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

Meeting: House of Representatives Emergency Session, Eighth Day,
Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, November 7, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial
Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 06 November 2025
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Emergency Session, 8th Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the Open Government Act and Rule III, Section 7 of the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure, I hereby call for an **Emergency Session** of the **8th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Friday, 07 November 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

The reason for finding that an emergency exists is based on the urgent need to take action on **HB 24-74** entitled, "To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November, 2025."

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
EMERGENCY SESSION 8th Day, Second Regular Session	Friday, November 7, 2025	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:

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 – (None)

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS – (None)

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

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 24-74	A Bill for an Act to appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November 2025. <i>[Public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation as communication appeared on the Amended House Agenda of November 6, 2025]</i>	

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:

H. L. B. No. 24-34: To establish the “Saipan Economic Incentive Zone” within the Third Senatorial District, and to authorize the Commonwealth Economic Incentive Authority and other relevant agencies to administer and regulate investment activities within the designated zone. Introduced by REPS. ANGELO A. CAMACHO and REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN (*for themselves, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and John Paul P. Sablan*) on October 24, 2025.

Calendar
11/6/2025

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH
LEGISLATURE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

November 6, 2025

Sec. Reg. Session, 2025

H. B. 24-74

A BILL FOR AN ACT

To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November 2025.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE 24TH NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 **Section 1. Findings and Purpose.** The Legislature recognizes the acute
2 reliance of many residents of the Commonwealth on benefits from the federal
3 Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) to meet their household dietary needs.

4 The Legislature finds that, due to the ongoing shutdown of the federal
5 government, the federal government will not be paying the full household
6 allotments of NAP benefits for November 2025. Pursuant to two federal court
7 orders requiring the federal government to issue benefits, the United States
8 Department of Agriculture has advised that for November 2025 the federal
9 government will pay half the full amount of household allotments.

10 As only half the full benefits will be paid by the federal government for the
11 month of November 2025, legislative action is urgently needed to compensate for
12 this shortfall. Pursuant to 1 CMC § 7604(b), the Secretary of Finance has informed
13 the Legislature that additional funds will be available for appropriation in the

1 preliminary amount of \$1 million in net distributable income from the Marianas
2 Public Land Trust.

3 This bill authorizes an emergency budget provision of \$1 million to
4 facilitate immediate food benefits for the month of November 2025. In close
5 collaboration with the Executive Branch, the Legislature is acting swiftly to get
6 these much-needed funds to families to put food on the table.

7 **Section 2. Enactment.** Notwithstanding CNMI laws, rules and regulations
8 to the contrary, the following provision is hereby enacted into law:

9 **“§ 101. Appropriation.**

10 \$1,000,000.00 of funds derived from the preliminary distribution of trust
11 income proceeds from the Marianas Public Land Trust is hereby appropriated to
12 fund a portion of household allotments for Nutrition Assistance Program benefits
13 for November 2025.

14 These moneys shall be disbursed for pro rata distribution to eligible
15 households in conjunction with the funding of 50% of full benefits by the United
16 States Department of Agriculture.

17 The Secretary of Finance shall be the expenditure authority for these funds,
18 which shall be disbursed in close collaboration with the Administrator of the CNMI
19 Nutrition Assistance Program. No portion of these moneys may be used for any
20 other purpose than proportional distribution of benefits to eligible households
21 participating in the Nutrition Assistance Program. This appropriation shall lapse

1 following the last distribution of benefits for the month of November 2025
2 regardless of the date of the actual distribution.”

3 **Section 3. Severability.** If any provisions of this Act or the application of
4 any such provision to any person or circumstance should be held invalid by a court
5 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this Act or the application of its
6 provisions to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is held invalid
7 shall not be affected thereby.

8 **Section 4. Savings Clause.** This Act and any repealer contained herein
9 shall not be construed as affecting any existing right acquired under contract or
10 acquired under statutes repealed or under any rule, regulation, or order adopted
11 under the statutes. Repealers contained in this Act shall not affect any proceeding
12 instituted under or pursuant to prior law. The enactment of the Act shall not have
13 the effect of terminating, or in any way modifying, any liability, civil or criminal,
14 which shall already be in existence on the date this Act becomes effective.

15 **Section 5. Effective Date.** This Act shall take effect upon its approval by
16 the Governor, or it becoming law without such approval.

Prefiled: 11/6/2025

Date: _____

Introduced by: _____

Rep. Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao

Reviewed for legal sufficiency by:

Joseph D. Day 11/6/25
House Legal Counsel

[Handwritten signatures and initials are present below the printed text, including a large signature on the left and several smaller ones on the right.]