



SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

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

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
3 <sup>rd</sup> Day	Thursday, September 26, 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 21-10** - 1st Day, 2nd Regular Session - 8/15/19
2. **SJ 21-11** - 2nd Day, 2nd Regular Session – 8/21/19 – 8/22/19

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-107:** July 19, 2019 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 21-22 – To re-appropriate the remaining balance of Twenty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$21,790.00) allotted under Section 2(d) of SLL 20-19; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-4**.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-108:** July 19, 2019 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 21-24, D1 – To appropriate \$1,962,001.00 from revenues collected pursuant to SLL 11-2 as amended for FY 2019; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 21-5**.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-109:** Aug. 19, 2019 – Signed into law H.B. No. 21-63 – To amend 4 CMC §8491(d) and §8491 (e); and for other purposes [Bond Amendment Act], becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-4**.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-110:** Aug. 21, 2019 – Signed into law H.B. No. 21-13 –To amend PL 20-66 and 4 CMC § 53001, et seq., the Taulamwaar Sensible CNMI Cannabis Act of 2018, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-5**.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-111:** Aug. 21, 2019 – Executive Order No. 2019-11 – Renewal of Declaration of Major Disaster & State of Significant Emergency – Super Typhoon YUTU.

6. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-112:** Aug. 27, 2019 – Signed into law H.B. No. 21-71 – To amend PL 21-3 [MPLT \$15million loan to CNMI Gov't], becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-6.**
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-113:** July 25, 2019 – Re-nomination of Mr. Pete P. Reyes to serve on the CPA Board of Directors.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-114:** Sept. 03, 2019 – Signed into law H.B. No. 21-23, HD1 – To amend Title 1, Division 2, Part 1, Chapter 1, Article 8 of the Commonwealth Code by adding a new subsection to §20148 to implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 21-7.**
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 21-115:** July 25, 2019 – Re-nomination of Ms. Kimberlyn King-Hinds to serve as a member of Commonwealth Ports Authority Board of Directors.

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

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS : (NONE)**

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-51:** August 19, 2019 – Certified copy of HCommRes. 21-5 – Recognizing the Saipan Fisherman's Association on its 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **[INFO. ONLY]**
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-52:** August 19, 2019 – Certified copy of HCommRes. 21-6 – Late Pedro P. Castro. **[INFO. ONLY]**
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-53:** August 19, 2019 – Certified copy of HJR 21-5 – Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). **[INFO. ONLY]**
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-54:** August 19, 2019 – Certified copy of HR 21-13 – DPA Car Mart). **[INFO. ONLY]**
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-55:** August 19, 2019 – Certified copy of HR 21-14 – Herman's Modern Bakery 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **[INFO. ONLY]**
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-56:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-33, HS1 – To provide a voluntary incentive to business establishments to install closed circuit television cameras.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-57:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-53, HD1 – To suspend the collection of certain excise taxes for quarry and construction equipment and machinery for a period of one year in the First Senatorial District.
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-58:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-62 – To restrict the deduction of unpaid gambling obligations from gross revenues.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-59:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21-9, SD1 – 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.
10. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-60:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21-64, HD2, SD1 – 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.

11. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-61:** Sept. 10, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 21-6 – To respectfully request the Honorable Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan, CNMI Delegate to the US Congress, to introduce an amendment to Sect. 12616 from the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018 (U.S. PL 115-334) to exempt the CNMI from the provisions that ban cockfighting activities. **[FOR SENATE ACTION]**
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-62:** Sept. 11, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-19, HS1 – To impose a higher fee structure for the Department of Commerce, Office of the Registrar of Corporations; and for other purposes.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-63:** Sept. 11, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-27, HD1 - To amend Title 4 Section 5523 and to renumber Section 5524 of the Commonwealth's Alcoholic Beverage Control, to provide an exception to licensure requirements for alcoholic beverages produced for home or personal consumption; and for other purposes.
14. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-64:** Sept. 11, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-70 - 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.
15. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-65:** Sept. 11, 2019 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 21-78, HS1 – To appropriate the 2019 Casino License Fee of \$15,502,570.
16. **Hse. Comm. No. 21-66:** Sept. 16, 2019 – Rejected the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 21-40, HD1, SD2 – 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. [Appointed House conferees]

#### H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-75:** Aug. 23, 2019 – Senator Hofschneider's off-island notice August 25, 2019 to August 31, 2019.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-76:** Aug. 26, 2019 – Senator Santos off-island notice August 26, 2019.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-77:** Aug. 13, 2019 – Official referral to EAGI re-appointment of Reyes to CPA Board of Directors.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-78:** Aug. 30, 2019 – Senator Santos off-island notice extending to September 6, 2019.
5. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-79:** Sept. 05, 2019 – Official referral to EAGI re-appointment of King-Hinds to CPA Board of Directors.
6. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-80:** Sept. 16, 2019 – Senator Hofschneider off-island notice Sept. 17-20, 2019.
7. **Sen. Comm. No. 21-81:** Sept. 16, 2019 – Senator Cruz off-island notice Sept. 17-21, 2019.

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

**J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)****K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS: (NONE)**

1. **Sen. Commemorative Resolution No. 21-03:** To commemorate the distinguished and honorable life Raynaldo Mendiola Cing and to recognize his outstanding accomplishments and exemplary public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **[SEN. FRANCISCO M. BORJA – 08/28/19]**
2. **Senate Bill No. 21-39:** To establish the incompetency determination and guardianship proceedings; and for other purposes. **[SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 09/09/19]**

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

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-45:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs reporting on H.B. No. 21-24, HD1 – To restrict the harvesting, cutting, removing or mutilating of the nigas plant or Pemphis acidula forst; and for other purposes. **[Recommends passage in the form of SD1]**
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-46:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on S.B. No. 21-08 – To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes. **[Recommends passage in the form of SD1]**
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-47:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on S.L.I. No. 21-07 – 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? **[Recommends passage in the form of SD1]**
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-48:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on H.B. No. 21-26 – To require vexatious litigants to get the approval of a judge before they could file any lawsuits in the future; and for other purposes. **[Recommends passage in its current form]**
5. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-49:** From the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare reporting on S.B. No. 21-17 – To establish a definition for “Adult Vocational Education” by amending 1 CMC § 1302; and for other purposes. **[Recommends passage in the form of SD1]**
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 21-50:** From the Committee on Judiciary, Government, Law and Federal Relations reporting on H.B. No. 21-48, HD1, HS1 – To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 5565, to allow 18 year olds to serve and sell alcoholic beverages. **[Recommends passage in its current form]**

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

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. **Sen. Commemorative Res. No. 21-03**
2. **H.J.R. No. 21-6** [See HC 21-61]

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	TITLE
<b>H.B. No. 21-78, HS1</b>  (See HC 21-65)	To appropriate the 2019 Casino License Fee of \$15,502,570.
<b>S.B. No. 21-08, SD1</b>  (See SCRep. 21-46)	To waive the Northern Marianas College tuition for a veteran with 30 percent or greater service-connected disability; and for other purposes
<b>S.B. No. 21-17, SD1</b>  (SCRep. 21-49)	To establish a definition for “Adult Vocational Education” by amending 3 CMC § 1302; and for other purposes
<b>S.L.I. No. 21-07, SD1</b>  (See SCRep. 21-47)	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?”
<b>H.B. No. 21-24, HD1, SD1</b>  (See SCRep. 21-45)	To restrict the harvesting, cutting, removing or mutilating of the nigas plant or Pemphis acidula forst; and for other purposes
<b>H.B. No. 21-26</b>  (See SCRep. 21-48)	To require vexatious litigants to get the approval of a judge before they could file any lawsuits in the future; and for other purposes
<b>H.B. No. 21-48, HD1, HS1</b>  (See SCRep. 21-50)	To repeal and reenact 4 CMC § 5565, to allow 18 year olds to serve and sell alcoholic beverages

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 21-41:** Aug. 30, 2019 – CUC comment on S.B. No. 21-14 – To ensure that residences and businesses of the CNMI are not overcharged by CUC for water usage resulting from water leaks caused by Super Typhoon Yutu.

**R. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**S. 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.**