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

MEETING: 4th Special, 4th Regular Session - 2021
DATE AND TIME: Friday, January 8, 2021 @ 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Senate Chamber, Saipan

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January 5, 2021

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION - 2021

| SESSION DAY | CALENDAR DAY | TIME |
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| 4 th Special /Sine Die | January 8, 2021 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN | 10:30 a.m. |

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

1. **SJ 21-28** - 3rd Special, 4th Regular Session – 12/18/20

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-260:** December 17, 2020 – Executive Order No. 2020-28 – Renewing the authority of the Secretary of Finance to reprogram or transfer funds during COVID-19.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-261:** December 17, 2020 – Nomination of Mr. Oscar Babauta to serve on the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation Board of Directors to represent the Third Senatorial District.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT./AGENCIES:
(NONE)**

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-186:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-25 – To authorize the Department of Public Lands to issue licenses and use permits and charge fees for the use of the public lands located within 150 feet of the high water mark.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-187:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-38, HD1 – To establish a one-day non-resident sport fishing license fee in the CNMI; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-188:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-89 – To prohibit the use of certain disposable food service containers.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-189:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-90 – To designate Lot No. 004 G 43, located in Kagman, for the Kagman Transfer Station Facility.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-190:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-128, HD1 – To temporarily suspend the provisions of 4 CMC section 2159 for the 2021 fiscal year.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-191:** Dec. 17, 2020 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-130 – To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 53036 (g) of the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-192:** Dec. 23, 2020 – Informing thr Senate that the House of Representatives confirmed the appointment of Ms. Kina B. Peter to serve as Public Auditor.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-193:** Dec. 29, 2020 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 21-37, HD1 – Ms. Joyce C. Tang (Settlement Fund Trustee).
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-194:** Dec. 29, 2020 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 21-38 – For the late Reverend Monsignor David Ignacio Arceo Quitugua.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-195:** Dec. 29, 2020 – Certified copy of H.R. 21-39 – Strong support of H.R. 8406 (updated version HEROES Act).
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-196:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21-92, HD1, HS1, SD1 – To amend 4 CMC § 50144(b) to increase the penalties to businesses that gives, sells, or permits to be given or sold any tobacco product to an individual under the age of 21; and for other purposes.

12. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-197:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Informing th Senate on the adoption of CCR 21-3 – To amend 2 CMC § 43104(a)(5) to provide proper eligibility for people who wish to avail of the village and agricultural homesteading programs under the Department of Public Lands; and for other purposes.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-198:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 21-61 – To amend 2 CMC § 7221(e) to remove the automatic confirmation of a zoning board appointment in the event no action is taken within 30 days from date of appointment; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY – GOING TO GOVERNOR]**
14. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-199:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 21-69 – To establish the Commonwealth Recorder’s Act of 2020; and for other purposes. **[INFO. ONLY – GOING TO GOVERNOR]**
15. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-200:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 21-40 – For the late Honorable Alfred Laureta (first Chief Judge for the U.S. District Court of NMI).
16. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-201:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 21-41 – Honorable David Mundo Apatang serving more than 50 years of distinguished service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the United States.
17. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-202:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Certified copy of H.C.R. No. 21-13 – For the late Rose Marie Sonis Pangelinan Camacho (CNMI Scholarship Office).
18. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-203:** Dec. 30, 2020 – Certified copy of H.C.R. No. 21-14 – Recognizing the contributions of TRIBE Marianas to the local economy, and congratulating them on their fifth anniversary of operations.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE: (NONE)

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Sen. Res. No. 21-18:** To recognize and commend Honorable Francisco M. Borja for his years of exceptional contributions and public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **[SEN. VICTOR B. HOCO – 01/06/21]**

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-121:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Ms. Kina B. Peter to serve as the Public Auditor for the government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-122:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the appointment of Mr. Oscar Babauta to serve on the Board of Directors of the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC).

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

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Q. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

R. ADJOURNMENT.

TWENTY-FIRST - SENATE
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ORDER OF BUSINESS
4TH SPECIAL, FOURTH REGULAR

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