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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, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, August 30, 2017, at 9:30 AM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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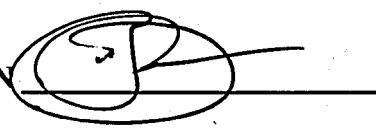


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RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN
Speaker of the House


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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 21 AUGUST 2017
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : SPEAKER RAFAEL S. DEMAPAN 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3rd 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 3rd Day, 2nd Regular Session for Wednesday, 30 August 2017 at 9:30 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
3rd Day, Second Regular Session	Wednesday, August 30, 2017	9:30 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
3. **ADOPTION OF JOURNALS - None**
4. **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 20-113

To establish a criminal provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. No. 20-114

To establish provisions that would require new and existing business establishments to provide for proper parking lot lighting; and for other purposes.

Filed by: REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5
(for himself)

H. B. No. 20-115

To repeal and reenact 6 CMC §§ 9201-9219 by changing the funding sources of the Criminal Justice Information System; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. No. 20-116

To appropriate the amount of \$7,129,041.76 to pay the balance of the annual payments due to the Settlement Fund for FY 2014 and FY 2015.

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

H. B. No. 20-117

To appropriate Five Hundred Forty-Three Thousand and Two Hundred Twenty Three US Dollars (\$543,223.00) of the Solid Waste Management Revolving Account collected for the Second Senatorial District that has been identified by the Secretary of Finance as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. No. 20-118

To generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration and licenses and establishing a Temporary Operator's License category; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. FRANCISCO C. AGUON of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

B. House Local Bills:

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. 20-62: (8/21/17) **Executive Order 2017-08** – Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater services.

GOV. COMM. 20-63: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-12, SD1, ("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."). Became **Public Law 20-5** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-64: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, 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.”). Became **Public Law 20-6** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-65: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, 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.”). Became **Public Law 20-7** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-66: (8/21/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 20-08, SD1, (“To enable the CNMI to participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s Professional Student Exchange Program; and for other purposes.”). Became **Public Law 20-8** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-67: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-26, D1, (“To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-30 in the amount of Thirty Thousand, Seven Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars (\$30,749.00 USD); and for other purposes.”). Became **Rota Local Law 20-3** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-68: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-11, D1, (“To appropriate up to \$88,469.75 of the Earned Bond Interest Income collected for the First Senatorial District that has been identified by the Commonwealth Development authority as available for appropriations; and for other purposes.”). Became **Rota Local Law 20-4** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-69: (8/22/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-28, D1, (“To appropriate the amount of Sixty-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Eighteen Dollars (\$69,918.00) from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes.”). Became **Rota Local Law 20-5** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 20-70: (8/19/17) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 20-34, D1, (“To appropriate Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law 18-56; and for other purposes.”). Became **Tinian Local Law 20-3** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 20-62: (8/18/17) Returning H. B. No. 20-108, HD1, (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.), which was passed by the Senate, without amendments on August 17, 2017. [*For info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 20-63: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-22, entitled, To amend 1 CMC §§ 8459(a) and 8460(a) to require employers to contribute 4 percent of an employee’s compensation if an employee contributes at least 4 percent to the employee’s Defined Contribution Plan individual account; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-64: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-35, SD3, entitled, To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 15 years for a total 55 years; to authorize certain existing public land leases to be

amended to extend the existing lease term up to 55 years; to amend 1 CMC § 2807 to authorize DPL to negotiate a new public land lease with certain existing public land lessees under new terms and consideration without publishing an RFP; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-65: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-58, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2836 to remove the payment requirement by CHCC to the Commonwealth government; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-66: (8/17/17) Transmitting for House action S. B. NO. 20-59, entitled, To amend 3 CMC §2824, to establish a claims and clinical data warehouse at CHCC and to improve accountability for how health insurance premiums are spent by requiring health insurance insurers and health care providers to submit reports on claims and clinical data to the insurance commissioner; and for other purposes., which was passed by the Senate on August 17, 2017. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 20-67: (8/24/17) Returning H. B. NO. 20-99, entitled, “To amend 4 CMC §2308 to clarify that the casino gross revenue tax funds are separate from the general fund; and for other purpose,” which was passed by the Senate with amendments on August 24, 2017, in the form of **H. B. NO. 20-99, SS1**, to read: “*To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 2307; repeal and reenact 4 CMC §2308; to earmark the casino Gross Revenue Tax to supplement the payment of the 25 percent of all the retirees’ pensions and to include NMC, NMTI as recipients of the funds generated from the Gross Revenue Tax; and for other purposes.*” [***For action on Senate amendments***]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 20-63: (8/21/17) From Representative Blanco informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning Wednesday, August 23, 2017 and returning Wednesday, August 23, 2017 and request to be excused from any meetings and session during his absence. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-64: (8/23/17) From the Speaker informing all Members that he will be out of the Commonwealth from August 24, 2017 and August 25, 2017 and designates Vice Speaker Janet U. Maratita as Acting Speaker. [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 20-65: (8/24/17) From Representative Angel A. Demapan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth beginning Friday, August 25, 2017 and returning Tuesday, August 29, 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 (7)

S. C. R. No. 20-56: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-13, entitled: “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.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-13 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-57: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-67, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC § 1402 for the purpose of the conservation and protection of the precious resource of sweet potato “Kamuti”; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-67 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-58: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-69, entitled: “To amend 2 CMC §§ 1631, 1634, 1636, 1637, and 1644 to authorize the Division of Fish and Wildlife to regulate marine sports and activities within the waters of conservation areas and sanctuaries, and to impose and collect conservation areas management fees by regulation and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 20-69, HSI.*

S. C. R. No. 20-59: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-65, entitled: “To establish laws to regulate bioprospecting activities within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in order to ensure prior, informed consent and equitable sharing of benefits.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-65 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-60: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-73, entitled: “To amend Title 2, Division 4, Chapter 1 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict the rezoning of public lands until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-73 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-61: Reporting on H. B. No. 20-81, entitled: “To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 14 of the Commonwealth Code by inserting new sections to restrict future public land leases until the completion of the comprehensive land use plans.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 20-81 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 20-62: Reporting on H. Res. No. 20-2, entitled: “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.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House adopt H. Res. No. 20-2 in its current form.*

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
S. B. No. 20-41, SD1	A Bill for an Act 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. <i>See [SEN. COMM. 20-55]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-71, HS1	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. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-47]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-86, HD1	A Bill for an Act to establish the CNMI Product Seal Act of 2017. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-48]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-25, HD1	A Bill for an Act to prohibit the selling and exporting of copper wire; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-49]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-85	A Bill for an Act to establish higher mandatory sentences for crimes that occurs within 1,000 feet of tourist sites and recreational areas. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-50]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-83	A Bill for an Act 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. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-51]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-93, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §8250(e) by including the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) and the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA) to be exempted from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act as amended. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-52]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-96	A Bill for an Act 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. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-54]</i>	
S. B. No. 20-3, SS1, HD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §§ 2261(b) and 2262, 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. <i>See [S. C. R. NO. 20-55]</i>	
H. B. No. 20-28	A Bill for an Act 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.	
S. B. No. 20-7, SD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 2 CMC §4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC §4435(h); and for other purposes. <i>See [SEN. COMM. 20-16]</i>	

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. 20-37: To establish and mandate the use of a centralized reburial location for the treatment of human remains. Introduced 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) on August 18, 2017.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on August 18, 2017:

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. Introduced 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) on August 18, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 20-110: To clarify and strengthen the role and responsibilities of the Office of the Public Auditor. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Vinson F. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on August 18, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-8/18/17] H. B. No. 20-111: To amend 6 CMC § 3304 to make it a crime to alter any document bearing the court seal of a copy or the court seal. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on August 18, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

[Added-8/18/17] H. B. No. 20-112: To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 1 Sections 2101 (c) and 2112 to also exempt right hand drive vehicles of .50 ton or higher that will be primarily used for agricultural purposes; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. IVAN A. BLANCO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Donald C. Barcinas, Angel A. Demapan, and Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero) on August 18, 2017; subsequently referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. L. B. No. 20-37: To establish and mandate the use of a centralized reburial location for the treatment of human remains. Introduced 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) on August 18, 2017.

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. Introduced by REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*) on August 18, 2017.

House information on deadlines for override: