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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 Fourth Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, October 1, 2021, at 2:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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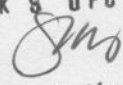
EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 27 September 2021
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 4th 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 **4th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Friday, 01 October 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-SECOND NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 2021

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4th Day, Second Regular Session	Friday, October 1, 2021	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

Second Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 31, 2021

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 22-80

To have the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) join Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact (PSYPACT) to improve and expand access to mental health care in the CNMI; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. CHRISTINA M.E. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for herself*, Representative Edwin K. Propst)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 22-24

To re-appropriate Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) specifically under Business Unit 1605; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. CELINA R. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*)

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

GOV. COMM. 22-66: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Keisha Blaise, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-67: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Leslie Ann Healer, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-68: (9/2/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Steven M. Mullin, Biologist, at the Division of Fish & Wildlife, DLNR to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-69: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-11, D1 (*To re-appropriate \$40,000 allotted under Tinian Local Law 20-15, Section 2(g) to the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-03** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-70: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-14, D1 (*To re-appropriate \$62,996 under Tinian Local Law 22-2, Section 2(b); and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-04** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-71: (9/3/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 22-16, D1 (*To appropriate \$78,000 from revenues collected from poker fees for the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.*). Became **Tinian Local Law 22-05** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-72: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-17—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. 22-73: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-18—RENEWING AUTHORITY—Order authorizing the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds from accounts of any department, agency, office, board, commission, corporation, instrumentality or other entity of all branches of the Commonwealth Government in order to meet the threat of COVID-19.**

GOV. COMM. 22-74: (received 9/14/2021) **Executive Order 2021-19—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. 22-75: (9/14/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Christian K. Johnson, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-76: (9/16/2021) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Carl Allan F. Dela Cruz, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of the Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 22-77: (9/21/2021) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. No. 22-50, HD1, (*To clarify the NMTI Trustee Nominating Committee provisions by repealing and reenacting 3 CMC § 12114(a); and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law 22-07** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 22-44: (8/31/2021) Informing the House of the Senate's Conferees to the Conference Committee on H. B. NO. 22-74, HD3, SD1, 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 2022; and for other purposes.*" [*Sen. Victor B. Hocog, Chair; Sen. Justo S. Quitugua Vice Chair; Sen. Teresita A. Santos, Member; Alternate Member: Sen. Karl R. King-Nabors*]. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 22-45: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-12, entitled, "*To amend 4 CMC § 51420 (b) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to establish and promulgate reasonable registration and permitting fees through adopted regulations; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-46: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-28, HD1, 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.*", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-47: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. No. 22-31, HS1, entitled, "*To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue encroachment permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high water mark.*", which was passed by the Senate without amendments on September 14, 2021. [*For info-Transmitted to Governor on September 16, 2021*]

SEN. COMM. 22-48: (9/14/2021) Returning H. B. 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.*", which was passed by the Senate with amendments on September 14, 2021, in the form of **H. B. No. 22-2, SDI**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 22-49: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-19, SD1, entitled, "*To require all gas service stations to provide to the public free compressed air, a gauge for measuring air pressure, and tap water; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 22-50: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-20, SD1, entitled, "*To establish the Hunting Act of 2021 for the Commonwealth, and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 22-51: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-22, SS1, entitled, “*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.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-52: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-37, SD1, entitled, “*To amend Chapter 4, Division 6 of Title of the Commonwealth Code relating to bail proceedings.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-53: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-38, SD1, entitled, “*To amend Crimes and Criminal Procedure Code definitions of dangerous weapon and serious bodily injury.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-54: (9/14/2021) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 22-44, SD1, entitled, “*To authorize the Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety to work with private business owners to install video surveillance cameras directed toward the public right-of-way in support of the CNMI’s reporting system; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on September 14, 2021. [**For action**]

SEN. COMM. 22-55: (9/21/2021) Informing the House that the Senate in its Emergency Session, on September 21, 2021, adopted CCR No. 22-1 and passed H. B. 22-74, HD3, SD1, CCS1, 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 2022; and for other purposes*”. [**For info**]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 22-32: (8/31/2021) From Minority Leader Angel A. Demapan, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave on September 1, 2021—September 8, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-33: (8/31/2021) From Floor Leader Ralph N. Yumul, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business on September 1, 2021—September 16, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-34: (9/9/2021) From Representative Lizama, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official and personal business on September 14, 2021—October 16, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-35: (9/17/2021) From Representative Flores, informing the Speaker that he will be extending his leave of absence from September 20, 2021—September 28, 2021 and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions during his absence. [**For info**]

HSE. COMM. 22-36: (9/24/2021) From Representative Christina M.E. Sablan informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave beginning September 26, 2021, and request to be excused from any and all scheduled meetings or sessions. [**For info**]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-26: (8/16/2021) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting *FY 2021—Third Quarter Financial Report*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 22-27: (received 9/22/2021) From the Office of the Public Auditor submitting *OPA Report No. 21-03 on CNMI Medical Referral Services Office*. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 22-61: (8/31/2021) From the CNMI Chamorro-Carolinian Language Policy Commission (CCLPC) re: *Mandatory requirements according to Public Law 15-96 that mandates that the CCLPC provide all CNMI government agencies and make recommendation to the legislature on policies governing the usage of the Chamorro and Carolinian language in the government sector*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-62: (8/31/2021) From the LB Director re: *ARPA Expenditure Plan as allotted to the Legislative Bureau*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-63: (9/16/2021) From the Mayor of Saipan re: *Proposed legislation on adopting a Standard Saipan Village Delimitation and Name Master Map*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-64: (9/21/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of TALD Resolution No. 22-5, entitled, *“To honor and recognize Command Sergeant Major Dolores Pangelinan Kiyoshi for her distinguishable years of patriotic service and sacrifice for our country as a member of the United States Army.”*, which was adopted by the Tinian and Aguiguan Legislative Delegation on September 20, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-65: (8/3/2021) From the Sixteenth Chuuk State Legislature transmitting a certified copy of Joint Resolution No. 16-21-HJR-05, entitled, *“Expressing deep sorrow and extending sincere condolences on behalf of the people of Chuuk State to the family, relatives, and friends of the late Honorable Representative Ivan “Jimbo” Alafanso Blanco and to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) most especially the 22nd Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature for his untimely passing.”* [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-66: (9/20/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Resolution No. 18-03, entitled, *“Congratulating the Governor’s Council of Economic Advisors for its successful Public Private Partnership destination enhancement of the Commonwealth’s natural sites, sports facilities and attractions and requesting the Council to include the Youth Congress as Public Private Partner.”*, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on September 18, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-67: (9/20/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Commemorative Resolution No. 18-02, entitled, *“Conveying the 18th CNMI Youth Congress’s condolences to the family of the late Honorable Hedwig Henry Atalig Hofschneider, Vice Speaker of the 5th CNMI Youth Congress and honoring his service as an educator and mentor to our island’s high school and college students.”*, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on September 18, 2021. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 22-68: (9/20/2021) Transmitting a certified copy of Youth Congress Commemorative Resolution No. 18-03, entitled, *“Conveying the 18th CNMI Youth Congress’s condolences to the family of the late Honorable Ivan James Alafanso, House Minority Leader and Member of the 20th, 21st, and 22nd Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature and honoring*

his career in public service.”, which was adopted by the 18th CNMI Youth Congress on September 18, 2021. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (2)

S. C. R. No. 22-27: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-3, SD1, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 2892(l) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Education recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 22-3, SD1 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 22-28: Reporting on S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, entitled: “To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes.” *Your House Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 22-18, SD1, HD1.*

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. J. R. No. 22-11	A House Joint Resolution to condemn the Government of Japan’s decision to dump nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean, oppose any other government’s actions related to nuclear testing, storage, and waste disposal in the Pacific, and reaffirm everyone’s fundamental right to a safe and healthy living environment.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 22-3	A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes.	

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. 22-22: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map sheet 05 of 29 to rezone certain districts to “Mixed Commercial”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on September 23, 2021

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

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

H. B. No. 22-78: To clarify the powers of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and make needed changes to the Commonwealth Code to support adequate development of the Cannabis Industry in the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Ralph N. Yumul) on September 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism

H. B. No. 22-79: To allow for right hand drive vehicles that are twenty-five (25) years or older to be imported and registered in the CNMI; and for other purpose. Introduced by Representative Donald M. Manglona on behalf of REP. RICHARD T. LIZAMA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on September 23, 2021; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. No. 22-22: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map sheet 05 of 29 to rezone certain districts to “Mixed Commercial”; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEEPAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on September 23, 2021

H. L. B. No. 22-23: To appropriate the sum of One Million dollars (1,000,000.00) from the exclusive gaming annual license fees allotted to the First Senatorial District under 4 CMC § 2307(a); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DONALD M. MANGLONA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on September 23, 2021.

H. J. R. No. 22-11: To condemn the Government of Japan’s decision to dump nuclear waste into the Pacific Ocean, oppose any other government’s actions related to nuclear testing, storage, and waste disposal in the Pacific, and reaffirm everyone’s fundamental right to a safe and healthy living environment. Introduced by REP. SHEILA J. BABAUTA of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada; Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Celina R. Babauta, Joel C. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, 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 September 23, 2021; moved and placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override: