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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 Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: House of Representatives Fourth Day, First Regular Session
Date and Time: Friday, March 21, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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EDMUND SABLAN VILLAGOMEZ
SPEAKER

MEMORANDUM

DATE : 17 March 2025

TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 

SUBJECT : Call for Session, 4th Day, 1st Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **4th Day, 1st Regular Session for Friday, 21 March 2025 at 10:00 a.m.** in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
Acting LB Director
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
4th Day, First Regular Session	Friday, March 21, 2025	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. 24-14

To establish the Office of Financial Integrity and Compliance (OFIC) and the OFIC Oversight Committee to improve the CNMI Government's financial management and reporting.

Filed by: **REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, and Ralph N. Yumul)

H. B. No. 24-15

To establish public sector employee and public sector employer relations through organized labor within the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.

Filed by: **REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*, Representatives Joel C. Camacho, and Marissa R. Flores)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. No. 24-3

To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59.

Filed by: **REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

H. L. B. No. 24-4

To appropriate Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) for the Rota Medical Subsistence Allowance, Rota Little League Association and the Manamko trip, as well as Seven Hundred and Thirty-One Dollars (\$731.00) for fuel and lubrication under the Rota, Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR – (None)

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-10: (3/7/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-02, entitled, “*To honor and commend Honorable Edith E. DeLeon Guerrero for her unyielding service and contribution to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*”. [*For info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-22: (3/7/2025) Correspondence from Representative Julie M.A. Ogo to U.S. Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds re: *Legislative Support for H.R. 1536 — advocating for permanent Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Services in Rota.* [*For info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-23: (3/14/2025) From Representative Patrick H. San Nicolas informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from March 16, 2025— March 24, 2025 and request to be excused from legislative sessions, committee meetings, or official functions during his absence. [*For info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES – (None)

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-20: (3/7/2025) Mayor of Saipan’s request to the Secretary of the Department of Public Lands (DPL) re: *To Resume Access to Quarry Materials on Public Lands for Community Benefit*. [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
S. J. R. NO. 24-02	A Senate Joint Resolution to call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the Governor’s State of the Commonwealth Address. [See SEN. COMM. 24-6]	

16. BILL CALENDAR

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 on March 11, 2025:

H. B. No. 24-7: To ensure that the expenditure authority designated in the Annual Appropriation Act retains authority over all funds appropriated to it. Introduced by REP. JOSEPH A. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. No. 24-8: To amend 1 CMC § 2803 to ensure that public land revenues are managed and invested by the Marianas Public Land Trust in accordance with Article XI, Section 6 of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources and to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 24-9: To amend 4 CMC § 1803 by reallocating a portion of the Hotel Occupancy Tax received by the Marianas Visitors Authority to the Division of Parks and Recreation to support beautification efforts. Introduced by REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of

Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Diego V. F. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, and Edmund S. Villagomez, and *Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Tourism.

H. B. No. 24-10: To establish a change of name legal procedure in the CNMI. Introduced by REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul, and *Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations.

H. B. No. 24-11: To provide greater authority to government transit buses owned and operated by the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA); to establish traffic safety measures, enhance public engagement, ensure fiscal responsibility, and comply with existing CNMI laws and federal standards; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

H. B. No. 24-12: To promote economic recovery and provide relief to CNMI taxpayers by waiving penalties and interest on unpaid taxes due to financial and socioeconomic hardships; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H. B. No. 24-13: To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself, Representative Julie M.A. Ogo*) on March 11, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Commerce.

H. RES. NO. 24-5: To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2025 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day. Introduced by REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Angelo A. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas John DLC Manglona, and Edmund S. Villagomez; Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, and Patrick H. San Nicolas) on March 11, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. J. R. NO. 24-1: To urgently request for the immediate inclusion of the Republic of the Philippines in the nonimmigrant Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program administered by the United States Department of Homeland Security. Introduced by REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul; Roy C.A. Ada, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Joel C. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai) on March 11, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.