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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 Fifth Day, Third Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, March 4, 2016, at 1:30 PM
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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Speaker of the House

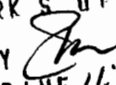
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 01 March 2016
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Rafael S. Demapan 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 5th Day, 3rd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **5th Day, 3rd Regular Session for Friday, 04 March 2016 at 1:30 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION, 2016

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
5th Day, Third Regular Session	Friday, March 4, 2016	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. 19-139

To amend Title 1 Division 8 Part 2 Chapter 4 (Public Employment/Employee Compensation of the Commonwealth Code. To exempt the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) from the salary limitations imposed by the Compensation Adjustment Act.

Prefiled by: REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 19-140

To amend Public Law 19-08, Section 702. Judicial Branch to appropriate funding for the CNMI Drug Court; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 19-141

To amend 4 CMC §5559(b) and 6 CMC §3110(b) with respect to the I.D. Card requirements; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. GLENN L. MARATITA of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for himself*)

B. *House Local Bills:*

H. L. B. No. 19-49

To appropriate funds in the amount \$9,231.60 realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for the Third Senatorial District for the road paving project of Pine Drive located in Kagman.

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

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

C. RES. NO. 19-21

To convey sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Gregorio Bermudes Sablan on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, 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, and Ralph N. Yumul)

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 19-117: (2/18/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. 19-136, SD1, entitled, (To amend Public Law No. 19-08 to specifically authorize the Governor to reprogram Executive Branch Appropriations to pay for the 25% pension payments; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-35**

Gov. COMM. 19-118: (2/18/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. 19-137, HD1, SD1, entitled, (To amend 4 CMC § 1803, Distribution of Revenues Marianas Visitor Authority and the Retirement Fund and to repeal 1 CMC § 8365, Tax Revenue; and to make the Act apply retroactively; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-36**

Gov. COMM. 19-119: (2/18/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. 19-3, S1, entitled, (To appropriate the Two Million US Dollars (\$2,000,000.00) allotted to the Third Senatorial District under Public Law No. 18-56; and for other purposes.). Became **Saipan Local Law 19-12**

GOV. COMM. 19-120: (2/19/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. 19-100, entitled, (Shooting Galleries & Ranges Liability Insurance; reduce liability insurance coverage to \$300,000; and add new section on operating hours.). Became **Public Law 19-37**

GOV. COMM. 19-121: (2/18/16) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. 19-45, S1 (To appropriate \$2,000,000.00 specifically allotted to the Second Senatorial District under Public Law 18-56; to authorize continuing appropriations from future funds under Public Law 18-56; and for other purposes.). Became **Tinian Local Law 19-10, item vetoed [Deadline 4/18/16]**

GOV. COMM. 19-122: (2/25/16) Informing the House that he signed into law, S. B. 19-25, HD2, entitled, (To prohibit tattooing of minors without the written consent of the parent or legal guardian; and for other purposes.). Became **Public Law 19-38**

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 19-134: (2/16/16) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 19-31, entitled, “Supporting the designation of the TR 57-3 public land for the site location of the Northern Marianas Trade Institute.,” which was adopted by the Senate on February 10, 2016. *[For info]*

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 19-80: (2/23/16) From Representative Attao, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on personal matters beginning February 24, 2016 until further notice 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 – (8)

S. C. R. No. 19-80: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-20, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to transfer the licensing and regulatory functions of the Department of Finance in respect to poker pachinko and electronic gaming machines to the Commonwealth Casino Commission.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House to pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-20, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 19-81: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-108, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to establish the Northern Islands Agriculture and Marine Revolving Fund; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Natural Resources recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 19-108 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 19-82: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-116, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to establish a graduated registration fee for pickups, jeeps, sedans and automobiles.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House to pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-116, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 19-83: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-126, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC § 3405 regarding the Judicial Building Fund; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Ways and Means recommends the House to pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-126, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 19-84: Reporting on S. B. No. 19-50, SD1, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §2807 to require all public land leases to include a condition that lessees must connect to and use the CUC power grid subject to CUC’s evaluation and determination regarding the proposed development’s power requirements; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends the House to pass the bill in the form of S. B. No. 19-50, SD1, HD1.*

S. C. R. No. 19-85: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-74, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC § 8402 (f) to exclude private contractors from the definition of a public utility; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House file H. B. No. 19-74.*

S. C. R. No. 19-86: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-112, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to provide for the regulation of Cable Television by the Public Utilities Commission.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 19-112 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 19-87: Reporting on H. B. No. 19-117, entitled: “A Bill for an Act to restrict the use of wireless telephones while driving vehicles; and for other purposes.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends the House to pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 19-117, HD1.*

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
H. B. No. 19-61, HD1	A Bill for an Act to establish the Related Service Providers Scholarship; and for other purposes. <i>See [S. C. R. No. 19-78]</i>	

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session
2/19/16:*

H. B. NO. 19-132: To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on February 19, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 19-133: To harmonize the statutes on the authority of the Office of the Attorney General with the constitutional requirement for the election of the Attorney General and its independence as a constitutional office within the Executive Branch. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO, of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*), Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, George N. Camacho, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Francis S. Taimanao) on February 19, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-134: To amend 3 CMC §1506 (a) and (b) Administrative Librarian: Duties and Qualifications and to provide a global amendment in Title 3, Chapter 5; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*), Representatives Angel A. Demapan, and John Paul P. Sablan) on February 19, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-135: To amend Public Law 12-64 Section 7 (b) Special Appropriation: Expenditure Authority. Introduced by REP. EDWIN P. ALDAN of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) on February 19, 2016; was placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. NO. 19-138: To amend Title 4 Economic Resources, Division 1 Revenue and Taxation, Subsection 1407(a) and (b) by changing the grace period of payment for Excise Tax from 30 days to 15 days; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*) on February 19, 2016; was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. NO. 19-48: To equally appropriate funds realized under Public Law No. 18-30 for the Third Senatorial District for various projects for each respective precinct located within the Third Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, and Edwin K. Propst) on February 19, 2016.

H. RES. NO. 19-38: To convey sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Augustin "Itibweschigh" M. Tagabuel on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Glenn L. Maratita, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Edmund S. Villagomez) on February 19, 2016; was placed on the Resolution Calendar.

House information on deadlines for override:

Gov. COMM. 19-104: (1/6/16) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. L. B. 19-37, D7 (To appropriate \$4,272,000.00 from revenues to be collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended anticipated being collected for fiscal year 2016; and for other purposes.). Became **Saipan Local Law 19-11, item vetoed [Deadline 3/6/16]**