa R. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, , Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced by REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Malcolm J. Omar and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced by REP. MANNY G. T. CASTRO and REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for themselves*) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-9/7/2023] H. L. B. NO. 23-28: To re-appropriate Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred and Forty-Eight Dollars (\$21,448.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-04; and Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 22-09; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on September 7, 2023; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced 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, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on September 7, 2023; subsequently moved and place on the Resolution Calendar.