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Senate President
Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

MEMORANDUM

SP 24-028

Date: May 02, 2025

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate



Senator Dennis C. Mendiola

Subject: 1st Day, Second Special Senate Session – 2025

By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Interim Rules of the Senate and the Open Government Act, this is to inform all members that the 1st Day, Second Special Senate Session is scheduled for ***Friday, May 09, 2025 at 1:00 p.m., in the Tinian Courthouse, San Jose, Tinian.***

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

Cc: Speaker of the House
Director, LB
Senate Legal Counsels
Senate Clerk
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May 06, 2025

Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the Senate of the Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public session:

MEETING: 1st Day, Second Special Session - 2025
DATE AND TIME: Friday, May 09, 2025 @ 1:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Tinian Courthouse, San Jose Village, Tinian

Copies of session call, this notice and agenda have been filed in the Office of the Senate Clerk, released to the media, and posted at the following locations:

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THE SENATE
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
SECOND SPECIAL SENATE SESSION - 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 ST Day	Friday, May 09, 2025	1:00 p.m.
TINIAN COURTHOUSE, TINIAN		

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

- A. ROLL CALL:
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT:
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (NONE)
- D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR: (NONE)
- E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)
- F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:
(NONE)
- G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:
1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-13**: Apr. 24, 2025 – Returning *with amendments*, S.J.R. No. 24-02, HD1 – To call for a Joint Session of the Legislature to receive the Governor’s State of the Commonwealth Address. *[Senate action on S.J.R. No 24-02, HD1]*
 2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-14**: Apr. 24, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-8, HD1 – 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.
 3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-15**: Apr. 24, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-20 – To require conspicuous warning labels be placed on all betel nut products and containers that are imported or sold in the CNMI.

4. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-16](#): Apr. 24, 2025 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-21** – To establish the Joint Oversight of Incoming Non-local Transfers Act to mandate Legislative and Executive Appropriation for all Non-Locally-Sourced Funds allocated for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.
5. [Hse. Comm. No. 24-17](#): Apr. 30, 2025 – Certified copy of H.R. No. 24-7 – Honoring 55 years of service by Peace Corps Volunteers to the CNMI. **[FOR INFO.]**

H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:

1. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-60](#): Apr. 24, 2025 – Joint courtesy visit by Peace Corps Volunteers – April 28, 2025 at 2 p.m.
2. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-61](#): Apr. 25, 2025 – Referrals of SB 24-11 and HBs to FA, PUTC and JGL Committees.
3. [Sen. Comm. No. 24-62](#): Apr. 28, 2025 – Special Committee on CNMI Economic Recovery.

I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)

J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. [Gov. Msg. No 24-27](#): Apr. 11, 2025 – *Vetoed* S.L.B. No. 24-01, D1 – To amend TLL 21-09 to provide for regulatorily complaint internet gaming; to authorize the establishment of the Tinian Stable Token; and for other purposes.
2. [Gov. Msg. No. 24-40](#): Apr. 07, 2025 – Signed into law and disapproved parts of H.L.B. No. 24-03, D2 – To appropriate revenues collected for the Third Senatorial District pursuant to PL 20-59, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-02**.

K. PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **Senate Bill No. 24-34**: To restructure the electricity market in the CNMI by deregulating electric services; and for other purposes. **[SEN. CORINA L. MAGOFNA – 04/24/25]**
2. **Senate Bill No. 24-35**: To amend Title 4, Division 8 of the Commonwealth Code to exempt certain childcare providers from being charged commercial utility rates; and for other purposes. **[SEN. DONALD M. MANGLONA – 05/05/25]**

L. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:

M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-06:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on the informational hearing with Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC).

N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE: (NONE)

O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **S.J.R. No. 24-03:** To support the passage of H.R. 2132, which aims to reestablish eligibility for NMI Airports to participate in the Essential Air Service.

P. BILL CALENDAR:

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 24-17 (See HC 24-09)	Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 24-17 – To amend 2 CMC §2174 to provide the Commonwealth Ports Authority greater autonomy in managing its finances.
H.B. No. 24-20 (See HC 24-15)	To require conspicuous warning labels be placed on all betel nut products and containers that are imported or sold in the CNMI.

Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-33:** Apr. 22, 2025 – SNIMC letter of support on the nomination of Mr. Sixto K. Igisomar to serve as Secretary of DPL.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>

The Senate may consider, debate, and/or act upon any item contained in this Order of Business at the time and place described herein.