February 5, 2014

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Speaker of the House of Representatives announces that the House of Representatives of the Eighteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

**Meeting:** House of Representatives 3rd Day, Third Regular Session  
**Date and Time:** Thursday, February 6, 2014, at 9:30 AM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

Copies of this notice, the official Session Call, and the agenda have been filed in the Office of the House Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

- Administration Building Entrance Hall  
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- Senate Entrance Hall  
- Commonwealth Legislature website ([www.cnmileg.gov.mp](http://www.cnmileg.gov.mp))

Written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or before the meeting date. Oral testimony may be presented during the meeting on Thursday, February 6, 2014.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 04 February 2014

TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM : Speaker Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3rd Day, 3rd Regular Session

Pursuant to the Open Government Act, 1 CMC et seq., and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the 3rd Day, 3rd Regular Session on Thursday, 06 February 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
LB Director
SAPLR
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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. 18-167
To re-appropriate up to One Million Dollars ($1,000,000.00) of the remaining $140,000,000.00 bond interest within the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) for the construction of an Isla Cultural Centre within the Carolinian Affairs grounds in Garapan, Saipan and for the development of various roads within the area between the Carolinian Affairs grounds and the Fishing Base area; and for other purposes.

   Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself; Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Francisco S. Dela Cruz, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 18-178
To establish the Related Service Providers Scholarship; and for other purposes.

   Rep. Teresita A. Santos of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself)

B. House Local Bills:

C. House Legislative Initiatives:
5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 18-54
To respectfully request the Office of the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands, to re-designate certain parcels of Public Lands located in As Matuis Area, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

H. J. R. NO. 18-15
Respectfully requesting the Honorable Eloy S. Inos, Governor, to relieve Mr. Alan Fletcher from his duties as Executive Director of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation due to his poor record of performance.

REP. FRANCISCO S. DELA CRUZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representative Ramon A. Tebuteb)

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 18-138: (1/23/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 18-30, (“Renaming merged Haiguas Lane and Niyok Drive in Chalan Kanoa to “Tun Ben Kappon Road”). Became Saipan Local Law 18-11. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-139: (1/23/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 18-33, (re: San Antonio Village Beach Park.). Became Saipan Local Law 18-12. [For info]

GOV. COMM. 18-140: (1/23/14) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 18-38, (re: To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511.). Became Saipan Local Law 18-13. [For info]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS
SEN. COMM. 18-111: (2/4/14) Transmitting for House action S. B. No. 18-33, SD1, entitled, “To amend 1 CMC §8442 (a); and for other purposes.”, which was passed by the Senate on January 14, 2014. [For action]

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. 18-98: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-126, entitled: “To establish a Loss Recovery Division within the Department of Public Works.” Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-126, HD1.

S. C. R. No. 18-99: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-41, entitled: “To require all commercial businesses within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be connected to the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) power grid; and for other purposes.” Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-41 in its current form.

S. C. R. No. 18-100: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-121, entitled: “To require screening for illegal substances prior to running for public office; and for other purposes.” Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-121 in its current form.

S. C. R. No. 18-101: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-152, entitled: “To require mandatory drug testing of elected public officials.” Your Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-152, HD1.

S. C. R. No. 18-102: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-151, entitled: “To provide the Public Utilities Commission with the authority to require management audits of regulated entities.” Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 18-151, HD1.
S. C. R. No. 18-103: Reporting on H. B. No. 18-165, entitled: “To amend the standards for the renewable energy portfolio for electrical power producers.” *Your Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 18-165 in its present form.*

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

14. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS** - **NONE**

15. **RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

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<td>A Bill for an Act to require all scuba dive shop operators and marine sport concessionaires to impose a $25.00 surcharge per customer who avails of the scuba dive services provided by the operators and concessionaires; and for other purposes. <em>S. C. R. No. 18-79</em></td>
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<td>A Bill for an Act to amend 9 CMC Section 2201 Operator’s License: Fees subsection (d) as amended by Public Law 16-1 to change the penalty for driving without a license from a crime to an infraction; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 18-88]</td>
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<td>A Bill for an Act to amend 4 CMC §§ 8144 to include commercial customers pertaining to reconnection of utility services and to amend 8145(a) to reduce the utilities reconnection fee from $60 to $25 for residential consumers and $75 for commercial consumers; and for other purposes. See [S. C. R. No. 18-90]</td>
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<td>A Bill for an Act to amend Section 2 of Public Law 17-91 to reprogram the appropriation for the construction of a fence around the Rota water cave to fund the construction of a concrete wall, concrete road, and retaining wall at the Rota water cave site; and for other purposes. See [S. C. R. No. 18-93]</td>
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<td>H. B. No. 18-65</td>
<td>A Bill for an Act to preserve and designate two hectares of public land on the island of Rota for the future site of the Rota Public Cemetery; and for other purposes. See [S. C. R. No. 18-95]</td>
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<td>H. B. No. 18-71, HD1, HS1</td>
<td>A Bill for an Act to require all property owner(s), property manager(s), and lending institutions that hold abandoned vacant properties with the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to be held accountable to secure and maintain abandoned, vacant, and foreclosed properties; and for other purposes. See [S. C. R. No. 18-50, S1]</td>
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<td>H. B. No. 18-89, HD1</td>
<td>A Bill for an Act to establish the offense of Obstruction or Interference with a Court Order or Subpoena and dispose of all fees within Article 1 by amending Offenses Against Public Administration, Article 1, Chapter 3 of Title 6 of the CNMI Code. See [S. C. R. No. 18-97]</td>
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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. 18-45
To appropriate One Million US Dollars $1,000,000.00 from the Managaha Landing Fees for the Commonwealth Museum and for the payment of land compensation within the Third Senatorial District; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTHONY T. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, John Paul P. Sablan, Richard B. Seman, and Ralph N. Yumul) on January 31, 2014.

H. L. B. No. 18-46
To appropriate Fifty Thousand Dollars to support the functions and operations of the Northern Marianas Descent Corporation, a Non-Profit Chartered Corporation which was established on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to protect, preserve, promote and enhance the Culture and Tradition, Economic and Social interest and advancement of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands who are persons of Northern Marianas Descent; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. FELICIDAD T. OGUMORO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for herself) on January 31, 2014.

THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:

H. L. B. No. 18-43
To amend the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013, 10 CMC §3511. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself) on January 9, 2014.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on 1/31/14:

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To provide an amnesty period to expire on April 30, 2014 for the filing of delinquent returns under Title 4, Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7, Division 1 of the Revenue and Taxation Act of 1982, as amended, and the payment of delinquent taxes without imposition of penalty and interest, with certain exceptions and for the waiver of penalty for failure to obtain a business license; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself) on January 31, 2014 and calendared.

H. B. No. 18-168

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To assess a Special Environmental Management Impact Tax on all tour packages and to reserve the funds collected from the tax for the Marianas Visitors Authority. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and to the Committee on Tourism

H. B. No. 18-170
To amend the Commonwealth Development Authority Act of 1984 to provide for the issuance of bonds other than general obligation bonds. Introduced by REP. MARIANO TAITANO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Antonio P. Sablan) on January 31, 2014 and calendared.

H. B. No. 18-171
To amend Public Law 18-12 to provide for the issuance of bonds other than general obligation bonds and acknowledge the existence of an actuarial determination of the unfunded liability of the Commonwealth Government to the Retirement Fund. Introduced by REP. MARIANO TAITANO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, and Antonio P. Sablan) on January 31, 2014 and calendared.
H. B. No. 18-172
To provide for a scholarship program for persons of Northern Marianas Descent funded by the interest from the investments of the Marianas Public Land Trust. Introduced by REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, and Representative Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Education.

H. B. No. 18-173
To increase the Commonwealth Minimum Wage to match the Federal Minimum Wage applicable in the Commonwealth within 180 days. Introduced by REP. RAMON A. TEBUTEB of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 18-174
To provide a Supplemental Retirement Benefit for retirees who return to government employment. Introduced by REP. MARIANO TAITANO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Special Committee on Retirement.

H. B. No. 18-175
To appropriate up to Three Hundred and Eighty Thousand US Dollars ($380,000.00) of the remaining $140,000,000.00 bond interest within the Commonwealth Development Authority (CDA) for infrastructure development projects in Precinct No. 2, and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 2 (for himself, Representative Rafael S. Demapan) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 18-176
To require mandatory drug testing of persons appointed to executive positions or as special assistants by the Governor. Introduced by REP. CHRISTOPHER D. LEON GUERRERO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (for himself, Representatives Antonio R. Agulto, Trenton B. Conner, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Antonio P. Sablan, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 18-177
To exempt the Public School System (PSS) from late fee charges imposed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) for utilities, water, waste water and other related fees; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ANTONIO P. SABLAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Anthony T. Benavente, Trenton B. Conner, Lorenzo I. Deleon Guerrero, Rafael S. Demapan, Christopher D. Leon Guerrero, John Paul P. Sablan, and Mariano Taitano) on January 31, 2014 and referred to the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communications.

H. L. B. No. 18-44
To appropriate $4,500.00 from Local License Fees collected for Poker and Pachinko Slot Machines in the First Senatorial District and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. TERESISTA A. SANTOS of Rota, Precinct 7 (for herself) on January 31, 2014.

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