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HOUSE JOURNAL FIRST SPECIAL SESSION, 2026

2nd Day, First Special Session

Thursday, April 23, 2026

The House of Representatives of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature convened its Second Day, First Special Session on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at 10:43 a.m., in the House Chamber on Capitol Hill, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Upon a two-thirds vote of the members present, the session was declared an emergency session in accordance with Rule III, Section 7 of the House Rules.

The Honorable Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez, Speaker of the House, presided.

A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll for attendance with the following results:

Representative Roy Christopher Aldan Ada	Present
Representative Vincent Raymond Aldan	Absent (Excused)
Representative Daniel Iwashita Aquino, Jr.	Present
Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao	Present
Representative Roman Cepeda Benavente	Present
Representative Angelo Atalig Camacho	Present
Representative Diego Vincent Fejeran Camacho	Present
Representative Joel Castro Camacho	Present
Representative Joseph Arriola Flores	Present
Representative Marissa Renee Flores	Present
Representative Thomas John Dela Cruz Manglona	Absent (Excused)
Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo	Present
Representative Malcom Jason Omar	Absent (Excused)
Representative Raymond Ulloa Palacios	Present
Representative Elias Jerome Malite Rangamar	Present
Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan	Present
Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas	Absent (Excused)
Representative Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez	Present
Representative Denita Kaipat Yangetmai	Absent (Excused)
Representative Ralph Naraja Yumul	Present

Clerk Brenalyn T. Santos: Mr. Speaker, we have 15 members present and 5 members absent.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Thank you, Clerk. With 15 members present, a quorum is duly established. Let the record reflect that Representatives Vincent Aldan, Thomas Manglona, Malcolm Omar, Patrick San Nicolas, and Denita Yangetmai are excused for today's

session. We now proceed to Item No. 2, Public Comments. The podium is now open to receive comments. Please state your name and the entity you represent, you have five minutes. If you have prepared statements, please submit them to the Sergeant-at-Arms for forwarding to the Clerk's office.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There being no public comments presented and no item under Item No. 3, Adoption of Journals, through Item No. 5, Introduction of Bills, House Bills, the Chair proceeded to House Local Bills and recognized Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao.

ADOPTION OF JOURNALS

None

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

House Bills:

None

House Local Bills:

Representative Blas Jonathan "BJ" Tenorio Attao, on behalf of Representative Patrick Hofschneider San Nicolas, formally introduced the following bill:

H. L. B. NO. 24-56: To appropriate One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand dollars (\$156,000.00) from revenues collected from poker fees in the Second Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. PATRICK H. SAN NICOLAS** of Tinian, Precinct 6 (*for himself*)

Representative Julie Marie Atalig Ogo formally introduced the following bill:

H. L. B. NO. 24-57: To re-appropriate Sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-07 and Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) allotted under Rota Local Law 24-08 collected from poker fees in the First Senatorial District to respond to critical emergency situations and urgent recovery initiatives in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku; and for other purposes. **Prefiled by: REP. JULIE M. A. OGO** of Rota, Precinct 7 (*for herself*)

There being no further introduction of House Local Bills and no item under House Legislative Initiatives through Item No. 16, Bill Calendar, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 17, Miscellaneous Business, and opened the floor for discussion.

House Legislative Initiatives:

None

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS:

House Resolutions:

None

House Joint Resolutions:

None

House Commemorative Resolutions:

None

House Concurrent Resolutions:

None

MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

None

SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

None

HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

None

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

None

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

RESOLUTION CALENDAR

None

BILL CALENDAR

None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There being no discussion on the floor, the Chair proceeded to Item No. 18, Announcements, and recognized Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Representative John Paul Palacios Sablan: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I would like to share that I was informed by some family members of the crew that was lost at sea, there will be a ceremony tomorrow at the 13 Fishermen pavilion at 6:00 p.m. There will be a prayer ceremony for the individuals that got lost out in the sea during the storm. I just wanted to share that to the members of the public so that we can show more support to the families.

The Chair called for a recess.

The House recessed at 10:50 a.m.

Recess

The House reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Speaker Edmund Joseph Sablan Villagomez: Before we went on recess, we were under Item No. 18, Announcements, and the floor is still open. I recognize Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao.

Representative Blas Jonathan “BJ” Tenorio Attao: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Just in line with Representative John Paul Sablan, this will be a candle light vigil over at the 13 Fishermen and they

are requesting for a couple cases of water. I know that is a really big challenge to find water right now. But that was their request to have water readily available for those that will be participating in this candle light vigil. In my office, we are currently waiting for orders. And I am sure many of the offices, too. But what we can get together today, that would be great just to assist candle light vigil for our brothers that got lost at sea during the Super Typhoon *Sinlaku*. With that, I respectfully ask the members if we can get a total of 5 cases of water to help with the ceremony. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The Chair recognized the Floor Leader.

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. In line with Representatives Sablan and Attao, on behalf of the Twenty-Fourth Legislature, the Third, First, and Second Senatorial Districts, we offer our condolences to the families during this time of suffering and loss.

There being no further announcements presented, the Chair proceeded to Adjournment and recognized the Floor Leader.

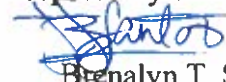
ADJOURNMENT

Floor Leader Marissa Renee Flores: Thank you, Mr. Speaker I hereby move to adjourn subject to the call of the Chair. So move.

The motion was seconded; the Chair opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the floor, the motion to adjourn was carried by voice vote. There was no “nay” vote.

The House adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Brenalyn T. Santos
House Journal Clerk

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 April 18, 2026:

H. L. B. NO. 24-55: To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to Public Law 20-59. REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., 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 April 18, 2026.

LEGISLATIVE DEADLINE TRACKER (Informational)

Veto Override / Reconsideration Deadlines

(Article II, Section 7(c), NMI Constitution)

GOV. COMM. 24-121: (3/11/2026) Informing the House that he vetoed H. B. NO. 24-33, entitled, *(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.)*.

Deadline: 5/10/2026.

Executive Appointments Requiring Legislative Confirmation

None pending.

Judicial Rule Review Period

None pending.