



**Karl R. King-Nabors**  
*Senate President*

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: August 08, 2025

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Second Regular Senate Session – 2025

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By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Interim Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, this is to inform all members that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Second Regular Senate Session is scheduled for ***Wednesday, August 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., in the Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Clerk  
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms  
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## *The Senate*

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August 08, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

**MEETING:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Second Regular Session - 2025  
**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, August 13, 2025 @ 3:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Bldg.

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AUGUST 08, 2025

***THE SENATE***  
**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SENATE SESSION - 2025**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2 <sup>ND</sup> Day	Wednesday, August 13, 2025	3:00 p.m.
Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill – SAIPAN		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

- A. ROLL CALL:
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:
1. SJ No. 24-09 - 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Fifth Special – 07/31/25
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-68:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-18 – To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to SLL 22-06; and for other purposes, becomes ***SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-08***.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-69:** Aug. 05, 2025 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$65,175.00 to Mr. Drew Garrett Engel, Assistant AG to receive \$80,000.00 per annum.
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.: (NONE)
- G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-51:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-12 – To promote economic recovery and provide relief to CNMI taxpayers by waiving penalties and interest on unpaid taxes due to financial and socioeconomic hardships; and for other purposes.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-52:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-18 – To earmark Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) of Electronic Gaming (E-Gaming) license fees towards the Department of Finance for enforcement purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-53:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-24, HD1 – To enact 4 CMC § 1208 and 4 CMC § 1313 to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-54:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-27, HD1 – To establish an excise tax for betelnut/areca nut and lime mix/afok/or bweesch.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-55:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-30, – To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-56:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-31, – To repeal restrictions on the use of funds in accounts established under 4 CMC §§1215 and 53036(g).
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-57:** Aug. 04, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-40, – To amend Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code to clarify the application of business registration, licensing, and tax laws to foreign corporations engaged in land development, infrastructure development, or construction activities in the Commonwealth, including those related to development projects performed under or in connection with contracts, subcontracts, or agreements with the United States.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-98:** Aug. 07, 2025 – Reorganization and appointment of Senate Standing Committee Chairpersons.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)**

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**



- K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:
- L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:
- M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES: (NONE)
- N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)
- O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **House Concurrent Resolution No. 24-2** - To Define and Identify General Revenue and 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 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

- P. BILL CALENDAR:

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

- Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;
- R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and
- S. ADJOURNMENT.

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	<i>NONE</i>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.