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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Acting 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 First Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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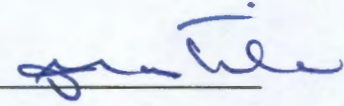


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SPEAKER

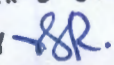
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 03 August 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Acting Speaker Janet U. Maratita 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1st Day, 2nd Regular Session for Tuesday, 08 August 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Second Regular Session	Tuesday, August 8, 2017	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

Second Day, Fifth Special Session Journal – July 6, 2017

First Day, Sixth Special Session Journal – July 28, 2017

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. NO. 20-108

To appropriate the amount of one million four hundred thousand dollars (\$1,400,000.00) to pay for the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees whose wages were frozen – as authorized by Public Law 19-75.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 20-36

To appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56, to assist various entities and various projects within Precincts I, II, III, IV and V.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives: None

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. House Resolutions: None*

- B. House Joint Resolutions: None*

- C. House Commemorative Resolutions: None*

- D. House Concurrent Resolutions: None*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. NO. 20-54: (8/2/17) Informing the House that \$1.4 Million is available for appropriation by the Legislature to pay the outstanding retroactive lump-sum payment to active and inactive employees, whose wages were frozen at Step 12, as authorized by Public Law 19-75.

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-35 (8/4/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-92 (To amend Section 302 (f) (9), to authorize reprogramming to fund the Early Head Start and Head Start centers; and for other purposes.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-36 (8/4/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-103, HS1 (To appropriate payment for the outstanding judgement and interest in land compensation cases.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-37 (8/4/17) Returning 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.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-38 (8/4/17) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-3 (Respectfully requesting the Secretary of the Department of Public Works to include Lau Lau Bay Drive under the Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP); and for other purposes.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-39 (8/4/17) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-5 (A House Joint Resolution to authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-17-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M17-ST69-0203; and, the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S17-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. NO. 20-52: (8/1/17) From Representative Jose I. Itibus informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal business beginning Saturday, August 5, 2017 to Saturday, August 12, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and sessions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. NO. 20-53: (8/3/17) From Representative Edmund S. Villagomez informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Friday, August 4, 2017 to Saturday, August 12, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and session during his absence. During his absence, he designates Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao as Acting House Minority Leader.

HSE. COMM. NO. 20-54: (8/4/17) From Representative Vinson F. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning Tuesday, August 8, 2017 to Friday, August 11, 2017 and request to be excused from any meeting and session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. NO. 20-55: (8/4/17) From Representative Jose I. Itibus informing the Speaker that he canceled his trip that was scheduled for Saturday, August 5, 2017 to Tuesday, August 8, 2017.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. NO. 20-5: (8/1/17) The Public School System submitting their expenditure report for the third quarter ending June 30, 2017.

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. NO. 20-4: (8/3/17) From Mayor David M. Apatang, Mayor of Saipan submitting the Fiscal Year 2017 Third Quarter and Year-to-Date Reports.

MISC. COMM. NO. 20-5: (8/3/17) From the Legislative Bureau Director Antonio P. Sablan submitting the Expenditure Report for the Third Quarter ending June 30, 2017 and Year-to-Date.

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (9)

S. C. R. No. 20-47: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-71, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to make the Department of Lands and Natural Resources responsible for collecting the Managaha Fee and removing the Department of Public Lands as recipient of the Managaha Fees; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-71, HS1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-48: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-86, entitled: “To establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-86, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-49: Reporting on H. B. 20-25, entitled: “To prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-25, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-50: Reporting on H. B. 20-85, entitled: “To establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occurs within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. 20-85 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-51: Reporting on H. B. 20-83, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC §§ 2172-2173, to enable the Marianas Visitors Authority to strengthen qualifications for tour guides and tour operators, and to add a new Section 2174; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass H. B. 20-83 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-52: Reporting on H. B. 20-93, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §8250(e) by including the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) to be exempted from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act as amended.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-93, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-53: Reporting on H. B. 20-88, entitled: “To repeal and re-enact “The Education Act of 1988” as amended and as codified as 3 CMC § 1101 through § 1193; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-88, HD1.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-54: Reporting on H. B. 20-96, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §2264 to ensure that the Board of Education members receive compensation for committee meetings, which are vital to the development of policy and the functioning of the Public School System.” *Your Committee on Education recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-96 in its current form.*

S. C. R. NO. 20-55: Reporting on S. B. 20-03, SS1 entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262(a), to limit the public high school student representative to the Board of Education to one year and rotated appointment by public school; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Education recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 20-03, SS1, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

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. 20-35: To impose a local license fee on all non-poker electronic gaming devices within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on July 31, 2017

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 20-31: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheets 20 and 24 of 29 to rezone certain lots from “Village Commercial” zoning districts to “Mixed Commercial” zoning districts. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017.

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on
July 28, 2017 and July 31, 2017:*

H. B. No. 20-97: To require all future road developments within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to include bicycle lanes as part of the package for road constructions and/or upgrades within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSE I. ITIBUS of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Donald C. Barcinas) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Transportation.

H. B. No. 20-98: To require that not less than 70 percent of the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act funding that is allocated to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, shall be for the primary purpose of providing immediate shelter and supportive services to adult and youth victims of family violence, domestic violence, or dating violence and their dependents in accordance with 42 U.S. Code §10408(b)(2). Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Social and Human Services.

H. B. No. 20-99: To amend 4 CMC §2308 to clarify that the casino gross revenue tax funds are separate from the general fund; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017; and subsequently placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. No. 20-100: To establish a reserve fund to be used to meet the future needs of the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 20-101: To amend 1 CMC §8364, as amended by public law 15-70, to allow annuitants to enroll in the commonwealth government health insurance program; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representative Donald C. Barcinas) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Health and Welfare.

H. B. No. 20-102: To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes. Introduced by BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Gaming.

H. B. No. 20-103: To appropriate \$16,296,263.89 to pay the judgment in Commonwealth vs. Lot No. 353 New-G et al, Civil Case No. 97-0266. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017; and subsequently placed on the Bill Calendar.

[Added – 7/28/17] H. B. No. 20-104: Requiring mandatory sentences for third strike offenders in cases of serious and violent felonies. Introduced by REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on July 28, 2017; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added – 7/28/17] H. B. No. 20-105: To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2018; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Edwin P. Aldan, Donald C. Barcinas, Ivan A. Blanco, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Alice S. Igitol, Jose I. Itibus, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan) on July 28, 2017; subsequently placed on the Bill Calendar.

[Added – 7/28/17] H. B. No. 20-106: To preserve and designate Lote 345 R 512, situated in Rota, as “Joaquin Mesngon Ogo, Tun Kindu, Sports Complex Arena; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017.

H. L. B. No. 20-31: To amend the Saipan Official Zoning Map Sheets 20 and 24 of 29 to rezone certain lots from “Village Commercial” zoning districts to “Mixed Commercial” zoning districts. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017.

H. L. B. No. 20-32: To appropriate \$150,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2, as amended, to the Northern Marianas Trades Institute; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JANET U. MARATITA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Alice S. Igitol) on July 28, 2017.

H. L. B. No. 20-33: To appropriate up to One Hundred Sixteen Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-Nine US Dollars (\$116,469.00) of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development Authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017.

H. L. B. No. 20-34: To appropriate Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56 for FY 2018; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on July 28, 2017.

[Added – 7/31/17] H. B. No. 20-107: To establish the Street Directory Commission; to update the Saipan master street naming map and complete the street numbering system; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Donald C. Barcinas, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on July 31, 2017.

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