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

Meeting: House of Representatives Third Day, First Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 1:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 21 February 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Rescheduling of 3rd Day, 1st Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby **reschedule** the **3rd Day, 1st Regular Session for Tuesday, 28 February 2017 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FIRST REGULAR SESSION, 2017

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3rd Day, First Regular Session	Tuesday, February 28, 2017	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**
Second Day, First Regular Session Journal - January 31, 2017
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 20-38

To transfer the licensing and regulatory functions of the Department of Finance in respect to poker, pachinko and electronic gaming machines to the Commonwealth Casino Commission.

Filed by: REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Ivan A. Blanco, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. B. No. 20-39

To amend Section 4 and Section 5 of Public Law 19-83 to remove the salary increases for elected officials.

Filed by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representative Edmund S. Villagomez)

H. B. No. 20-40

To amend 4 CMC § 51420 (b) to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to establish and promulgate reasonable registration and permitting fees through adopted regulations; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 20-41

To establish requirements for vehicle rental businesses; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Glenn L. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. B. No. 20-42

To amend 4 CMC, § 1302 (a), Tax on Agriculture Producers and Fishing to include Artists registered with the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. B. No. 20-43

To clarify and define the Attorney General's duties and responsibilities in the promulgation of rules and regulations, in reviewing contracts and in representing the Commonwealth government or its executive departments; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, John Paul P. Sablan, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.)

H. B. No. 20-44

To amend 8 CMC §1202(a) to establish separate marriage license fees for residents and non-residents; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 20-45

To establish two new public highways, Route 324 in the village of Laulau and Route 325 in the village of Kanat Tabla on the Island of Saipan; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Edwin K. Propst, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

H. B. No. 20-46

To authorize the Division of Parks and Recreation in consultation with the Division of Fish and Wildlife to charge a Grotto user fee; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 20-47

To vest the Office of the Governor with the management and disposition of the former Far East Broadcasting Center property in Marpi as the site for the government's substance abuse rehabilitation treatment centers; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 20-6

To amend Title 10, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 3 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new §3135 by enabling a prohibition provision for gross laden weight vehicles between 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM from the Beach Road and Micro Beach Road Intersection to the Beach Road and Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Road Intersection.

Prefiled by: REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1
(for himself)

H. L. B. NO. 20-7

To appropriate \$15,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (for himself)

H. L. B. NO. 20-8

To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 as amended; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself)

H. L. B. NO. 20-9

To appropriate \$160,000.00 from the local license fees collected for pachinko slot machines and poker machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (for himself)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions

H. RES. NO. 20-6

To respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to preserve and designate Lot No. 034 A 01, approximately 48,000 sq. m. of public land, in Marpi, Saipan for the future site of Saipan's Off-Road and Motorsports Park.

Prefiled by: REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (for himself, and Representative Edmund S. Villagomez)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 20-3

Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, and Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao)

H. J. R. NO. 20-4

To respectfully urge the Honorable Ralph DLG. Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to create a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Anti-Money Laundering and other Financial Crimes Enforcement Task Force to prevent any violations relevant to money laundering and related crimes in the Commonwealth.

Prefiled by: REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Angel A. Demapan, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 20-1

To extend our sincere condolences and sympathies to the family of the late Honorable Mayor Francisco Jerome Kaipat Aldan and to acknowledge his service and countless contributions to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-14: (1/27/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 19-141, HD1, SS1, (To amend 4 CMC §5559(b) and 6 CMC §3110(b) with respect to the I.D. Card requirements; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-84** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-15: (2/6/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 19-22, (To establish a new public highway, Route 205, on the island of Tinian; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-85** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-16: (2/6/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 19-110, (Mandating the Division of Customs to conduct K-9 unit drug detections for all inter-island commuter flight entries and seaport entries in the effort to combat drugs within the Commonwealth by amending 6 CMC § 2304 to add a new subsection (d); and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-86** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-17: (2/8/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. NO. 19-213, (Amend Public Law 19-75 re: To name parties covered by payment of judgments). Became **Public Law 19-87** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-18: (2/6/17) Requesting the 20th NMCL for a joint session for 31 March 2017 to deliver the State of the Commonwealth address. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-19: (2/15/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Michael L. Ernest, Assistant Attorney General for the Commonwealth Casino Commission, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$78,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-20: (2/15/17) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Cindy Ann Nesbit, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$58,500. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-2: (2/15/17) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. No. 20-2, entitled, “A Senate Joint Resolution to call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the State of the Commonwealth Address.”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 15, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-3: (2/24/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-12, SD1, entitled, “To amend 2 CMC §§ 4308 and 4345(e), to authorize the Department of Public Lands to waive requirement that the homesteader must construct a home on the homestead upon a showing that the construction permit cannot be obtained because of the lack of power, water, or waste water infrastructure; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 23, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-4: (2/24/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-14, entitled, “To amend 6 CMC § 2253, to limit the number of shooting gallery and shooting range; amend section 2256(a)(10), shooting gallery and shooting range operation time; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 23, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-5: (2/24/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-16, SD1, entitled, “To amend 2 CMC §§ 2112 and 2122 by adding new definitions providing a grant of power to the Commonwealth Ports Authority in the Commonwealth Ports Authority Act and to amend 1 CMC § 2806(g) to define industrial port use and port related operations to lease public lands for legitimate public purpose related to their agency’s mandate; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on February 23, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-6: (2/24/17) Transmitting for House action S. J. R. No. 20-1, entitled, “A Senate Joint Resolution authorizing the Marianas Visitor’s Authority to set a new compensation and wage salary scale for its employees pursuant to 4 CMC § 2124(g).”, which was adopted by the Senate on February 23, 2017. [*For action*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-21: (1/31/17) From Representative Dela Cruz, PUC Chair, submitting amended composition to the Public Utilities and Communications Committee, restructure of composition appointing Representative Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero as Vice Chair. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-22: (2/14/17) From Representative Attao informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth beginning Wednesday, February 15, 2017 on personal matters and request to be excused from any and all official functions during his absence. Furthermore, Representative Attao officially authorizes Representative Villagomez to introduce his legislations on his behalf. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-23: (2/9/17) From Representative Angel A. Demapan, W&M Chair, appointing members to the House Standing Committee Ways and Means. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

S. C. R. No. 20-1: Reporting on H. J. R. No. 20-1 entitled: “A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. James Aldan Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works to reserve at least \$850,000.00 from the Federal Highway Funds for Fiscal Year 2017, \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018, and \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 for the A&E design and construction of roads, drainage and water catchment tanks from Capitol Hill to Mt. Tapochau and Chalan Galaide to Navy Hill including lateral roads; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Transportation recommends that the House adopt H. J. R. No. 20-1 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-2: Reporting on H. J. R. No. 20-2 entitled: “A House Joint Resolution respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Transportation recommends that the House adopt H. J. R. No. 20-2 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-3: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-15, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC §2308 by adding new subsection covering Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, CNMI Drug Court, and establishing a special account.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-15, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 20-4: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-8, entitled: “To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities and Communications recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-8, HSI.*

S. C. R. No. 20-5: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-23, entitled: “To define industrial port use, port related operations and to amend 1 CMC §2806 (g), Public Lands: Fundamental Policies; and to allow government agencies on the islands of Tinian and Rota to lease public lands, conveyed to them by Public Lands, for legitimate public purpose related to their agency’s mandate.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-23, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 20-4	A House Resolution to amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 9, 2017; and for other purposes.	
H. RES. NO. 20-5	A House Resolution to respectfully request and encourage business establishments in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to extend the privilege of honoring our Senior Citizens (55 years old and above) to avail of discount benefits at their establishments.	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

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:

H. L. B. No. 20-5: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheets 03 and 05 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session
January 31, 2017:*

H. B. No. 20-1: To amend 4 CMC §1401 and 4 CMC §1402 (a) to separate cigars from being taxed as a tobacco and establish its own tax rate; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-2: To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-3: To amend and repeal provisions of the Vehicle Code to allow for e-citation implementation; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-4: To remove the limitation on the amount of funds from the MVA Trust Fund that may be distributed to the Municipalities of Tinian and Rota. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. No. 20-5: To establish a graduated registration fee for pickups, jeeps, sedans and automobiles. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-6: To amend 2 CMC §7251 to require three (3) public hearings for any proposed change of district boundary, uses, or requirements; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-7: To amend 9 CMC §2107 to provide an extended time period before the vehicle registration late fee would apply; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself* and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Edwin P. Aldan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and Vinson F. Sablan) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-8: To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Ivan A. Blanco, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and Vinson F. Sablan) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Public Utilities and Communications.

H. B. No. 20-9: To require all scuba dive shop operators to impose a \$10.00 surcharge per tank usage to purchase, install, operate, and maintain decompression chambers in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, and Edwin K. Propst) on January 31, 2017 and was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. No. 20-10: To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-11: To ban the use of plastic checkout bags; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 20-12: To reform drug sentencing laws to effectuate the rehabilitation and treatment principles of evidence-based sentencing. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-13: To designate and establish Susupe Lake and its surrounding wetland as “Susupe Lake Wildlife Park” for the purpose of and in accordance with this Act. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 20-14: To improve the justice system’s response to domestic violence, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-15: To amend 4 CMC §2308 by adding new subsection covering Department of Public Safety, Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, Northern Marianas College, Northern Marianas Trades Institute, CNMI Drug Court, and establishing a special account. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-16: To amend 7 CMC 3101(a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-17: To establish provisions to require the Commonwealth Government and Commonwealth Government Agencies to pay their contractual obligations in a timely manner; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-18: To amend 6 CMC §2256 (a) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. No. 20-19: To amend 6 CMC §3156 (b) by requiring a hotel or resort attached to a golf course to have a minimum of eighteen (18) holes in order to be eligible to conduct electronic gaming activities as defined in 6 CMC §3156(a)(6). Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Vinson F. Sablan) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Gaming.

H. B. No. 20-20: To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 § 2104 to provide veterans a discounted benefit for the vehicle registration fee; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Jose I. Itibus, Rep. Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-21: To define “general revenues” as it relates to the CNMI Public School System. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst, and Gregorio M. Sablan Jr.) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-22: To amend 1 CMC Section 1502 clarifying the activities subject to the Occupancy Tax. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. No. 20-23: To define industrial port use, port related operations and to amend 1 CMC §2806 (g), Public Lands: Fundamental Policies; and to allow government agencies on the islands of Tinian and Rota to lease public lands, conveyed to them by Public Lands, for legitimate public purpose related to their agency’s mandate. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. No. 20-24: To prohibit cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon

Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 20-25: To prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Vinson F. Sablan) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-26: To amend 6 CMC §2143 by adding a new subsection (c) to establish a penalty for businesses who engage in drug-related activities; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Vinson F. Sablan) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-27: To amend 2 CMC §1645 to establish a penalty for businesses engaging in the act of destroying, harassing, or removing of wildlife or marine species within Bird Island and Forbidden Island sanctuaries; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. B. NO. 20-28: To amend 4 CMC §§§ 2306, 2307 and 2308 (Public Law No. 18-56) to authorize, establish, and fund a Casino Gross Revenue Tax Account and CNMI Retiree Future Generation Pension Plan. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-29: To appropriate Five Hundred Thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) from the Cancer Fund Special Account, earmarked under 4 CMC §1402(g)(2), to support and expand cancer awareness, detection and prevention programs. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 20-30: To require all tour companies and agents to register and be issued a permit by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and Donald C. Barcinas) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 20-31: To retire the CNMI deficit in a significant and consistent manner via imposition of a 5% tax on gaming revenue in the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, and Representative Alice S. Igitol) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-32: To amend the Developer Infrastructure Tax to bear the cost of the new and additional infrastructure needed to meet the growing demands of our economy; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-33: To amend 2 CMC § 4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC § 4435(h) to expand the use of lease agreement payments to supplement housing assistance; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-34: To repeal in part Section 3 of Public Law No. 19-42 and revive former 6 CMC § 2222(e) and its associated definitions. Introduced by REP. VINSON F. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 4, (*for himself*, and Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-35: To amend 1 CMC §§8245-8248 to increase compensation for appointed officials and increase the salary ceiling; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-36: To amend 1 CMC §8357, to reestablish the special annuity for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, and Representatives Edwin P. Aldan and Glenn L. Maratita) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added] H. B. NO. 20-37: To prohibit the taking and selling of certain sizes of fish species by adding a new section 5645 to Article 4, Chapter 6, Division 5 of Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan

“BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. L. B. NO. 20-1: To appropriate up to Three Hundred Ninety Three Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Nine US Dollars \$393,279.00 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Francisco C. Aguon, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Edwin K. Propst and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-2: To re-appropriate Seven Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred Fifty Eight US Dollars (\$799,558.00) allotted to the Second Senatorial District pursuant to 4 CMC §2307(b); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-3: To appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for the Third Senatorial District for the construction of a temporary shelter(s) within the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-4: To re-appropriate the unused funds under Business Unit No. 1605 (of Saipan Local Law No. 19-06) for the continued repair and renovations of the Northern Marianas College (NMC) As Terlaje Campus; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GREGORIO M. SABLAN JR. of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017.

H. L. B. NO. 20-5: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheets 03 and 05 of 29. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017.

H. RES. NO. 20-2: To respectfully request the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands to preserve and designate 30,000 square meters of feasible public land on the island of Saipan for the future site of the Indigenous Cultural Center. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

H. RES. NO. 20-3: To honor and commend Mr. Jose “Joe” C. Ayuyu for earning the coveted title of 2016 Guam Business Magazine Executive of the Year. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently placed on the resolution calendar.

H. RES. NO. 20-4: To amend the House of Representatives Rules of Procedure that was adopted on January 9, 2017; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently placed on the resolution calendar.

[Added] H. RES. NO. 20-5: To respectfully request and encourage business establishments in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to extend the privilege of honoring our Senior Citizens (55 years old and above) to avail of discount benefits at their establishments. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently placed on the resolution calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 20-1: Respectfully requesting the Honorable Ralph DLG Torres, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. James Aldan Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works to reserve at least \$850,000.00 from the Federal Highway Funds for Fiscal Year 2017, \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018, and \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 for the A&E design and construction of roads, drainage and water catchment tanks from Capitol Hill to Mt. Tapochau and Chalan Galaide to Navy Hill including lateral roads; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, and Representatives Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Jose I. Itibus, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Transportation.

[Added] H. J. R. NO. 20-2: Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Kannat Tabla road under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, and Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C.

Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on January 31, 2017 and was subsequently referred to the Committee on Transportation.

House information on deadlines for override: