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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 Seventh Day, Fourth Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 2:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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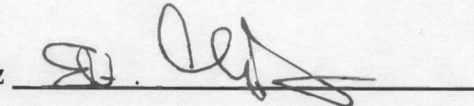
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 03 January 2025
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 7th Day, 4th Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **7th Day, 4th Regular Session for Tuesday, 07 January 2025 at 2:00 p.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
REGULAR SESSION, 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
7th Day, Fourth Regular Session	Tuesday, January 7, 2025	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

Fifth Day, Fourth Regular Session Journal – November 22, 2024

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. *House Bills:*

B. *House Local Bills:*

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

C. RES. NO. 23-14

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable George Norita Camacho, honoring his memory and commemorating his significant contributions to the quality of life in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: **REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** and **REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR** of Saipan, Precinct 4; and **REP. ANGELO A. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for themselves, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, 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. 23-147: (12/20/2024) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 23-61, D2, (*To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the continued operation and regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission.*). Became **Rota Local Law 23-15** [*For info*]

Gov. Comm. 23-148: (12/31/2024) Governor's submission of Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Report. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 23-138: (12/18/2024) Notifying the House that on December 18, 2024, the Senate rejected the Proposed amendments to the Rules of Attorney Discipline and Procedure. [*For Info*]

SEN. COMM. 23-139: (12/20/2024) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 23-08, entitled, "*To commemorate the distinguished life of the late Efraim Manglona Atalig and to recognize his honorable service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*". [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 23-140: (12/30/2024) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 23-14**, entitled, "*To provide for quarrying controls and reclamation plans in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on December 27, 2024. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 23-141: (1/3/2025) Returning H. B. No. 23-120, HD1, entitled, "To impose a 3% surtax on gross revenues derived from non-residential construction projects that cost three hundred fifty thousand dollars or more.", which was passed by the Senate with amendments on January 3, 2025, in the form of **H. B. No. 23-120, HD1, SSI, SDI**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 23-172: (1/3/2025) From Representative Marissa R. Flores informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from January 4 until January 7, 2025, and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 23-173: (1/3/2025) From Representative Vincent S. Aldan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official matter from January 5 until January 7, 2025, and request to be excused from any meetings and sessions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 23-106: (12/20/2024) From the Director of the Legislative Bureau (LB), Mr. Perry Tenorio, regarding the adverse impact on the Bureau's ability to fulfill its constitutional mandate. [*For info*]

MISC. COMM. 23-107: (received 12/31/2024) 17th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council submitting FY 2024 Citizen-Centric Report. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (None)

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

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 December 18, 2024:

H. L. B. No. 23-70

To appropriate seventy-eight thousand dollars (\$78,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) -[WITHDRAWN BY THE AUTHOR 12/18/2024]

[ADDED-12/18/2024] H. L. B. NO. 23-71: To appropriate Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on December 18, 2024.

H. RES. NO. 23-28: To recognize and commend Mr. Cameron S. Nicholas for his invaluable contributions to the CNMI through dedicated services, sharing his expertise and knowledge as a Legislative Assistant to the House of Representatives for nearly a

decade. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, 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, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on December 18, 2024; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. NO. 23-29: To recognize the Saipan Rotary Club in promoting service and peace in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*for himself*, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, 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, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on December 18, 2024; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

C. RES. NO. 23-13: To Honor the Life and Legacy of Efraim Manglona Atalig. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R.S. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Vicente C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Vincent R.S. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Manny G. T. Castro, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on December 18, 2024; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.