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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 Second Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, August 18, 2017, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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Speaker of the House

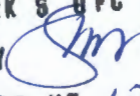
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 11 AUGUST 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 2nd Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call the **2nd Day, 2nd Regular Session for Friday, 18 August 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2nd Day, Second Regular Session	Friday, August 18, 2017	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

Second Day, Sixth Special Session Journal - July 31 2017
First Day, Second Regular Session Journal – August 8, 2017

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 20-109

To establish the Northern Marianas Cultural Center, a governmental Corporation, which shall be under the management and control of the Resident Representative for Indigenous Affairs, who is, and shall be responsible for the planning, development, establishment, operation, management and control of the Northern Marianas Cultural Center pursuant to this Act.

Filed by: REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself, Representatives Francisco C. Aguon, Donald C. Barcinas, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, Angel A. Demapan, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and Vinson F. Sablan*)

H. B. No. 20-110

To clarify and strengthen the role and responsibilities of the Office of the Public Auditor.

Filed by: REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 20-37

To establish and mandate the use of a centralized reburial location for the treatment of human remains.

Prefiled by: REP. ALICE S. IGITOL of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for herself*, 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, Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero, Jose I. Itibus, Janet U. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Gregorio M. Sablan Jr., and John Paul P. Sablan)

H. L. B. NO. 20-38

To appropriate Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56; and for other purposes.

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

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 20-55: (received 8/14/17) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Epiphanio E. Cabrera, Jr., Administrator, Office of Grants Management and State Clearinghouse, Office of the Governor to receive an annual salary of \$60,000. [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-41: (8/7/17) Returning H. B. NO. 20-8, HS1, entitled, “To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.” which was passed by the Senate with amendments on August 3, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-8, HS1, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 20-42: (8/7/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-16, entitled, “To amend 7 CMC 3101(a) to mandate when a jury is impanel to hear all felonies and misdemeanors charges; and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate, with amendments on August 3, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-16, SD1**. [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 20-43: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-10, SD1, entitled, To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 13, to add section 50225 to suspend the Qualifying Certificate Program in Saipan; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-44: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-27, SD1, entitled, To improve the developer infrastructure tax program by amending 4 CMC §§1932, 1935, 1936(a), 1939(a) and 1941; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-45: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-28, entitled, To amend 4 CMC §5555, to extend the sale of alcohol from 10 p.m. to 12 a.m.; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-46: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-30, entitled, To reduce unemployment among resident workers by encouraging them to work under contracts for services to the Commonwealth Government or for capital improvement projects that pay the employees under such contracts at least the prevailing U.S. minimum wage; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-47: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-45, entitled, To provide a limited exemption to register a right-hand drive vehicle after it is converted to left-hand drive and passes safety inspection; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-48: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-48, entitled, To amend 3 CMC § 1506 to change the position of administrative librarian to public library director; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-49: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-49, entitled, To establish regulations for the use of airspace of the Commonwealth and related activities; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-50: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-50, SD1, entitled, To amend 2 CMC §2122 to authorize the Commonwealth Ports Authority to develop and expand the air service to the Commonwealth; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-51: (8/7/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-54, entitled, To mandate all government corporations, autonomous agencies and regulatory agencies to submit their annual budget to the Office of the Governor which shall be included in the Governor’s annual budget proposal; to establish a penalty provision for the failure of such government entities to timely submit their annual budget to the Office of the Governor; and for other purposes, which was passed by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-52: (8/10/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-45, HD1, (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.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on August 10, 2017. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-53: (8/11/17) Returning H. J. R. No. 20-6 (To support the Petition for Certiorari and the appeal of the Ninth Circuit decision in *Davis v. CNMI Election Commission et al*, and support the notion that the term “NMD” as used by CNMI Constitution Article XII and Article XVIII is a political as opposed to a racial term.), which was adopted by the Senate, without amendments on August 10, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-54: (8/11/17) Returning H. B. NO. 20-4, HD2, entitled, “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.,” which was passed by the Senate with amendments on August 10, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-4, HD2, SD2**, to read: “*To remove the limitation on the amount of funds from the MVA Trust Fund that may be distributed to the Municipalities of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota; and for other purposes.*” [*For action on Senate amendments*]

SEN. COMM. 20-55: (8/11/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-41, SD1, entitled, To repeal and reenact Title 8, Division 1, Chapter 5, Articles 1 through 3, and Title 8, Section 1580 of the Commonwealth Code; to establish the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 10, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-56: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-6, entitled, “To Recognize and Congratulate Rezalina Davis Barcinas on Passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-57: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-7, entitled, “Requesting the Marianas Public Land Trust to comply with the mandate of Art. XI, Section 6(f) of the NMI Constitution by annually submitting to the governor and the presiding officers of the legislature a report disclosing their financial affairs and the mandate of 1 CMC § 7206 by timely submitting the Trust’s annual budget to the office of the Governor for inclusion into the Governor’s annual budget proposal.”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-58: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-8, entitled, “To recognize and acknowledge Mr. David Deleon Guerrero Atalig and the San Diego Club for their generous contributions in assisting our CNMI Medical Referral patients in San Diego, California. ”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-59: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-9, entitled, “To recognize and acknowledge the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve and the Guam-CNMI Committee and their volunteer members for their exceptional service and commitment to our service men and women by recognizing the week of August 12th through August 19th, 2017, as “Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Week”.”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-60: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-10 entitled, “To Recognize and Congratulate the 2017 Northern Marianas College Graduate, Michael

Dinglasi Hidalgo, on Passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses.”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 3, 2017. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 20-61: (8/14/17) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 20-11 entitled, “Respectfully requesting the United States Postal Service to provide additional service windows in the Chalan Kanoa post office.”, which was adopted by the Senate on August 10, 2017. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-56: (8/9/17) From Representative Guerrero informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth from August 9, 2017 to August 16, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-57: (8/14/17) From Representative Igitol informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters beginning Monday, August 21, 2017 until Thursday, August 31, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and session during her absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-58: (8/14/17) From Representative Vinson F. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth from Tuesday, August 15, 2017 to Thursday, August 24, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None

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. No 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. No. 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. No. 20-85 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-51: Reporting on H. B. No. 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. No. 20-83 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-52: Reporting on H. B. No. 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. No. 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. No. 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. No. 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

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16. **BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. NO. 20-61	A Bill for an Act to establish a Real Estate Code in the Commonwealth to regulate the industry.	
S. B. NO. 20-2, SD3	A Bill for an Act to establish the Office of Planning and Development; and for other purposes. [<i>See Sen. Comm. 20-11</i>]	
S. B. NO. 20-9, SD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC Section 8117(i); and for other purposes. [<i>See Sen. Comm. 20-17</i>]	

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:

THIRD 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.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on August 8, 2017:

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. Introduced 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, Glenn L. Maratita, Janet U. Maratita, and John Paul P. Sablan) on August 8, 2017; and subsequently placed on the Bill Calendar.

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. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on August 8, 2017.