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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 First Day, Fourth Special Session  
**Date and Time:** Monday, July 14, 2025, at 2:00 PM  
**Location:** House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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SPEAKER


## MEMORANDUM

DATE : 08 July 2025  
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS  
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez   
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 4<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, 4<sup>th</sup> Special Session for Monday, 14 July 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** in the House Chamber.

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

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day, Fourth Special Session	Monday, July 14, 2025	2:00 p.m.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

*A Moment of Silence*

### 1. ROLL CALL

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### 3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

*First Day, Second Special Session Journal – May 15, 2025*

### 4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

#### *A. House Bills:*

#### **H. B. No. 24-34**

To streamline business licensing in the Commonwealth by establishing a business start-up task force, a digital one-stop platform, a support center, and a conditional business licensing process.

**Prefiled by: REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA** of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representative Roy C. A. Ada)

#### **H. B. No. 24-35**

To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Good Samaritan Act [7 CMC § 2801 *et seq.*]; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*)

#### **H. B. No. 24-36**

To establish a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*)

#### **H. B. No. 24-37**

To suspend the operations of the Commonwealth Casino Commission; to transfer casino regulatory functions to the Commonwealth Lottery Commission on an interim basis; to establish a Division of Gaming within the Department of Finance; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

**H. B. No. 24-38**

To establish a dedicated CNMI Emergency Reserve Fund (“Rainy Day Fund”) with annual mandatory deposits and procedures for fund disbursement in times of declared emergency, while ensuring fiscal accountability.

**Prefiled by: REP. DIEGO V. F. CAMACHO** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, and Marissa R. Flores*)

**H. B. No. 24-39**

To establish Treatment Program Enforcement Officers within the Judiciary to carry out enforcement, supervision, and monitoring functions essential to the success of court-supervised treatment programs, and to ensure that these officers are fully recognized as law enforcement personnel under Commonwealth law.

**Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Joel C. Camacho, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**B. House Local Bills:**

**H. L. B. No. 24-18**

To appropriate \$75,000.00 from revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Saipan Local Law 22-06; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Marissa R. Flores, John Paul P. Sablan, and Ralph N. Yumul*)

**H. L. B. No. 24-19**

To appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$260,670.00 from the Third Senatorial District Developers Infrastructure Tax Fund allotted to Precinct I under Saipan Local Law 22-16; and for other purposes.

**Prefiled by: REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE** of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Diego V. F. Camacho, and Raymond U. Palacios*)

**C. House Legislative Initiatives:**

**5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**A. House Resolutions:**

**H. RES. NO. 24-11**

To respectfully urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to ensure meaningful and equitable involvement of Northern Marianas Descent (NMD)

persons, and recognition of the Northern Mariana Islands' traditional knowledge, stewardship, and proprietary rights in all current and future activities related to ocean exploration, marine research, data ownership, and commercialization of marine resources in the Mariana Trench and surrounding waters.

**Prefiled by: REP. DENITA KAIPAT YANGETMAI** of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*)

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

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

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

**H. C. R. No. 24-2**

To Define and Identify General Revenue and 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 2026, beginning October 1, 2025, and ending on September 30, 2026.

**Prefiled by: REP. JOHN PAUL P. SABLAN** of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Blas Jonathan "BJ" T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*)

**6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

GOV. COMM. 24-29: (6/18/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. Timothy S. Deleon Guerrero, Junior Solid Waste Engineer, at the Office of Planning and Development to receive an annual salary of \$80,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-30: (6/26/2025) Certifying and granting approval for Mr. John P. Furnari, Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Division, at the Attorney General's Office to receive an annual salary of \$78,000. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-31: (6/25/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-9, D2, (*To amend Rota Local Law 23-15, to appropriate \$155,000.00 for the continued operation of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes.*). Became **Rota Local Law 24-02** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-32: (6/25/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-16, (*To re-appropriate \$26,000 allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26 and re-appropriate \$25,000 allotted under Saipan Local Law 23-10; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-03** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-33: (6/25/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-12, (*To appropriate \$2,500,000 from revenues collected pursuant to Saipan Local Law 11-2 as amended; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-04** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-34: (6/30/2025) Governor confirms no revised FY26 budget will be submitted; original April 1 proposal stands. Administration is pursuing a \$29M pension bond with MPLT, dependent on legislative withholding authority. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-35: (7/9/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-8, (*To appropriate the remaining balance of \$85,500 under Saipan Local Law 23-04 for the repair, maintenance and improvements of recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law 24-05** [*For info*]

## 7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-23: (6/23/2025) Returning H. J. R. 24-2, entitled, "*To formally recognize and commemorate the National Conference of State Legislatures on its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.*", which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on June 23, 2025. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 24-24: (6/23/2025) Informing the House that the Senate in its 1st Day, Third Special Session, on June 23, 2025, adopted Conference Committee Report No. 24-01 on H. B. NO. 24-17, SD1, CCS1, entitled, "*To amend 2 CMC § 2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances.*", by the unanimous vote a quorum being present. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 24-25: (6/24/2025) Informing the House that the Senate accepted and adopted the House amendments to S. J. R. NO. 24-01, which now reads: S. J. R. NO. 24-01, HD1, entitled, "*Supporting the Commonwealth Ports Authority's request for exemption from Federal Limitations on Scheduled Chinese Air Service to the CNMI, urging the Reinstatement of Annex VI under the U.S.-China Air Transport Agreement of 2007, and urging the full and immediate implementation of the CNMI Economic Vitality and Security Travel Authorization Program (EVS-TAP).*" on June 23, 2025. [*For info*]

SEN. COMM. 24-26: (6/24/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-04**, entitled, "*To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI.*", which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2025. [***For action***]

SEN. COMM. 24-27: (6/24/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-11, SD1**, entitled, "*To regulate off-road vehicles including ATVs, SxS, and UTVs; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2025. [***For action***]

SEN. COMM. 24-28: (6/24/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-13, SD1**, entitled, "*To enact a whistleblower protection provision for Commonwealth government and autonomous agency employees reporting on prohibited personnel practices; to provide whistleblower rewards for individuals who report underpayments of taxes; to clarify the mechanism for the payment of rewards for disclosures leading to the recovery of public funds; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2025. [***For action***]

SEN. COMM. 24-29: (6/24/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-28, SD1**, entitled, "*To amend 6 CMC § 3113; to establish disorderly conduct and public intoxication crimes; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2025. [***For action***]

SEN. COMM. 24-30: (6/24/2025) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-31, SD1**, entitled, "*To ensure food safety and support small food entrepreneurs sell non-time/temperature control (TCS) for safety food and home-cooked meals; and for other purposes.*", which was passed by the Senate on June 23, 2025. [***For action***]



## 8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-36: (6/20/2025) From Representative Angelo A. Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from June 23, 2025 to June 30, 2025 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-37: (6/30/2025) From Floor Leader Marissa R. Flores, informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from July 2, 2025—July 8, 2025 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-38: (7/7/2025) Representative Malcolm J. Omar informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on personal matters from July 8, 2025—July 18, 2025, and requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, committee meetings, and official functions during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-39: (7/9/2025) From Representative Julie M. A. Ogo informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business beginning July 18, 2025—July 24, 2025 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, committee meetings, and any official functions. [For info]

## 9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

## 10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-10: (7/1/2025) Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA) Board transmitting Board Resolution No. 2025-09, entitled, “A Resolution Honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of Calistro T. Reyes, Jr.”. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-11: (*rec'd* 7/1/2025) Public School System (PSS) re: *FY 2026 Budget Request*. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-12: (7/8/2025) Department of Public Lands (DPL) submitting: *DPL's Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for FY 2022*. [For info]

## 11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-43: (6/26/2025) Chairperson, Committee on Health, 20th Youth Congress – Sen. Ayden Sean C. Yumul: *Request for comments on Y.C.B. No. 20-01*, entitled: “*To establish 'Prinimeti' and 'Akkapal' as the official pledge to the CNMI flag, honoring both the official languages and cultures of our Commonwealth; and for other purposes.*” [Comment Deadline: 7/7/25]

MISC. COMM. 24-44: (5/21/2025 *rec'd* 7/3/2025) Department of the Navy Notice of Intent – MITT SEIS/OEIS Public Scoping & Comment Period (Public Comment: 6/7–7/5/25 CHST).. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-45: (6/6/2025 *rec'd* 7/3/2025) USMC Revised Draft EIS – CNMI Joint Military Training (Public Comment: 6/6–8/20/25). [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-46: (7/1/2025) MPLT to consider low-interest loan scenario for \$29M pension obligation bond, contingent on legislative action within 90 days. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-47: (rec'd 7/3/2025) Northern Marianas College (NMC) re: *FY 2026 Budget Request*. [For info]

**12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (1)**

**S. C. R. No. 24-12:** Reporting on H. B. No. 24-13, entitled: “To amend the fee structure for the Office of the Registrar of Corporations under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees.” *Your House Committee on Commerce recommends that the House pass the bill in the form of H. B. No. 24-13, HD1.*

**13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES – (None)**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)**

**15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR**

Resolution	Subject	Action
<b>C. RES. NO. 24-4</b>	A House Commemorative Resolution to commemorate the life, legacy, and dedicated service of the late Dr. John Lamphear Doyle III, for his exceptional contributions to medicine and his profound impact on the well-being of the people of the CNMI, and to extend sincere condolences to his bereaved family.	

**16. BILL CALENDAR**

Bill/Initiative	Subject	Action

**17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**18. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**(ADJOURNMENT)**

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***APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS***

**FIRST LEGISLATIVE DAY:** 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.



**SECOND LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 24-17: To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to provide for the compensation of the members of the Rota Casino Commission. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on June 20, 2025.

**THIRD LEGISLATIVE DAY:**

H. L. B. No. 24-14: To impose a 0.5% ad valorem local excise surtax for the privilege of importing construction materials from outside and within the Commonwealth by licensed construction contractors into the First Senatorial District. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on June 11, 2025.

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*Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on June 20, 2025:*

[Added-6/20/2025] H. B. No. 24-32: To establish a tax on transient accommodations and to regulate the operation of short-term rentals in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 and REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for themselves*, Representatives Daniel I. Aquino Jr., and Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao) on June 20, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

[Added-6/20/2025] H. B. No. 24-33: To statutorily define the scope of the Commonwealth’s annual General Revenues within the meaning of Article XV, Section 1(e) of the NMI Constitution. Introduced by REP. RALPH N. YUMUL on behalf of REP. ROMAN C. BENAVENTE of Saipan, Precinct 1 (for himself, Representatives Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 20, 2025; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Education on June 24, 2025 (Memo).

[Added-6/20/2025] H. L. B. No. 24-17: To amend 10 CMC § 12114 to provide for the compensation of the members of the Rota Casino Commission. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) on June 20, 2025.

H. RES. No. 24-9: To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Latte Built 24hr Fitness and to recognize Derek Cutting’s outstanding contributions to the health and well-being of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands community, while also acknowledging the positive impact of local businesses on our island’s growth and resilience. Introduced by REP. THOMAS J. DIC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, Marissa R. Flores, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 20, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

H. RES. No. 24-10: To recognize the outstanding managerial and leadership contributions of Gloria Cavanagh in her services to the hospitality and business industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Introduced by REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on June 20, 2025; subsequently placed on the Resolution Calendar.

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