



**Office of the Senate President**  
**Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

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**SENATOR ARNOLD I. PALACIOS**  
Senate President

MEMORANDUM

Date: December 11, 2017

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

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Subject: 5<sup>th</sup> Special, Second Regular Session - 2017

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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 5<sup>th</sup> Special, Second Regular Session for 2017 is scheduled for Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

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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NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

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December 13, 2017

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twentieth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**MEETING:** 5<sup>th</sup> Special, Second Regular Session - 2017  
**DATE AND TIME:** Thursday, December 14, 2017 @ 10:00 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan

Copies of this notice and session agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.



December 13, 2017

**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTIETH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**SECOND REGULAR SESSION**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5 <sup>th</sup> Special	Thursday, December 14, 2017 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	10:00 a.m.

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**A. ROLL CALL**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

1. SJ 20-21 - 7<sup>th</sup> Day, 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session 10/25/17

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-192:** Proclamation US and CNMI Flags lowered to half-staff in recognition of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-193:** December 6, 2017 – Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Ms. Heather Zona, Assistant Public Defender to receive \$62,000.00 per annum.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-194:** December 6, 2017 - Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 to Mr. Douglas Hartig, Chief Public Defender to receive \$80,000.00 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-195:** December 11, 2017 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance and drug test results of Ms. Agida T. Quitugua appointed to serve as a member of MVA Board of Directors representing Rota.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-196:** December 11, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-14 – To improve the justice system’s response to domestic violence, and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-28.**
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-197:** December 11, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-18 – To amend 6 CMC §2256 (A) (10), the hours of operation for shooting galleries and shooting ranges; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-29.**

7. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-198:** December 11, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-22 – To amend 1 Section 1502 clarifying the activities subject to the Occupancy Tax, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-30**.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-199:** December 11, 2017 – Signed into law H.B. No. 20-12 – To reform drug sentencing laws to effectuate the rehabilitation and treatment principles of evidence-based sentencing, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 20-31**.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-200:** December 11, 2017 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 20-38, D1 – To appropriate Five Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars (\$522,189.00) out of the Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) specifically allotted to the First Senatorial District under PL No. 18-56; and for other purposes, becomes **ROTA LOCA LAW NO. 20-07**.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 20-201:** December 11, 2017 – **Vetoed** H.B. No. 20-67 – 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.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**

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

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 20-54:** Oct. 16, 2017 – DPL regarding Construction & Material Supply, Inc. request for 15 year lease renewal.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 20-146:** December 11, 2017 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 20-145 – To appropriate \$22,000,000.00 set aside in the Casino GRT Account for the payment of the 25% of the Settlement Class Members full benefits and payment of a Bonus for all retirees.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-139:** December 05, 2017 – Official referral of Pacific Telecom, Inc. request for 15 year lease renewal to REDP Committee.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 20-140:** December 11, 2017 – Senator Cruz regarding reoccurring problems with the submission of appointees’ pertinent documents needed by the Senate EAGI members’ review.

**I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

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

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

1. **Senate Resolution No. 20-18:** Recognizing Ms. Eterina Aldis Calvo for her outstanding achievement in being chosen as the Sinapalo Elementary School 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year and commending her for her over 20 years of dedication and commitment to her students. [SEN. TERESITA A. SANTOS – 12/11/17]
2. **Senate Resolution No. 20-19:** To congratulate and acknowledge Ms. Antenille Mendiola Santos on her recognition as the 2018 Teacher of the Year for the Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Jr. Sr. High School and to recognize her for her outstanding contribution to her students and the CNMI Public School System. [SEN. STEVE K. MESNGON – 12/11/17]
3. **Senate Bill No. 20-83:** To empower and define the authority of Community Supervision Officers and Compliance Officers in treatment courts; and for other purposes. [SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 12/11/17]
4. **Senate Bill No. 20-84:** To restrict political campaign activities beyond 8:00 p.m. on public lands; and for other purposes. [SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 12/11/17]

**L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:****M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-54:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government and Law reporting on S.B. No. 20-51 - To amend 1 CMC § 8602 by establishing a zero tolerance one strike rule for any law enforcement in the Commonwealth who test positive for drug use; and for other purposes. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SD1]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-64:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations (EAGI) reporting on the appointment of Mr. Gregorio Q. Castro to serve as a member of the Board of Professional Licensing representing the Second Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-65:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 20-71 – To establish a Nursing School Professional Scholarship; and for other purposes. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SS1]
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-66:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 20-88, HD1 – 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. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SD1]
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 20-67:** From the Committee on Education and Youth Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 20-96 – 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. [RECOMMENDS PASSAGE IN THE FORM OF SD1]

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. S.R. No. 20-18
2. S.R. No. 20-19

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FIRST READING**

LEG. NO.	TITLE

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	TITLE
<p><b>S.B. No. 20-51, SD1</b>  (See SCreport 20-54)</p>	<p>To amend 1 CMC § 8602 by establishing a zero tolerance one strike rule for any law enforcement in the Commonwealth who test positive for drug use; and for other purposes</p>
<p><b>S.B. No. 20-71, SS1</b>  (See SCreport 20-65)</p>	<p>To establish a Nursing School Scholarship for students admitted into the nursing program at the Northern Marianas College; and for other purposes</p>
<p><b>S.B. No. 20-79</b></p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>S.B. No. 20-82</b></p>	<p>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</p>
<p><b>H.B. No. 20-101, HD1</b>  (See HC 20-135)</p>	<p>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</p>

<b>H.B. No. 20-118, HD1</b> (See HC 20-124)	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
<b>H.B. No. 20-135</b> (See HC 20-132)	To amend Public Law No. 20-11, Fiscal Year 2018 Appropriations Act to reflect the revised Fiscal Year 2018 Operations Budget for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
<b>H.B. No. 20-69, HS1</b> (See HC 20-96)	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
<b>H.B. No. 20-88, HD1, SD1</b> (See SCReport 20-66)	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
<b>H.B. No. 20-96, SD1</b> (See SCReport 20-67)	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
<b>H.B. No. 20-145</b> (See HC 20-146)	To appropriate \$22,000,000.00 set aside in the Casino GRT Account for the payment of the 25% of the Settlement Class Members full benefits and payment of a Bonus for all retirees.

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-210:** Oct. 30, 2017 – Dr. Vicente S. Aldan Public Land usage and management or Quantum Blood Land.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-211:** Dec. 05, 2017 – NMTI on the drawdown of \$410,824.50 in CW funds.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-212:** Dec. 06, 2017 – AG's comment on S.B. No. 20-76 - To ensure that the trustees of the Marianas Public Land Trust comply with their constitutional mandates; and for other purposes.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-213:** Dec. 06, 2017 – LB regarding Health Insurance presentation by Pacifica Insurance.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-214:** Dec. 07, 2017 – AG's comments on S.B. No. 20-43 (Gov't contracts) and S.B. No. 20-44 (Conflict of Interest).
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-215:** Dec. 11, 2017 – Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation certified copy of TALD Commemorative Res. 20-2 – Late Joseph San Nicolas Cruz.

- 7. **Misc. Comm. No. 20-216:** Dec. 11, 2017 – Attorney Robert Torres’ letter of support on behalf of Mr. Sin Ho Nam/Winnerslife Inc. re: HLB 20-48 – To rezone certain areas as “Mixed Commercial” Districts.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT.**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

LEG NO.	TITLE
	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.