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Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure 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 Third Day, Third Regular Session
Date and Time: Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker 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:

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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 February 2026
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 3rd 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 3rd Day, 3rd Regular Session for Wednesday, 25 February 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the House Chamber.

cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
THIRD REGULAR SESSION 2026

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
THIRD DAY	WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026	10:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (1)

Eleventh Day, Second Regular Session Journal of December 22, 2025

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. House Bills:

H. B. No. 24-96

To appropriate \$960,235.74 in Tobacco Settlement Funds, identified by the Governor as additional funds available for appropriation in Governors Communication (House) 24-103, to the Marianas Visitors Authority for tourism recovery initiatives.

Prefiled by: REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*, Representatives Diego V. F. Camacho, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Elias J.M. Rangamar, and Edmund S. Villagomez)

H. B. No. 24-97

To exempt the Commonwealth Ports Authority from the obligation to remit the one percent (1%) Public Auditor Fee pertaining to seaport revenues.

Prefiled by: REP. ELIAS J. M. RANGAMAR of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

H. B. No. 24-98

To amend Title 4 of the Commonwealth Code to provide Business Gross Revenue Tax relief for taxpayers operating at a net loss under the Northern Mariana Islands Territorial Income Tax; and for other purposes.

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

H. B. No. 24-99

To amend Title 6, Division 1, §1609, Theft of Utility Services, to provide a permissive inference of intent under specified circumstances while preserving due process protections; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. VINCENT R. ALDAN of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself*)

H. B. NO. 24-100

To amend the statutory language governing dormant and unclaimed accounts to clarify the regulatory provisions regarding dormancy periods, the perpetual right of owners to claim funds, and the administration of escheated funds.

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

H. B. NO. 24-101

To name the structure for the CNMI Women’s Association Center as the “Felicidad Taman Ogumoro Women’s Development Center”; and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

B. House Local Bills:

H. L. B. NO. 24-47

To appropriate One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00) for the continued operation and regulatory oversight of the Rota Casino Gaming Commission; and for other purposes.

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

H. L. B. NO. 24-48

To re-appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of Saipan Local Law 23-04 (Project Code 7190M); and for other purposes.

Prefiled by: REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO and **REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for themselves*)

C. House Legislative Initiatives:

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. House Resolutions:

H. RES. NO. 24-25

To Congratulate and Honor all the women in the Commonwealth as we celebrate their contributions and achievements during the month of March 2026 proclaimed as CNMI Women’s Month and March 8th as International Women’s Day.

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

H. RES. NO. 24-26

To recognize Aria Keilbach for her esteemed accomplishments as Miss Northern Marianas Earth 2025 representing the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Miss Earth.

Prefiled by: REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*)

B. House Joint Resolutions:

C. House Commemorative Resolutions:

D. House Concurrent Resolutions:

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-97: (12/23/2025 received 12/29/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law and line item vetoed in parts, H. B. No. 24-80, HS1, (*To Repeal and Re-Enact Public Law 24-14 to further Define and Identify General Revenues and approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9 (a) of the CNMI Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2026 and make appropriations for the operations and activities of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, its agencies, instrumentalities, and independent programs, and to provide budget authority for government corporations for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-20** [*Item Veto Deadline: 2/27/2026*] *Note: The communication was read on January 16, 2026; and subsequently referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.*

GOV. COMM. 24-113: (2/10/2026) Transmitting Mr. Oscar Patrick Quitugua's résumé, police clearance, statement of financial interest, and drug test receipt in support of his renomination to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission, representing the First Senatorial District. *Note: The renomination was previously read and referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 9, 2026. [Deadline: April 22, 2026]*

GOV. COMM. 24-114: (2/11/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-36, (*To re-appropriate the remaining fund balance of \$89,217.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-15 (Project Code 3754H) for the maintenance and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct III and the maintenance and improvements of Garapan Core and the Froilan C. Tenorio Beach Road pathway in Precinct III; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-19.** [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-115: (2/11/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-38, (*To appropriate the fund remaining balance of \$48,450.33 under Section 2(t)(4) of Saipan Local Law 20-26 (Project Code 7190M) for the maintenance, repairs and improvements of Commonwealth parks and recreational facilities in Precinct IV; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-20.** [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-116: (2/11/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-41, (*To re-appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) allotted under Saipan Local Law 20-26; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-21.** [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-117: (2/13/2026) Informing the House that he signed into law H. L. B. No. 24-45, D1, (*To re-appropriate Two Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$256,235.00) from the fund balances allotted under Saipan Local Law 22-01, specifically Business Unit 4963V; and for other purposes.*). Became **Saipan Local Law No. 24-22.** [*For Info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-118: (2/19/2026) Transmitting Mr. Oscar Patrick Quitugua's drug test results in connection with his renomination to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission, representing the First Senatorial District; completing the required submission of his renomination package. *Note: The renomination was previously read and referred to the House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations and the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on February 9, 2026. [Deadline: April 22, 2026]*

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-80: (2/17/2026) Returning H. J. R. 24-10, entitled, “*To honor and congratulate CITADEL Pacific Ltd. (CPL) on the occasion of its 20th Anniversary.*”, which was adopted by the Senate without amendments on February 13, 2026. [*For Info*]

SEN. COMM. 24-81: (2/17/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-11, entitled, “*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.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on February 13, 2026. [*For Info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 24-82: (2/17/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-35, entitled, “*To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Good Samaritan Act [7 CMC § 2801 et seq.]; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on February 13, 2026. [*For Info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 24-83: (2/17/2026) Returning H. B. No. 24-63, entitled, “*To amend Title 4 sections 1991 to 1995 relating to the 3% construction tax on gross revenues derived from certain non-residential construction projects and to enact a new section 1996 pertaining to Applicability; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on February 13, 2026. [*For Info-Will go to Governor*]

SEN. COMM. 24-84: (2/17/2026) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-24**, entitled, “*To authorize the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands join the CNMI-Guam Interjurisdictional Corrections Compact to improve and expand inmate rehabilitation and training; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on February 13, 2026. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 24-85: (2/17/2026) Transmitting for House action **S. B. NO. 24-47**, entitled, “*To require all contractors to be licensed in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.*”, which was passed by the Senate on February 13, 2026. [*For action*]

SEN. COMM. 24-86: (2/19/2026) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Resolution No. 24-13, entitled, “*To recognize and commend Honorable Justice Perry Borja Inos for his long-lasting contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and its people.*” [*For Info*]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-83: (2/6/2026) Resignation of Representative Julie M.A. Ogo as Chair, House Committee on Tourism — Notice to the Speaker (Eff. Feb. 16, 2026). [*For Info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-84: (2/6/2026) Temporary Designation of Oversight Authority – House Committee on Tourism (Representative Joel C. Camacho, Vice Chairman). [*For Info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-85: (2/11/2026) From Representative Denita K. Yangetmai informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on personal leave from February 16, 2026 and returning March 16, 2026, and requests to be excused from all official functions during her absence. [*For Info*]

HSE. COMM. 24-86: (2/19/2026) From the Speaker appointing Representative Marissa R. Flores as Chair of the House Standing Committee on Tourism, pursuant to House Rule VII, Section 8, replacing Representative Julie M. Ogo effective February 16, 2026. [*For Info*]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-27: (2/3/2026 received 2/6/2026) Department of Public Works: Submission of CNMI 4-Year Territorial Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP) FY2023–FY2026, Amendment No. 03 — Request for Review and Comment; **Public Comment Deadline: February 26, 2026 (2:00 p.m.)**. [*For Info*]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-97: (2/11/2026) Newly installed Saipan Chamber of Commerce 2026 Board of Directors and Officers. [*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

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:

H. L. B. No. 24-42: To amend the Wedding Cake Mountain Wildlife Conservation Area, to authorize the Mayor of Rota to plan, construct, and maintain a pedestrian pathway at Wedding Cake Mountain and access to the Grotto, and to initiate actions necessary to qualify for federal grants, and for other purposes. REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) Introduced on January 16, 2026.

H. L. B. No. 24-43: To establish a docking and watercraft fee for derby event participants utilizing the West and East Docks on Rota; to include vessels, jet skis, kayaks, and canoes; to exempt bona fide Rota residents and educational activities; to provide penalties for violations; and to

allocate collected revenues for conservation and community programs. REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) Introduced on January 16, 2026.

H. L. B. No. 24-44: To amend Title 10, Division 1, Chapter 12 (Rota Casino Act of 2007) of the Commonwealth Code to: (1) establish a clear separation between the investigative and compliance functions of the Rota Casino Gaming RCGC (RCGC) and the adjudicatory/decision-making functions of the Commissioners; (2) establish an Investigations and Enforcement Division under the Executive Director; (3) authorize the procurement of qualified independent third-party investigative and professional services for criminal and financial due diligence of casino license applicants and related persons; (4) establish a Casino Regulatory Fee and a dedicated regulatory fund/account to provide stable annual funding for regulatory operations, including enforcement and monitoring; (5) strengthen conflicts of interest, disclosure, and recusal requirements for Commissioners; and for other purposes. REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) Introduced on January 16, 2026.

Appearance of Measures introduced on the House Floor during the House Session on February 9, 2026:

H. B. NO. 24-89: To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund infrastructure projects in the Second Senatorial District. REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Ways and Means on February 9, 2026.

H. B. NO. 24-90: To mandate the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to change the power, water, and wastewater rates for the Commonwealth Ports Authority to the commercial utility rate; and for other purposes. REP. ELIAS J. M. RANGAMAR of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure and to the House Committee on Ways and Means on February 9, 2026.

H. B. NO. 24-91: To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund infrastructure projects in the First Senatorial District. REP. JULIE M. A. OGO of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Ways and Means on February 9, 2026.

H. B. NO. 24-92: To appropriate \$63,000.00 from Schedule A of Public Law 24-20 that was vetoed for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and for other purposes. REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Ways and Means and to the House Committee on Natural Resources on February 9, 2026.

H. B. NO. 24-93: To amend 4CMC § 5611 to allow for the issuance of two-year business licenses and to require the Department of Commerce and the Department of Finance to jointly promulgate implementing rules and regulations. REP. DANIEL I. AQUINO JR. of Saipan, Precinct 2 (*for himself*, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. 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, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Commerce on February 9, 2026.

H. B. NO. 24-94: To amend the punishment for the crime of vandalism to include the option of confinement. REP. MARISSA R. FLORES of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Judiciary and Governmental Operations on February 9, 2026

H. B. NO. 24-95: To enhance economic opportunities for small businesses and local farmers by establishing new gross revenue tax exemptions, clarifying export treatment, simplifying tax administration in the CNMI; providing for phased implementation to ensure administrative feasibility and fiscal stability; and for other purposes. REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for himself*) Introduced on February 9, 2026. Referred to: House Committee on Ways and Means on February 9, 2026.

H. L. B. NO. 24-46: To re-appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000.00 under Saipan Local Law 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); and for other purposes. REP. ANGELO A. CAMACHO and REP. THOMAS J. DLC. MANGLONA of Saipan, Precinct 5 (*for themselves*) Introduced on February 9, 2026.