



## The Senate

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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:** 1st Day, Third Special Session - 2026  
**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, May 01, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building,  
Capitol Hil, Saipan

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

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: April 24, 2026

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: Third Special Session - 2026

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Third Special Senate Session is scheduled for **Friday, May 01, 2026 at 11:00 a.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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APRIL 27, 2026

***THE SENATE***  
**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**THIRD SPECIAL SENATE SESSION - 2026**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Friday, May 01, 2026	11:00 a.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: (NONE)**
- D. **MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-256:** Apr. 10, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-43 – To establish a docking and watercraft fee for derby event participants utilizing the West and East Docks on Rota; to include vessels, jet skis, kayaks, and canoes; to exempt bona fide Rota residents and educational activities; to provide penalties for violations; and to allocate collected revenues for conservation and community programs, becomes ***ROTA LOCAL LAW NO 24-10.***
  2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-257:** Apr. 10, 2026 – Signed into law S.B. No. 24-19 – To amend 9 CMC §2208(d) to authorize motor vehicle licensure to all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO 24-31.***
- E. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**
- F. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.: (NONE)**
- G. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE: (NONE)**

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-216:** Apr. 21, 2026 – Legislative Branch temporary operating hours.

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:  
(NONE)**

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-72:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on *H.J.R. No. 24-11* - Directing the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and all relevant Commonwealth government agencies and public corporations to expedite planning, permitting, and deployment of viable renewable energy, storage, and resilience projects — and to coordinate energy-security and infrastructure-resilience strategies — in light of the accelerated phase-out of federal clean-energy incentives under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. *[Recommends adoption in its current form]*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-78:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on *S.B. No. 24-48* - To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security. *[Recommends adoption in its current form]*

**N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:**

1. **Conference Committee No. 24-02:** Conference Committee reporting on H.B. No. 24-74, SS2 – To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 24-74, SS2, CCS1]*

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **H.J.R. No. 24-11 (See SCR No. 24-72)**
2. **S.R. No. 24-16** - To unequivocally reaffirm support for Taiwan’s meaningful participation in the World Health Assembly (WHA), the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO), and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and to urge immediate and sustained international action to advance such participation in light of escalating public health, security, aviation, law enforcement, climate, and Indo-Pacific challenges.

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
<b>S.B. No. 24-48</b>  (See SCRep. No. 24-78)	To establish a Division of Customs and Biosecurity within the Department of Finance for the purposes enforcing all laws at the ports of entry and that is responsible for the inspection and clearance of containers, cargo, baggage related to customs and biosecurity at the ports of entry, and other matters related to border security.
<b>H.B. No. 24-15, SS1</b>  (See SCRep. No. 24-67)	To establish public sector employee and public sector employer relations through organized labor within the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
<b>H.B. No. 24-96</b>	To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governors Communication (House) 24-103, to the Marianas Visitors Authority for tourism recovery initiatives.

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-95:** Apr. 20, 2026 – CHCC request for FY 2027 \$5,937,200 for Health Network Program (HNP).

- 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.