



Office of the Senate President
Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

Date: August 14, 2019

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate /s/ Sen. Victor B. Hocog

Subject: Postponement of the 2nd Day, Second Regular Session – 2019

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the 2nd Day, Second Regular Session, 2019 scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., is postponed to Wednesday, August 21, 2019 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
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August 16, 2019

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

MEETING: 2nd Day, Second Regular Session - 2019
DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, August 21, 2019 @ 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:

Office of the Governor, Entrance Hall
House of Representatives, Entrance Hall
Senate, Entrance Hall
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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.



AUGUST 16, 2019

THE SENATE
TWENTY-FIRST NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND REGULAR SESSION - 2019

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
2 ND Day	Wednesday, August 21, 2019 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 21-09 – 1st Special, 2nd Regular Session – 8/9/19

D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-103:** June 21, 2019 [Rec'd 8/12/19] – Executive Order No. 2019-08 the Renewal of Declaration of Major Disaster & State of Significant Emergency – Super Typhoon Yutu.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-104:** June 07, 2019 [Rec'd 8/12/19] – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 21-1 – To appropriate the CIP Bonds Accrued Interest Income collected for the Third Senatorial District in the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Sixty-Eight dollars and Fifty cents (\$195,468.50), become SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-2.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-105:** June 07, 2019 [Rec'd 8/12/19] – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 21-19, D2 – To appropriate funds realized under PL 18-30 for the Third Senatorial District and for other purposes, become SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-3.

E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)

F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS :

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 21-07:** June 18, 2019 – DOF on the travel outside of the CNMI for the Legislative Branch.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 21-08:** June 21, 2019 – Secretary Hunter, DCCA on the CNMI FY 2020 State Plan.

G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-44:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-30, HD1 – To amend 2 CMC Section 5631 to authorize 1.5 inch net mesh to catch Bigeye Scad (Atulai) during their seasonal run in the Third Senatorial District.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-45:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-32 – To amend 9 CMC §2101(d) by requiring the motor vehicle liability insurance expiration to be consistent with the vehicle registration expiration; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-46:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-43, HD3, HS1 – To amend 2 CMC §43104(a)(5) to provide proper eligibility for people who wish to avail of the village and agricultural homesteading programs under the Department of Public Lands; and for other purposes.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-47:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-51 – To establish an infraction provision for pedestrians crossing a road, highway, or crosswalk while using a mobile electronic device; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-48:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-57 – To establish the CNMI Medical Referral Mileage Program to defray airfare costs of the CNMI Medical Referral Program; and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-49:** Aug. 12, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-60, HD1 – To establish the CNMI Cultural Masters Award; and for other purposes.

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-73:** June 14, 2019 [Rcc's 8/12/19] – Senate President Hocog regarding the presentation on the CNMI's current Economic and Financial State.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 21-35:** To establish an advance mental health directive and assisted outpatient treatment for patients in the CNMI; and for other purposes. [SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 08/14/19]
2. **Senate Bill No. 21-36:** To establish the Department of Corrections Residential Mental Health Unit; and for other purposes. [SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 08/14/19]
3. **Senate Bill No. 21-37:** To ban the importation, production, distribution and use of single-use plastic bags in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. [SEN. VINNIE F. SABLAN – 08/15/19]
4. **Senate Resolution No. 21-05:** To amend Rule 8 of the Official Rules of Procedure of the Senate of the Twenty-First Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. [SEN. VICTOR B. HOCOG - 8/16/19]

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

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-32:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on S.B. No. 21-01 – To authorize the expungement of records of certain offenses; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-33:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on S.B. No. 21-18 – 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?” [TO BE FILED]
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-34:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on S.B. No. 21-31 - To amend 1 CMC § 8245(i) to clarify that the employer of a government employee who is certified to run for a public office shall enforce the requirement to take a personal leave of absence until the election is over; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-35:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on H.B. No. 21-9 –To amend 1 CMC Section 7406 (4) to add unmarked investigation vehicles used by the CNMI Office of Public Auditor to the definition of law enforcement vehicles. [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]

[NOTE: SCR 21-36 appeared on 8/15/19 and SCR 21-37 to 21-41 appeared on August 9, 2019 Session]

5. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-42:** From the Committee on Health, Welfare and Education reporting on S.B. No. 21-32 - To amend 1 CMC § 2892(l) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management Office; and for other purposes. . [Recommends passage in its current form]
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-43:** From the Committee on Health, Welfare and Education reporting on H.B. No. 21-40, HD1 - To amend 1 CMC §7831 by adding a new subsection (f) to exempt the Northern Marianas College (NMC) from any payment and/or withholding requirement to the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA). [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-44:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on S.B. No. 21-09 - To require all gas service stations to provide to the public free compressed air, a gauge for measuring air pressure, and water; and for other purposes. [Recommends passage in the form of SD1]

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

O. **RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. S.R. No. 21-05

P. **BILL CALENDAR:**

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
S.B. No. 21-01, SD1 (See SCRep. 21-32)	To authorize the expungement of records of certain non-violent offenses; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 21-09, SD1 (See SCRep. 21-44)	To require all gas service stations to provide to the public free compressed air, a gauge for measuring air pressure, and tap water; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 21-31, SD1 (See SCRep. 21-34)	To amend 1 CMC § 8245(i) to clarify that the employer of a government employee who is certified to run for a public office shall enforce the requirement to take a personal leave of absence until the election is over; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 21-32 (See SCRep. 21-42)	To amend 1 CMC § 2892(l) to exempt the Northern Marianas Technical Institute, as established by Public Law 20-92, from the oversight of the Office of Grants Management Office; and for other purposes

<p>H.B. No. 21-9, SD1 (See SCRep. 21-35)</p>	<p>To amend 1 CMC Section 7406 (a) (4) to add unmarked investigation vehicles used by all law enforcement officers to the definition of law enforcement vehicles.</p>
<p>H.B. No. 21-40, HD1, SD1 (See SCRep. 21-43)</p>	<p>To amend 1 CMC §7831 by adding a new subsection (f) to exempt the Northern Marianas College (NMC) and the Northern Marianas Technical Institute (NMTI) from any payment and/or withholding requirement to the Office of the Public Auditor (OPA); and for other purposes</p>
<p>H.B. No. 21-21, HS1 (See HC 21-29)</p>	<p>To update the Government Salary Ceiling, 1 CMC §8248(a), to be consistent with the civil service salary schedule established in PL 19-83; to amend the list of exempted professions provided under 1 CMC §8248(b); and for other purposes</p>
<p>H.B. No. 21-64, HD2</p>	<p>To make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for FY 2020; and for other purposes</p>

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-36:** June 13, 2019 – Mayor of Rota regarding the DLNR building renovation.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-37:** June 13, 2019 – Attorney General Manibusan regarding the Pension Obligation Bond.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-38:** June 13, 2019 – AG’s 2018 Annual Report.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-39:** June 17, 2019 – CPA Board Chairwoman King-Hinds regarding Tinian International Airport.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-40:** June 24, 2019 – MPLT on the revised Line of Credit request for \$15 million.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

S. ADJOURNMENT.

TWENTY-FIRST - SENATE

ORDER OF BUSINESS
SECOND REGULAR SESSION
AUGUST 21, 2019

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.