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

MEETING: First Special Session-2013
DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan

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Office of the Senate President
Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: April 05, 2013
To: All Members of the Senate
From: President of the Senate
Subject: Senate Session – First Special 2013

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the First Special Session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., Senate Chamber.

Your understanding and attendance is greatly appreciated.

/s/ Sen. Ralph DLG. Torres

cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
Senate Clerk
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
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THE SENATE
EIGHTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION – 2013

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 st Day	Wednesday, April 10, 2013 SENATE CHAMBER – SAIPAN	10:00 AM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)
- C. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:
1. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-51:** March 26, 2013 – Postponement of the submission of the proposed annual budget to May 1, 2013 and meeting with both houses of the Legislature on April 4, 2013.
 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-52:** March 27, 2013 Submitting copy of resume, financial interest, police clearance and drug test receipt of Mr. Martin C. Sablan to fill the position of Secretary of the Department of Public Works.
 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-53:** March 31, 2013 – Executive Order No. 2013-06 Declaration of Health Emergency.
 4. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-54:** April 01, 2013 – Nomination of Ms. Felicitas Pangelinan Abraham to serve on the Civil Service Commission.
 5. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-55:** March 28, 2013 – Signed in local law H.L.B. No. 18-1, D2, entitled, “ To appropriate \$40,000.00 from the local license fees collected from poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; became TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 18-1.
 6. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-56:** March 28, 2013 – Signed in local law H.L.B. No. 18-6, entitled, “ To appropriate \$94,000.00 from the local license fees collected from poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; became TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 18-2.
 7. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-57:** April 02, 2013 – Copy of resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, drug test receipt/result of Dr. Martin Rohringer.

8. **Gov. Msg. No. 18-58:** April 03, 2013 – Nomination of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) to represent Saipan.

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: **(NONE)**

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT : **(NONE)**

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 18-10:** April 01, 2013 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 18-1, HS1, entitled: “ To ratify the adoption of the 2009 editions of the International Building Code, International Fire Code, related construction codes, as amended, and to provide for a committee to develop a new CNMI building code council.”
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 18-11:** April 01, 2013 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 18-9, entitled: “ To amend 4 CMC § 1939 (a) of the Developer Infrastructure Tax Act; and for other purposes.”
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 18-12:** April 01, 2013 – Transmitting for Senate action H.L.I. No. 18-1, HD1, entitled: “ To amend Article XII, Section 4 of the Northern Mariana Islands Constitution; and for other purposes.”
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 18-13:** April 01, 2013 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 18-2, entitled: “ Respectfully requesting and urging the CNMI Veterans Affairs Office through the Office of the CNMI Governor to have the US and CNMI flags flown everyday at the CNMI us Armed Forces Veterans Cemetery located in Marpi, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.”
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 18-14:** March 18, 2013 – Certified copy of HR 18-7 – Respectfully urging the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the CNMI to solicit lending institutes to avail residential home owners and/or businesses with loans for the sole purpose of purchasing renewable energy.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: **(NONE)**

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

I. PRE-FILED BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Senate Bill No. 18-20:** To provide for the appointment of the CNMI Teacher of the Year to serve as a non-voting teacher representative in the CNMI State Board of Education; and for other purposes. **(SEN. JOVITA M. TAIMANAO – 03/27/13)**

J. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

K. PUBLIC COMMENT:

L. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 18-10:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the appointment of Ms. Maria Frica T. Pangelinan to serve as a member of the MPLT Board of Trustees representing women.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 18-11:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigation reporting on the appointment of Mr. Martin C. Sablan to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Public Works.

M. SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORTS: (NONE)

N. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

O. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

<u>LEG. NO.</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 18-07, SD1	To mandate the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to change the water & sewage rate for the Public School System to commercial rate
S.B. No. 18-14	To amend 4 CMC § 1307(b), as amended by Public Law 17-30 [Sales receipts attached to BGRT when filed]

S.B. No. 18-18 (To reconsider action)	To amend 1 CMC § 8131 (a), as amended by PL 17-80, by adding a new subsection (a)(13)
S.B. No. 18-20	To provide for the appointment of the CNMI Teacher of the Year to serve as a non-voting teacher representative in the CNMI State Board of Education

P. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Misc. Comm. No. 18-20: March 14, 2013 – Kagman Community Health Center grand opening.
2. Misc. Comm. No. 18-22: February 15, 2013 – PSS State Board of Education regarding 28th Annual Pacific Education Conference from July 16-19, 2013.
3. Misc. Comm. No. 18-23: April 02, 2013 CNMI Youth Congress re: Youth Summit.

Q. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

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

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