



MAY 05, 2017

**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SESSION**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Wednesday, May 10, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	1:00 p.m.

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**

1. **SJ No. 20-04** 1R, 3<sup>RD</sup> Day - 03/10/17
2. **SJ No. 20-05** 1R, 4<sup>TH</sup> Day - 03/22/17
3. **SJ No. 20-06** 1R, 5<sup>TH</sup> Day - 03/29/17

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-34:** March 31, 2017 – Submitting the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-35:** March 31, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-7, D1 – To appropriate \$15,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the First Senatorial District, and to appropriate \$30,000.00 line-item vetoed in RLL 19-14, and to amend Section 2(g) of RLL 16-6; and for other purposes, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 20-01**.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-36:** March 27, 2017 – Re-nomination of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez to serve as member of the Commonwealth Ports Authority to represent Saipan.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-37:** April 7, 2017 – Signed into local law HLB 20-9, D1 – 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, became **TINIAN LOCAL LAW NO. 20-02**.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-38:** April 23, 2017 – Vetoed H.L.B. No. 20-8, D1 – To appropriate funds specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under PL 18-30 as amended; and for other purposes.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-39:** Received April 26, 2017 – Certification for annual salary increase in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Barbara P. Cepeda, Assistant AG to receive \$73,000.00.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-40:** Received April 26, 2017 – Certification for annual salary increase in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Michael J. Cyganek, Assistant AG to receive \$56,000.00.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-41:** Received April 26, 2017 – Certification for annual salary increase in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Martin P. De Los Angeles, Assistant AG to receive \$57,000.00.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-42:** April 28, 2017 – Withdrawing the appointment of Mr. Lino S. Tenorio to serve as the Commissioner of the Department of Corrections effective April 30, 2017.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:**

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 20-03:** April 10, 2017 – Law Week Proclamation signing on April 28, 2017.
2. **Jud. Comm. No. 20-04:** April 20, 2017 – Drug Court month and proclamation signing.

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-05:** January 27, 2017 - OPM regarding request approval for training and education leave.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-06:** February 14, 2017- Listing of inactive DPH & ES employees eligible to receive 5% retroactive lump sum salary payment.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-07:** April 17, 2017 – DOF PL 19-75 Lump Sum Eligible List.
4. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-08:** April 17, 2017 – DOL Secretary regarding 2017 Fund Status 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report.
5. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-09:** April 18, 2017 – 29<sup>th</sup> Pacific Islands Environmental Conference on June 13-15, 2017.
6. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-10:** April 24, 2017 – DPW regarding construction of Marpi Landfill Cell 3.
7. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-11:** April 24, 2017 – CNMI Veterans Affairs Office celebrating Memorial Day on May 29, 2017.
8. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-12:** April 12, 2017 – SAA for Substance Abuse & Rehabilitation regarding Expenditure report for FY 2017.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-12:** March 28, 2017 – Speaker Demapan letter to Representative Propst regarding request for a formal oversight to IPI's Grand Mariana Construction project's fatal accident.

2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-13:** April 4, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-4, HD2 – 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.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-14:** April 4, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action 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.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-15:** April 4, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-22 – To amend 1 CMC Section 1502 clarifying the activities subject to the Occupancy Tax.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-16:** April 4, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action 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.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-17:** April 4, 2017 - Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-56 – To amend 1 CMC, Chapter 4, Article 2 to add a new §431. “Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park”; and for other purposes.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-18:** April 3, 2017 – Off-Island Notice from the House of Representative Chairperson of Ways and Means Committee.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-19:** April 18, 2017 – Transmitting a certified copy of HCR 20-2, “To congratulate and honor all the women in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2017 as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as International Women’s Day.”
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-20:** April 18, 2017 – Transmitting a certified copy of HCR 20-3, “To recognize and acknowledge Japan Consul Toshio Matsumura from the Consular Office of Japan in the CNMI for his outstanding contributions in helping to establish a strong relationship between Japan and the CNMI.”
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-21:** April 24, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action 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.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-22:** April 24, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action 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.
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-23:** May 03, 2017 - Transmitting certified copy of H.Comm.Res. 20-4 – The Late Richard B. Seman.

#### H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-37:** March 21, 2017 – Senator Jude Hofschneider’s resignation as a member of the JGL Committee.
2. **Sen. Comm. No 20-38:** March 30, 2017 – Senate President Palacios notice of off-island and delegation of authority.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-39:** March 31, 2017 – Senator Cruz notice of off-island notice and delegation of authority.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-40:** March 31, 2017 – Referral to EAGI Committee on the re-nomination of Mr. Thomas P. Villagomez.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-41:** April 03, 2017 – Appointment of Health & Welfare Committee members.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-42:** April 4, 2017 – Notification of Additional Judiciary, Governmental and Law Committee Member.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-43:** April 4, 2017 – Appointment of additional member to PUTC Committee.
8. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-44:** April 4, 2017 – PUTC Committee Meeting and CUC Oversight Hearing.
9. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-45:** April 4, 2017 – Referral of SB No. 20-36 to Committee on Resources, Economic Development & Programs.
10. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-46:** April 12, 2017 – Notice of meeting schedule to Guam to visit the facilities of the CNMI/Guam Medical Referral Office and meet with their staff.
11. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-47:** April 12, 2017 – Senator Borja Resignation from PUTC.
12. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-48:** April 13, 2017 – Senator Quitugua notice of off-island.
13. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-49:** April 13, 2017 – Senator Cruz notice of off-island notice and Delegation of Authority.
14. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-50:** April 19, 2017 – REDP Committee meeting with HANMI, April 27, 2017.
15. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-51:** April 19, 2017 – Senator Igisomar regarding Contract consideration for Marianas Behavioral Health International, Inc.
16. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-52:** April 21, 2017 – Senate President Palacios off-island Notice.
17. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-53:** May 01, 2017 – EAGI additional committee member – Senator Teresita A. Santos.
18. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-54:** May 03, 2017 – Joint presentation by CNMI Drug Court on Friday, May 12, 2017 at 9 a.m.
19. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-55:** May 04, 2017 – PUTC Chairman regarding OPA's on CUC Organizational Structure Report and Integrated Resource Plan.
20. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-56:** May 04, 2017 – Chairman of Fiscal Affairs appointment of additional Committee members.

#### **I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE:**

1. **Wash. Delegate Comm. No. 20-02:** March 20, 2017 – Re-dedication of the postal building in Chalan Kanoa on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 20-36** – To regulate real estate transactions and brokers and agents in the CNMI and to require real estate licenses by adding a new Division 8 to Title 2 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 04/03/17)
2. **Senate Local Bill No. 20-02:** To establish “I Tano’-Mami” as the official anthem for the Municipality of Rota. (SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 04/07/17)
3. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. No. 20-01:** To pay tribute to the life and memory of the late Honorable Richard B. Seman on his untimely passing and to express a heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family for their loss. (SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 04/10/17 & ALL MEMBERS)
4. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. No. 20-02:** To express heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family of the Late Kevin Taimanao Atalig on his untimely passing and to memorialize his longstanding service to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. (SEN. STEVE K. MESNGON – 04/26/17)
5. **Senate Bill No. 20-37:** To amend 2 CMC § 4144(e) to give the Department of Public Lands the discretion to exchange certain public lands in the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes. (SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 04/27/17)
6. **Senate Bill No. 20-38:** To present to the voters in the Commonwealth in the next general election the question: “Shall there be a constitutional convention to propose amendments to the Constitution?” (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 05/04/17)

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

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-06:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs reporting on S.B. No. 20-09 – To amend 1 CMC Section 8117(i); and for other purposes.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-07:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs reporting on S.B. No. 20-07 – To amend 2 CMC §4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC § 4435(h); and for other purposes.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-08:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-13 – To waive the NMC tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-09:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-15 - To establish a Regent Nominating Committee Process in the Selection and Appointment of Regents to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents; and for other purposes.

5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-10:** From the Committee on Health and Welfare reporting on S.B. No. 20-04 - To establish CNMI Group Life Insurance basic life benefits at two times the annual salary of the employee or retiree; and for other purposes.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-11:** From the Committee on Health and Welfare reporting on S.B. No. 20-05 - To authorize certain government employees and retirees to continue to participate in the CNMI Government Group Life Insurance Program after they separate from government service; and for other purposes.
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-12:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-06 - To amend 4 CMC § 1411(a) to earmark 50% of the environmental beautification tax to the Solid Waste Management Program to pay for critical landfill renovations and upgrades of the Marpi Landfill; and for other purposes.
8. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-13:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-17 - To amend 4 CMC § 1402(c)(4) to include passenger vehicles for disabled persons as an exemption from excise tax; and for other purposes.

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **Senate Commemorative Res. No. 20-01**
2. **Senate Commemorative Res. No. 20-02**

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FIRST READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
S.B. No. 20-09, SD1	To amend 1 CMC Section 8117(i); and for other purposes [Crediting degree holders with necessary work experience to meet civil service requirement]

S.B. No. 20-07, SD1	To amend 2 CMC § 4435(f) and to repeal 2 CMC § 4435(h); and for other purposes [NMHC & HUD housing assistance]
H.B. No. 20-56 (See HC 20-17)	To amend 1 CMC, Chapter 4, Article 2 to add a new §431, "Governor Eloy S. Inos Peace Park"; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-04, SD1 (See SCReport 20-10)	To establish CNMI Group Life Insurance basic life benefits at two times the annual salary of the employee or retiree; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-05, SD1 (See SCReport 20-11)	To authorize certain government employees and retirees to continue to participate in the CNMI Government Group Life Insurance Program after they separate from government service; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-06, SD1 (See SCReport 20-12)	To amend 4 CMC § 1411(a) to earmark 50% 100% of the environmental beautification tax to the Solid Waste Management Program to pay for critical landfill renovations and upgrades of the Marpi Landfill; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-13, SD1 (See SCReport 20-08)	To waive the NMC tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-15, SD1 (See SCReport 20-09)	To establish a Regent Nominating Committee Process in the Selection and Appointment of Regents to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 20-17, SD1 (See SCReport 20-13)	To amend 4 CMC § 1402(c)(4) to include passenger vehicles for disabled persons as an exemption from excise tax; and for other purposes

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-49:** March 28, 2017 – Northern Islands Mayor Santos regarding the planned Pagan trip.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-50:** March 23, 2017 –2016 Annual Report for the Office of the Attorney General.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-51:** March 23, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No.20-24 - To amend 4 CMC § 50143(a) to provide immunity for minors assisting in tobacco control undercover investigations; and for other purposes.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-52:** March 23, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No. 20-31 – CNMI Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve.

5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-53:** March 27, 2017 – AG’s comment on S.B. No. 20-28 – Extend the sale of alcoholic beverages from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-54:** March 27, 2017 – PSS parent, Ms. Pascua comment on H.B. NO. 20-15, HD1 - 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.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-55:** March 30, 2017 – NMHC CNMI Homeless Coalition.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-56:** March 31, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-35 - To amend 1 CMC § 2806(c) to increase the term of public land leases up to 40 years plus an extension up to 35 years for a total 75 years; to authorize existing public land leases to be amended to extend the existing lease term up to 75 years; and for other purposes.
9. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-57:** March 31, 2017 – MVA’s Tourism Insights.
10. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-58:** April 03, 2017 – Mayor of Saipan FY 2017 Second Quarter and Year- to-Date Report.
11. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-59:** April 5, 2017 – Chairman SNILD presentation from Laila Boyer.
12. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-60:** April 05, 2017 – LB and CNMI Youth Congress Expenditure Report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter ended March 31, 2017.
13. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-61:** April 5, 2017 - AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-25 – To establish regulations for the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles or Drones; and for other purposes.
14. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-62:** April 06, 2017 - NI Mayor regarding Advisory Board.
15. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-63:** April 5, 2017 - AG’s comments on SB 20-20 – Departure from Mandatory Minimum Sentences.
16. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-64:** April 10, 2017 - NI Mayor comments on SB 20-35 – Term of public land leases.
17. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-65:** April 11, 2017 - AG’s comments n SB 20-26 – Require licensing of contractors.
18. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-66:** April 5, 2017 -AYUDA NETWORK on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Women’s Health Month.
19. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-67:** PSS 2017 – 2018 Budget request (Corrected version).
20. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-68:** CUC notice of action on RFQ-PG-17-001.
21. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-69:** April 05, 2017 - 16<sup>th</sup> Tinian Municipal Council comments on SB 20-35 – Public land leases.
22. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-70:** April 12, 2017 – CDA FY 2018 Budget submission.
23. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-71:** April 18, 2017 – San Vicente Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to the Legislature.



24. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-72:** April 13, 2017 – Joint presentation by Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).
25. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-73:** April 10, 2017 – Hopwood Middle School 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional ceremony on May 25, 2017.
26. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-74:** April 18, 2017 – KARIDAT revenues and expenditures quarterly report ending March 31, 2017.
27. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-75:** MVA regarding proclamation of The Marianas Tourism Month – May 2017.
28. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-76:** April 26, 2017 – AG to Rep. Blanco regarding CUC’s OGA on the purchase of generator.
29. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-77:** April 17, 2017 – OPA’s Personnel and Operations Expenditure Report ending March 31, 2017.
30. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-78:** April 24, 2017 – AG 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual AG’s Cup Speech Competition, May 05, 2017.
31. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-79:** April 26, 2017 – AG’s comments on S.B. No. 20-23 - To permit the issuance of Industrial Revenue Bonds/Industrial Development Bond by the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands government for the benefit of private sector development in alignment with documented CNMI priorities; and for other purposes.
32. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-80:** April 27, 2017 – MVA’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report as of March 31, 2017.
33. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-81:** May 02, 2017 – Joint Drug Court presentation on May 24, 2017.
34. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-82:** April 25, 2017 – CUC Audit Report ending August 2016.
35. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-83:** April 25, 2017 – NMI Crime Stoppers Program funding request.
36. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-84:** April 24, 2017 – PSS BOE regarding Education Act of 2017.
37. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-85:** May 03, 2017 – Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation briefing on 340B Drug Discount Program at CHCC.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT.**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
SLB 20-01	To establish the Medical Subsistence Allowance Program for the First Senatorial District; and for other purposes <b>3rd Appearance</b>
SLB 20-02	To establish "I Tano'-Mami" as the official anthem for the Municipality of Rota <b>1<sup>st</sup> Appearance</b>

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