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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, Second Special Session
Date and Time: Friday, April 24, 2015, at 10:00 A.M.
Location: House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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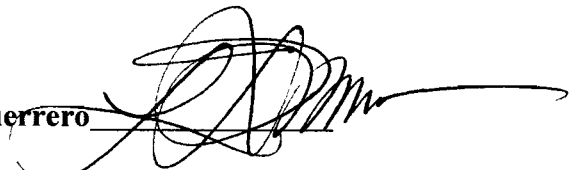


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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 20 April 2015
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1st Day, 2nd Special Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 1st Day, 2nd Special Session on Friday, 24 April 2015 at 10:00 a.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, Second Special Session	Friday, April 24, 2015	10:00 a.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. 19-53

To establish requirements for vehicle businesses; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANGEL A. DEMAPAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, George N. Camacho, and Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero*)

H. B. No. 19-54

To authorize the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality: Division of Environmental to set well water usage rates for all groundwater wells within the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. No. 19-55

To prohibit cruelty and theft of animals; to provide penalties for such acts; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

B. House Local Bills:

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions*

H. RES. NO. 19-14

To recognize and congratulate Dr. Oscar Mangarero Sablan upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the California Medical Association's annual Frederick K.M. Plessner Memorial Award in December 2014.

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

H. RES. NO. 19-15

To recognize and congratulate Glicerio "Eli" Arago for his appointment by the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs as the Philippine Honorary Consul for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDWIN K. PROPST** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 19-16

Supporting the San Antonio Middle School Community Development Block Grant Application to demolish and reconstruct Building C.

Prefiled by: **REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Rafael S. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Felicidad T. Ogumoro, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 19-17

To respectfully convey the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2014 to the CNMI Public Auditor and to the CNMI Attorney General.

Prefiled by: **REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. RES. NO. 19-18

Respectfully requesting the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Mr. James Aldan Ada, Secretary of the Department of Public Works to reserve at least \$850,000.00 (PE) from the Federal Highway Funds for Fiscal Year 2016, \$3,200,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2018 for the A&E design and construction of roads, drainage and water catchment tanks from Capitol Hill to Mt. Tapochau and Chalan Galaide to Navy Hill including lateral roads; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: **REP. BLAS JONATHAN "BJ" T. ATTAO**, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. 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, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

H. J. R. No. 19-4

Respectfully requesting the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to negotiate with Micronesian Telecommunications Corporation dba, IT&E for lower telecommunication rates for consumers in the Commonwealth.

Prefiled by: **REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO**, of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. 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, Ramon A. Tebuteb, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

H. C. R. No. 19-1

To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2016, beginning October 1, 2015 and ending on September 30, 2016.

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

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

Gov. COMM. 19-14: (3/19/15) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Cindy Nesbit, Assistant Public Defender, at the Office of the Public Defender to receive an annual salary of \$52,500. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-15: (3/26/15) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. NO. 19-11, D1 (To appropriate \$212,000.00 from local license fees collected for poker and pachinko slot machines in the Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes). Became **Tinian Local Law 19-1** [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-16: (3/30/15) Certifying and granting approval for Ms. Barbara P. Cepeda, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$70,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-17: (4/10/15) Transmitting replacement pages for the FY 2016 Governor's Budget Proposal Volume I, Schedules B and C worksheets, containing exact figures for the

Department of Public Lands' consolidated summary by category and detailed summary by category.

Gov. COMM. 19-18: (4/14/15) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Michael T. Witry, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$58,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-19: (4/14/15) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. John L. Cook, Assistant Attorney General, at the Office of Attorney General to receive an annual salary of \$60,000. [*For info*]

Gov. COMM. 19-20: (4/16/15) **Executive Order 2015-04** – 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.

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 19-25: (3/31/15) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Joint Resolution No. 19-1, entitled, "Respectfully requesting the business communities to provide reasonable discounts on purchases for the senior citizens, the United States military veterans and men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces.," which was adopted by the Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 19-22: (4/15/15) From Representative Angel A. Demapan, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island beginning Thursday, April 16, 2015 and will be returning Monday, April 20, 2015 and request to be excused from any meeting or session during his absence.

HSE. COMM. 19-23: (4/16/15) From the Vice Speaker, informing the Speaker that he will be off-island on official business from Friday, April 17, 2015 to Monday, April 27, 2015 and request to be excused from any meetings or sessions during his absence.

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

JUD. BR. COMM. 19-2: (4/10/15) From Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, transmitting the CNMI Judiciary's expenditure report for the second quarter of Fiscal Year 2015.

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. 19-5: (3/23/15) From the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission on the Commission's FY 2016 Budget Issues. [*For info and consideration*]

DEPT./AGCY. 19-6: (3/31/15) From the Commonwealth Development Authority re: FY 2016 Preliminary Budget Submission. [*For info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 19-8: (4/9/15) From the Office of Management and Budget submitting 2nd Quarter report of Vacant Holding Accounts for FY 2015. [*For info*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - None

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES - None

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. R. NO. 19-5, HS1	A House Resolution to adopt the Official Rules for the House of Representatives. [See Spc. C. R. No 19-1] <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of March 18, 2015]</i>	

16. BILL CALENDAR

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action
S. B. NO. 19-8, SD1	A Bill for an Act to amend 1 CMC §1104(a), removing the time of 11:00 a.m. for the Inaugural Session; and for other purposes. <i>[No public comments were received in an open and public meeting when the legislation appeared on the House Agenda of March 18, 2015]</i> [See Sen. Comm. 19-4]	

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:

H. L. B. NO. 19-18: To appropriate up to \$125,000.00 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund under Business Unit 3730; and for other purpose. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session
4/9/15:*

H. B. NO. 19-41: To require all vehicles belonging to tour companies to be registered with the Department of Commerce and be issued a permit number for each vehicle; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representative Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 19-42: To require all tour companies and agents to register and be issued a permit by the Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA); and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives George N. Camacho, Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero, Angel A. Demapan, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, and Glenn L. Maratita) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 19-43: To suspend the Investment Incentive Act, Qualifying Certificate Program for a period of five (5) years for new applicants; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-44: 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. Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 19-45: To amend 4 CMC §50131(c), §50144(b)-(d), and §50145 to increase fines, fees, and penalties regarding illegal sales of tobacco; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-46: To amend 4 CMC §50144(b) to harshen the penalties and fines of businesses engaging in the illegal sale of tobacco to minors; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Vinson F. Sablan, Francis S. Taimanao, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-47: To amend Title 4, Division 5, Chapter 5, by amending Section 5553 and 5602 to criminalize the sale and/or resale of products purchased or obtained from the Army and Air Force Exchange Service ("AAFES") and to authorize the Commonwealth Department of Commerce, Division of Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control, and the Office of the Attorney General to enforce and prosecute violations of this Act; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Commerce and Tourism.

H. B. NO. 19-48: To appropriate Three-Hundred Thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Deportation Fund, allotted under Public Law No. 10-1, to supplement drug enforcement efforts of the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Finance; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. EDWIN K. PROPST of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, and Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. NO. 19-49: To repeal and re-enact 3 CMC §5411, and to amend and add sections to 3 CMC §5454 to improve boating safety in the CNMI; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH LEE PAN T. GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. NO. 19-50: To amend 1 CMC §2902, §2903, and §2904 to include reappointed officials in the advice and consent process; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. LORENZO I. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives

Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angel A. Demapan, Edwin K. Propst, Vinson F. Sablan, Ramon A. Tebuteb, and Ralph N. Yumul) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 19-51: To amend 4 CMC §8143(c) and add sections (g) and (h) to extend the grace period of Twenty-One (21) to Thirty (30) days and to remove the Disconnections Notice – Electric Fee of Fifteen dollars (\$15) to prevent any unnecessary financial stress to the struggling residents; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Francis S. Taimanao of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. B. No. 19-52: To amend 4 CMC §2308 to amend and add subsections (f) and (g) to include NMC and NMTI as recipients of the funds generated from the Gross Revenue Tax; and for other purposes. Introduced by Prefiled by: Rep. Francis S. Taimanao of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. L. B. No. 19-18: To appropriate up to \$125,000.00 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund under Business Unit 3730; and for other purpose. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*) on April 9, 2015.

H. L. B. No. 19-19: To appropriate \$35,000.00 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 April 9, 2015.

H. J. R. No. 19-2: To support the position of the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos and the Commonwealth Ports Authority that Tinian should be the sole location of the proposed construction and implementation of military exercises to expand the divert capabilities of the United States Air Force. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, George N. Camacho, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Joseph Lee Pan T. Guerrero, Glenn L. Maratita, Edwin K. Propst, Antonio P. Sablan, and Francis S. Taimanao) on April 9, 2015; calendared.

H. J. R. No. 19-3: Requesting that the Honorable Governor Eloy S. Inos oppose any and all proposed military use of Pagan and oppose any increase military activities in the Northern Islands. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH P. DELEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*, Representatives Edwin P. Aldan, Edwin K. Propst, and Antonio P. Sablan) on April 9, 2015; calendared.

C. RES. NO. 19-1: 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 Honorable Tobias “Toby” Dela Cruz Aldan on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth. Introduced by REP. GEORGE N. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, 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, Angel A. Demapan, 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) on April 9, 2015; calendared.

C. RES. NO. 19-2: To congratulate and honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2015 as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, 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, Angel A. Demapan, 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) on April 9, 2015; calendared.

House information on deadlines for override: