



Office of the Senate President
Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

SENATOR ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 07, 2017
To: All Members of the Senate
From: President of the Senate /s/ Arnold I. Palacios
Subject: 4th Special, Second Regular Session - 2017

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, specifically Rule 3, Section 4, this is to inform all members that the 4th Special, Second Regular Session for 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, December 09, 2017 at 2:00 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

This special session is for the purpose of acting on **House Bill No. 20-129, HD1, HS1** – To amend 4 CMC §2308 to address concerns of the Settlement Fund Trustee and apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers and **H.J.R. No. 20-7** - To support the efforts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government and private sector in seeking legislative relief through amendments to U.S. Public Law 110-229 in order to continue the upward growth of the Commonwealth's economy.

Your understanding and attendance is greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
Senate Clerk
Senate Sergeant-at-Arms
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December 08, 2017

THE SENATE
TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH SPECIAL SESSION

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST Day	Saturday, December 09, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	2:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

A. ROLL CALL

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-186:** November 17, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Barbara P. Cepeda AAG to receive \$75,000.00 per annum.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-187:** November 22, 2017 – Vetoed H.B. No. 20-8, HS1, SD1 – To restrict the use of cellular/mobile telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-188:** November 28, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, P.E., Project Manager, CIP Office to receive \$100,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-189:** November 21, 2017 – Executive Order No. 2017-11 – Declaration of A State Significant Emergency – CUC.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-190:** November 29, 2017 – Certification of Fund Availability from the CNMI DOF from the collection of Saipan Casino Operator's Business Gross Revenue Tax from Imperial Pacific International (CNMI).
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-191:** November 28, 2017 – Withdrawing the appointment of Mr. Gordon Marciano to serve as a member of the MVA Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT :**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-50:** November 14, 2017- DCCA Secretary Hunter regarding CNMI Child Care and Development Fund Program.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-51:** November 21, 2017 – BECQ comments on HB 20-27, 65, 69 and 79.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-52:** November 29, 2017 – DOF certification of fund availability PL 18-56 Saipan Casino BGRT.
4. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-53:** December 1, 2017 – DPL regarding Pacific Telecom, Inc. request for 15 year lease renewal.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-132:** November 21, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-135 – To amend PL 20-11, Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act to reflect the revised Fiscal Year 2018 Operations Budget for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-133:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-59 - To amend 9 CMC §4101 to require all vehicle headlights to project rays of white color and to require the headlights to be in compliance with the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-134:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-91,HD1 - To exempt the residents of our neighboring island of Guam from the operator's license requirements by amending Title 9, Section 2208 Issuance of Licenses and Identification Cards.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-135:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-101, HD1 – To amend 1 CMC §8364, as amended by PL 15-70, to allow annuitants to enroll in the Commonwealth government health insurance program; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-136:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-102, HD1 – To repeal and re-enact 4 CMC § 1508 (Reservation of License Revenue); and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-137:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-121, HD1 – To amend 6 CMC Section 2301 (a)(9) to allow individuals to import used tires for personal use.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-138:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-125, HD1 – To generate funding for the repair and maintenance of CNMI roads and highways by increasing fees for registration of rental vehicles; and for other purposes.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-139:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-129, HD1, HS1 – To amend 4 CMC §2308 to address concerns of the Settlement Fund Trustee and apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers.

9. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-140:** December 01, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-132 – To amend 1 CMC §7406(a)(4) by including the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control (ABTC) Division’s vehicles in the definition of “Law enforcement vehicle”.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-141:** December 04, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-40, SD1 – To amend 9 CMC § 2116 to provide for the identification of Disabled Veterans on the vehicle license plate; and for other purposes. *[INFO. ONLY – TRANSMITTING TO GOV.]*
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-142:** December 04, 2017 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 20-72 – To amend 8 CMC § 1421(a); and for other purposes. (Guardianship) *[INFO. ONLY – TRANSMITTING TO GOV.]*
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-143:** December 04, 2017 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 20-10, SD1 – To establish the Settlement Fund Revolving Fund Account and the Bond Payment Revolving Fund Account; and for other purposes. *[INFO. ONLY]*
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-144:** December 05, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 20-7 - To support the efforts of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Government and private sector in seeking legislative relief through amendments to U.S. Public Law 110-229 in order to continue the upward growth of the Commonwealth’s economy.
14. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-145:** December 5, 2017 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 20-16 – To honor and commend the late William R. Barrineau for the countless monumental contributions he has made to our beloved Commonwealth and to extend our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family on his untimely passing. *[INFO. ONLY]*

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Senate Comm. No. 20-135:** November 27, 2017 – Senate President Palacios off-island notice and delegation of authority.
2. **Senate Comm. No. 20-136:** December 01, 2017 – Acting Senate President Mesngon off-island and delegation of authority notice.
3. **Senate Comm. No. 20-137:** December 04, 2017 – Acting Senate President Mesngon revised off-island and delegation of authority notice.
4. **Senate Comm. No. 20-138:** December 05, 2017 – Official referral of Pacific Telecom, Inc. to REDP Committee.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 20-80:** To authorize a water or waste water leak adjustment on the utility bill of all CUC consumers in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. [SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 11/28/17]
2. **Senate Bill No. 20-81:** To make the waiver under 2 CMC § 4335(e) retroactive to January 1, 2014; and for other purposes. [SEN. FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ – 12/5/17]
3. **Senate Bill No. 20-82:** To amend 3 CMC § 2177(a) to include the CHCC Diabetes Care and Control Center as a program recipient of the Tobacco Control Fund; and for other purposes. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA – 12/7/17]
4. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 20-05:** To pay tribute to the life and memory of the late David Mareham Magofna for his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands through his longstanding service in the United States Armed Forces. [SEN. JUSTO S. QUITUGUA]

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

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. Sen. Commemorative Res. No. 20-05
2. H.J.R. No. 20-7 (See HC 20-144)

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

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

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 20-129, HD1, HS1	To amend 4 CMC §2308 to address concerns of the Settlement Fund Trustee and apply the Casino BGRT subsidy to the Fuel Adjustment Charge and the actual electrical usage of CUC residential customers.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-205:** November 20, 2017 – NMI Settlement Fund comments regarding PL 20-10 - 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.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-206:** November 17, 2017 – AG's comments on S.B. No. 20-35, SD3, HD1.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-207:** November 30, 2017 – Former Senator Joseph M. Mendiola submitting objection to S.B. No. 20-79 – To amend 1 CMC § 5103 to authorize the governor to appoint a qualified person subject to the advice and consent of the Senate when there is a vacancy in the office of the mayor and less than half of the term of the mayor remains; and for other purposes.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-208:** December 04, 2017 – LB Director's off- island notice.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-209:** December 04, 2017- Pete P. Reyes regarding the issue of CW workers.

R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:****T. ADJOURNMENT.**

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	NONE

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