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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedures and the authority under the NMI Constitution, the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives First Day, Fifth Special Session  
**Date and Time:** Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at 1:30 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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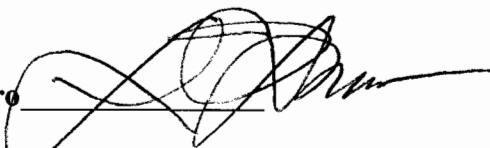


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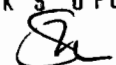
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : 08 June 2015  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session

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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **1<sup>st</sup> Day, 5<sup>th</sup> Special Session on Wednesday, 17 June 2015 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President  
House Clerk  
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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION, 2015

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1st Day, Fifth Special Session	Wednesday, June 17, 2015	1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

1. **ROLL CALL**
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
3. **ADOPTION OF JOURNALS** - None
4. **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

*A. House Bills:*

**H. B. No. 19-75**

To establish a special account for the Child Care Licensing Program (CCLP) and to properly re-appropriate the generated license fees; and for other purposes.

**Filed by:** **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 19-76**

To amend 4 CMC §1401 and 4 CMC §1402(a) to separate cigars from being taxed as a tobacco and establish its own tax rate; and for other purposes.

**Filed by:** **REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 19-77**

To amend 9 CMC §2109 to establish a regulation for a more recognizable license plate; and for other purposes.

**Filed by:** **REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB** of Saipan, Precinct 3 *(for himself,*  
Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Vinson F. Sablan)

**H. B. No. 19-78**

To return the employees of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to the Civil Service System.

**Filed by:** **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5  
*(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 19-79**

To provide legislative oversight over public land leases by limiting the Department of Public Lands’ scope of authority relative to parcel size and term of lease.

**Filed by:** **REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE** of Saipan, Precinct 1 *(for himself)*

**H. B. No. 19-80**

To establish rules for the creation, removal, and operation of special parking zones and parking meter zones; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

**H. B. No. 19-81**

To amend 6 CMC §1601(b) to include elderly citizens and people with disabilities, and establish a set of punishments for theft committed against them; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**H. B. No. 19-82**

To abolish the Department of Public Lands and establish the Marianas Lands Corporation with a Board of Trustees entrusted with the power to manage and control the public lands in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and John Paul P. Sablan)

**B. House Local Bills:**

**H. L. B. No. 19-27**

To appropriate \$10,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

**H. L. B. No. 19-28**

To establish the unarmed combat sport and to establish the athletic commission act; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

**H. L. B. No. 19-29**

To appropriate \$465,000.00 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. FRANCIS S. TAIMANAO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*)

**C. House Legislative Initiatives:**

## 5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

### A. *House Resolutions*

#### **H. RES. NO. 19-23**

To recognize and congratulate Ponce Rasa and Joey Tudela for courageously undertaking a great feat as they became the first stand-up paddle board (SUP) paddlers to cross the Saipan-Tinian Channel on May 31, 2015.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

### B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

#### **H. J. R. NO. 19-6**

To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, through its Governor, to submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Application No. B-15-ST69-0001; the HOME Investment Partnership Grant Application No. M-15-ST69-0203; and the Emergency Solutions Grant Application No. S-15-DC69-0001; to receive the funds requested therein, and to assume all responsibilities that may be imposed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and the Emergency Solutions Grant Programs.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul)

### C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

### D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

## 6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR - None

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 19-35: (6/4/15) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 19-2, entitled, “To support the request made by the Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, for an extension of the comment period from sixty (60) days to 180 (days) for the CNMI Joint Military Training Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement.,” which was adopted by the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. [*For info*]

## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS - None

- 9. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None**
  
- 10. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES - None**
  
- 11. **MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS - None**
  
- 12. **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**S. C. R. No. 19-13:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 19-41, entitled: “To require all vehicles belonging to tour companies to be register with the Department of Commerce and be issued a permit number for each vehicle; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-41, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-14:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 19-44, entitled: “To require all scuba dive shop operators to impose a \$1.00 surcharge per customer to purchase, install, operate, and maintain decompression chambers in the CNMI; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Commerce and Tourism recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-44, HDI.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-15:** Reporting on H. B. NO. 19-15, entitled: “To amend Title 9, Division 2, Chapter 2 Subsection 2201 to avail to Veterans of a discounted Operator’s License Fee benefit; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-16:** Reporting on S. B. NO. 19-20, entitled: “To amend 4 CMC §2111(b)(1), to provide for a member of HANMI in the Board of Directors of the Marianas Visitors Authority; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

- 13. **REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None**
  
- 14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**
  
- 15. **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>H. RES. NO. 19-21</b>	A House Resolution Supporting the Department of Public Works request to amend §70-30.3-220 (c) “Small Purchases” in the Procurement Regulation of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code.	
<b>H. RES. NO. 19-22</b>	A House Resolution in recognition of the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Late Iiga Pisa’s daring and courageous voyage from Saipan to Guam in a Samoan paddling canoe.	

Resolution	Subject	Action

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
<b>S. B. NO. 19-5, SS1, HD1</b>	A Bill for an Act to prohibit telecommunication companies from imposing an expiration date or forfeiture of unused cellular prepaid credits and MIFI credits; and for other purposes. <i>See</i> [S. C. R. No. 19-5]	

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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***APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS***

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 19-26: To authorize, establish and regulate the operation of Chamorro Gaming of Cockfight, Bingo and Batu in the Second Senatorial District and to repeal in its entirety, Chapter 4 of Division 2 of Title 10 of the Commonwealth Code and all provisions of the Tinian Local Laws pertaining to licensing of Cockfighting; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. NO. 19-23: To re-name Gapet Lane, Dancing Place and Manha Lane to “Tan Marikitan Pan Lane”, Joeten-Daidai Place” and “Nan Iching Lane” respectively to pay tribute to their contributions to the CNMI. Introduced by Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, George N. Camacho, Antonio P. Sablan, and John Paul P. Sablan) on May 22, 2015.

H. L. B. NO. 19-25: To amend Sections 2 and 3 of Tinian Local Law 19-1; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on May 22, 2015.

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session  
6/4/15:*

H. B. NO. 19-69: To appropriate the associated interest of One Hundred Forty-Three Thousand USD (\$143,000) in bond funds for road paving projects in Kagman III, Phase I; and to appropriate the associated interest in bond funds for the years 2015 through 2020 for road paying and drainage system in Kannat Tabla and Kagman III, Phase II, III, and IV. Introduced by REP. FRANCIS S. TAIMANAO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-70: Relating to veterans' relief by permitting private employers to exercise a voluntary veterans' preference in employment; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-71: To require each public school, i.e. elementary and secondary education in the Commonwealth to prepare its fiscal year budget on an annual basis and to require the Commissioner of Education to incorporate such budget with the budgets of the Office of the Commissioner and the State Board of Education on an annual basis for submission to the Legislature for appropriation; pursuant to this Act. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Health, Education and Welfare.

H. B. NO. 19-72: To increase the excise tax on the importation of Areca Nut (Betel Nut) into the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*), Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Felicidad T. Ogomoro, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-73: To amend the Motor Carrier Safety Act of 1996 as codified at 9 CMC section 3114 of the Commonwealth Code in order to provide for the "automatic" adoption of all rules, regulations, appendices, and other comparable regulations established and approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation Title 49 CFR, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Introduced by REP. FRANCIS S. TAIMANAO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-74: To amend 4 CMC §8402 (f) to exclude private contractors from the definition of a public utility; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. L. B. NO. 19-26: To authorize, establish and regulate the operation of Chamorro Gaming of Cockfight, Bingo and Batu in the Second Senatorial District and to repeal in its entirety, Chapter 4 of Division 2 of Title 10 of the Commonwealth Code and all provisions of the Tinian Local Laws pertaining to licensing of Cockfighting; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on June 4, 2015.

H. L. I. NO. 19-2: To amend Article XIV of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to add a provision prohibiting destructive military activities. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and Antonio P. Sablan) on June 4, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Federal and Foreign Affairs.

H. RES. NO. 19-21: Supporting the Department of Public Works request to amend §70-30.3-220 (c) "Small Purchases" in the Procurement Regulation of the Northern Mariana Islands Administrative Code. Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*), Representatives Angel A. Demapan, and John Paul P. Sablan) on June 4, 2015; was placed on the Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*