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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, Sixth Special Session  
**Date and Time:** Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 1:30 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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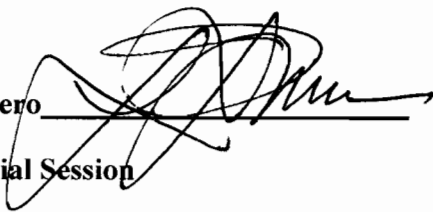


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
**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** : 13 July 2015  
**TO** : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
**FROM** : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero   
**SUBJECT** : Call for Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 6<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, 6<sup>th</sup> Special Session on Thursday, 16 July 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, Sixth Special Session	Thursday, July 16, 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. 19-83**

To vest the Department of Finance specifically the Division of Customs with all the fines collected at the ports of entry of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Glenn L. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**H. B. No. 19-84**

To amend 1 CMC §8551 (b) and (c) to increase the accepted nonmonetary value for offering, receiving, and soliciting gifts or favors; and for other purposes.

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

**H. B. No. 19-85**

To amend Title 6, Division 3, Chapter 1, Article 4 of the Commonwealth Code to establish a regulation to prohibit smoking in vehicles when in the presence of minors; and for other purposes.

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

**H. B. No. 19-86**

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 Fiscal Year 2016.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Glenn L. Maratita, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, and Ramon A. Tebuteb)

#### **H. B. NO. 19-87**

To amend Title 4 CMC § 5526 to add a new Section 8 Special Casino Liquor License, and to amend, repeal and re-enact certain sections of Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 5 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes.

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

#### **B. House Local Bills:**

##### **H. L. B. NO. 19-30**

To appropriate the sum of One Million Dollars from the Exclusive Gaming Annual License Fees, pursuant to Section 7, Section 107 (c)(2) of Public Law No. 18-43, for Land Compensation, Village and Agriculture Homestead for the island of Pagan, Indigenous Affairs Office, Carolinian Affairs Office, Northern Marianas Cultural Center, and the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation.

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

##### **H. L. B. NO. 19-31**

To appropriate the associated interest collected for the Third Senatorial District of One Hundred Seventy-Six Thousand Five Hundred and Seventeen Dollars (\$176,517.00 USD) in bond funds for road paving projects in Kagman III, Phase I; and to earmark the associated interest in bond funds for the Third Senatorial District for the years 2015 through 2020 for road paving and drainage systems in Kannat Tabla and Kagman III, Phase II, III, and IV.

**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. 19-24**

To honor and express our wholehearted gratitude to the Late Mrs. Doris Ann Templeton Thompson for her countless years of dedicated and excellent service to the students, faculty, and staff of the CNMI Public School System most especially Marianas High School and the former San Antonio Elementary School.

**Prefiled** by: **REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin K. Propst, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul)

**B.** *House Joint Resolutions:*

**H. J. R. No. 19-7**

Respectfully requesting the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. James A. Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works to earmark at least Two Million Eight-Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,800,000.00) from the Federal Highway Funds in Fiscal Year 2017 for the design and pavement of the Kannat Tabla road to include lateral roads and the construction of drainage system; and for other purposes.

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

**C.** *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

**D.** *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Gov. COMM. 19-31: (5/26/15 rcvd 6/22/15) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Matthew C. Baisley, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$75,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-32: (6/16/15) **Executive Order 2015-08** – Declaration of a State of Significant Emergency: Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's Imminent Generation and other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater services.

Gov. COMM. 19-33: (6/16/15) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. NO. 19-8, SD1, HD1 (Commonwealth Legislature Organization and Procedure Amendment: To amend 1 CMC §1104(a) to set the time for the Organizational Sessions [House convene 10:00 AM; Senate convene-11:00 AM]). Became **Public Law 19-1** [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-34: (6/16/15) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. NO. 19-22, S1, (Appropriating \$44,000.00 from local license fees collected for Poker and Pachinko Slot Machines in the First Senatorial District.). Became **Rota Local Law 19-2**. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-35: (6/29/15) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Tillman P. Clark, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$55,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-36: (6/30/15) Certifying and granting approval for Teresita J. Sablan, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-37: (7/2/15) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Jennings Wesley Bunn, II, Staff Archaeologist, at the Historic Preservation Office to receive an annual salary of \$57,000. [*For info*]

## **7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS**

SEN. COMM. 19-36: (6/18/15) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-11, entitled, “To honor and pay tribute to the Late Pedro Maratita Ogo for his memorable service to the people of Rota and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.,” which was adopted by the Senate on May 8, 2015. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 19-37: (6/8/15) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-12, D1 entitled, “Respectfully requesting the Commonwealth Development Authority and banking and lending institutions within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to provide humanitarian aid in the form of deferring payments for all affected residents on the island of Rota due to Typhoon Dolphin’s wrath.,” which was adopted by the Senate on June 4, 2015. [*For info*]

## **8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS**

HSE. COMM. 19-31: (6/22/15) From Representative Anthony T. Benavente, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal matters beginning June 27, 2015 to July 4, 2015 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 19-32: (6/19/15) From Representative Angel A. Demapan, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island beginning June 23, 2015 and returning June 26, 2015 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 19-33: (6/25/15) From the Vice Speaker, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from Friday, June 26, 2015 to Friday, July 10, 2015 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 19-34: (6/30/15) From Representative Edwin K. Propst, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal matters from Thursday, July 2, 2015 to Saturday, August 8, 2015 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence.

## **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. 19-17:** Reporting on S. B. NO. 19-3, SS1, entitled: “To provide for the selection of the Teacher Representative within the Public School System to serve as a nonvoting Teacher Representative in the CNMI State Board of Education pursuant to Article XV, section 1(c), of the NMI Constitution; and for other purposes” *Your Committee on Health, Education and Welfare recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-18:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-29, entitled: “To improve the statutory language and increase the penalties for the operation of illegal taxis.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-29, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-19:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-37, entitled: “To transfer the Administration of the Government’s Group Health and Life Insurance Programs to the Department of Finance.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-37, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-20:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-2, SD2, entitled: “To mandate the cooperation and collaboration between the ~~outgoing~~ incumbent Mayor or designee and the Mayor-elect to assist in the transitioning of office; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 19-2, SD2, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-21:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-9, SD1, entitled: “To amend 1 CMC §1107, restricting transfer of fixed assets and capital goods from legislative offices; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-22:** Reporting on S. B. No. 19-27, entitled: “To establish the crime of electronic impersonation; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in its current form.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-23:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-16, entitled: “To amend Public Law 18-73 which created a new Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services within the Executive Branch to remove certain arrest powers from the Department and modify provisions of the FLSA and civil service regulations.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-16, HD1.*

**S. C. R. No. 19-24:** Reporting on H. B. No. 19-40, entitled: “To repeal and re-enact 9 CMC Section 8210 (a) (1) and (2) entitled, “Penalties for Violations of 9 CMC §§8203 and 8204” and amend Section 2107 Registration: Expiration and Renewal; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-40, HD1.*

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**





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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session  
6/17/15:*

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. Introduced REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 19-77: To amend 9 CMC §2109 to establish a regulation for a more recognizable license plate; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Vinson F. Sablan) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 19-78: To return the employees of Homeland Security and Emergency Management to the Civil Service System. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

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. Introduced 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) on June 17, 2015; was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources.

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. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015.

H. L. B. No. 19-28: To establish the unarmed combat sport and to establish the athletic commission act; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015.

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. Introduced by REP. FRANCIS S. TAIMANAO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on June 17, 2015.

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. Introduced by REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Edwin K. Propst, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, Ralph N. Yumul) on June 17, 2015; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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. Introduced 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) on June 17, 2015; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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*House information on deadlines for override:*