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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 Ninth Day, Second Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, November 25, 2025, at 1:00 PM
Location: House Chamber, Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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SPEAKER

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
Honorable Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building
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MEMORANDUM

DATE : 21 November 2025
TO : ALL HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM : Speaker Edmund S. Villagomez 
SUBJECT : Call for Session, 9th Day, 2nd Regular Session

Pursuant to the House Rules of Procedure and the authority vested in me under the NMI Constitution, I hereby call for the **9th Day, 2nd Regular Session for Tuesday, 25 November 2025 at 1:00 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
SECOND REGULAR SESSION 2025

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
9th Day, Second Regular Session	Tuesday, November 25, 2025	1:00 p.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

A Moment of Silence

1. ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS – (2)

Fifth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – October 9, 2025

Sixth Day, Second Regular Session Journal – October 24, 2025

4. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

A. *House Bills:*

B. *House Local Bills:*

H. L. B. No. 24-35

To appropriate \$16,925 of the Rota Poker License Fee Account under BU 3302; and for other purposes.

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

C. *House Legislative Initiatives:*

5. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. *House Resolutions:*

H. RES. No. 24-18

To deeply honor and celebrate the impactful life and indelible legacy of the late Honorable Benigno Magofna Sablan, whose tireless dedication and myriad contributions were instrumental to the progress of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and to humbly offer our heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family.

Prefiled by: REPS. JOEL C. CAMACHO and **MALCOLM J. OMAR** of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for themselves, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*)

B. *House Joint Resolutions:*

C. *House Commemorative Resolutions:*

D. *House Concurrent Resolutions:*

6. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR

GOV. COMM. 24-75: (11/14/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-23 D1 (*To establish the Rota Cultural Heritage and Education Tour Act*). Became **Rota Local Law 24-03** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-76: (11/14/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. L. B. No. 24-24 (*To establish the Rota Department of Public Works Equipment Rental Fee; and for other purposes*). Became **Rota Local Law 24-04** [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-77: (11/14/2025) From Governor David M. Apatang informing the Legislature that the Group Health and Life Insurance (GHLI) Program is at risk of termination due to delays in passing the FY 2026 Revised Budget. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-78: (11/18/2025) From Governor David M. Apatang providing updated FY 2026 general revenue projections and identifying an additional \$5.9 million in available lapsed funds and MPLT interest income. The communication further outlines proposed priority allocations for PSS operations, MVA tourism recovery, the Rainy Day Fund, and municipal support. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-79: (received 11/19/2025) **Executive Order No. 2025-004: Establishing the Business Permitting Center.** Executive Order from the Governor establishing a centralized Business Permitting Center within the Department of Commerce to streamline and coordinate interagency permitting, licensing, and regulatory processes for business applicants. The order sets out staffing, coordination mandates, and implementation requirements across DFEMS, DPW, Zoning, Finance, CHCC Environmental Health, and other agencies. [*For info*]

GOV. COMM. 24-80: (received 11/19/2025) **Executive Order No. 2025-005: Transfer of Cannabis Regulatory Authority.** Executive Order transferring all statutory duties and responsibilities of the Commonwealth Cannabis Commission to the Alcohol Beverage and Tobacco Control Division under the Department of Commerce. The order consolidates regulatory oversight, terminates commissioner positions for cause, and directs the transition of staff, operations, and enforcement responsibilities. [*Submitted: 11/19/2025; Deadline: 1/18/2026*]

GOV. COMM. 24-81: (11/21/2025) Informing the House that he signed into law, H. B. No. 24-68, HD1, (*To conditionally authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to establish a margin account solely to facilitate the \$29,000,000 loan authorized under Public Law 24-13, subject to the continuing fiduciary and constitutional duties of the Trustees.*). Became **Public Law No. 24-17** [*For info*]

7. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 24-55: (11/17/2025) Returning H. B. No. 24-68, HD1, entitled, “*To conditionally authorize the Marianas Public Land Trust to establish a margin account solely to facilitate the*

\$29,000,000 loan authorized under Public Law 24-13, subject to the continuing fiduciary and constitutional duties of the Trustees. ”, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on November 14, 2025. [For info-Became Public Law 24-17]

SEN. COMM. 24-56: (11/17/2025) Returning H. B. No. 24-54, entitled, *“To increase the number of military leave hours available to CNMI government employees and to broaden eligibility for its use.”*, which was passed by the Senate without amendments on November 17, 2025. [For info-Trans to GOV 11/18/2025]

SEN. COMM. 24-57: (11/20/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-04, entitled, *“To recognize and honor the Late Noboru Hirayama for his unwavering dedication and contributions to strengthening the bond between the people of Saipan and Japan on the occasion of the 111th year anniversary of the establishment of the Saipan Katori Shrine”*. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 24-58: (11/20/2025) Transmitting a certified copy of Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-05, entitled, *“To recognize and commend the Northern Marianas Football Association for its steadfast contributions to the sports community of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on occasion of the association’s 20th year anniversary”*. [For info]

8. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 24-70: (11/10/2025) From Representative John Paul P. Sablan informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from November 11 through November 17, 2025, and respectfully requests to be excused from any legislative sessions, committee meetings, or official functions during his absence. He further designates SNILD Floor Leader, Representative Joel C. Camacho, to serve as Acting Chair of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation (SNILD) for the duration of his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-71: (11/12/2025) From Representative Elias M. Rangamar, informing the Speaker that he will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from November 15, through November 23, 2025, and requesting to be excused from legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings during his absence. [For info]

HSE. COMM. 24-72: (11/14/2025) From Floor Leader Marissa R. Flores, informing the Speaker that she will be out of the Commonwealth on official business from November 17, 2025 and request to be excused from all legislative sessions, SNILD sessions, and committee meetings during her absence. [For info]

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH – (None)

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-24: From the Department of Community & Cultural Affairs submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-25: From the Department of Lands & Natural Resources submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 24-26: (10/31/2025) From the Secretary, Department of Finance (DOF) submitting FY 2025—*Fourth Quarter Financial Report ending September 30, 2025*. [For info]

11. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

MISC. COMM. 24-75: Chair of the CNMI Civil Service Commission re: *2026 CSC Officers and Committee Assignments*. [For info]

MISC. COMM. 24-76: From the Commonwealth HealthCare Corporation submitting FY 2025 Citizen-Centric Report. [For info]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES – (2)

S. C. R. No. 24-40: Reporting on H. B. No. 24-34, entitled: “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.” *Your House Committee on Commerce recommends that the House pass H. B. No. 24-34 in its current form.*

S. C. R. No. 24-41: Reporting on 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.” *Your House Committee on Commerce recommends that the House pass S. B. No. 24-31, SD1 in its current form.*

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

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – (None)

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR

Resolution	Subject	Action
H. RES. NO. 24-16	A House Resolution to recognize and commend Project Buddy Check 670 for its unwavering dedication to empowering veterans and their families in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for its longstanding contributions to community service, unity, and the well-being of our veterans.	
H. RES. NO. 24-17	A House Resolution to honor and commend the Honorable Diego Tenorio Benavente for his lifetime of public service and enduring contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to extend the Legislature’s collective prayers and gratitude to him and his family.	

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 November 6, 2025:

H. B. No. 24-70: To authorize the Public School System (PSS) to utilize unrestricted funds previously appropriated to PSS for Fiscal Year 2026; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, Elias J.M. Rangamar, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, and Denita Kaipat Yangetmai*) on November 6, 2025; subsequently moved and placed on the Bill Calendar.

[Added-11/6/2025] H. B. No. 24-71: To allow for the Substance Abuse, Addiction & Rehabilitation (SAAR) Program to promulgate fees; and for other purposes. Introduced by REP. JOEL C. CAMACHO of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself*) on November 6, 2025; subsequently referred to the House Committee on Health and Welfare.

[Added-11/6/2025] H. B. No. 24-72: To impose a remittance transfer tax within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands equivalent to the federal excise tax under 26 U.S.C §4475, to ensure equitable revenue capture from outbound remittances, to strengthen compliance with federal fiscal policy; and for other purposes. Introduced by Rep. Marissa R. Flores of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for herself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*) on November 6, 2025; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on November 12, 2025 (MEMO).

[Added-11/6/2025] H. B. No. 24-73: To provide a nonrefundable tax credit to taxpayers who make donations of cash or food supplies to qualified community-based service organizations. Introduced by REP. MALCOLM J. OMAR of Saipan, Precinct 4 (*for himself, and Representative Denita K. Yangetmai*) on November 6, 2025; referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means on November 12, 2025 (MEMO).

[Added-11/6/2025] H. B. No. 24-74: To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust towards payment of household allotments of Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits for November 2025. Introduced by REP. BLAS JONATHAN “BJ” T. ATTAO of Saipan, Precinct 3 (*for himself, Representatives Roy C.A. Ada, Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., 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, John Paul P. Sablan, Edmund S. Villagomez, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*) on November 6, 2025; subsequently moved and place on the Bill Calendar.

[Added-11/6/2025] H. RES. NO. 24-16: To recognize and commend Project Buddy Check 670 for its unwavering dedication to empowering veterans and their families in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and for its longstanding contributions to community service, unity, and the well-being of our veterans. 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, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Julie M. A. Ogo, 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 November 6, 2025; subsequently moved and place on the Resolution Calendar.

[Added-11/6/2025] H. RES. NO. 24-17: To honor and commend the Honorable Diego Tenorio Benavente for his lifetime of public service and enduring contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and to extend the Legislature’s collective prayers and gratitude to him and his family. Introduced by REP. ROY C. A. ADA of Saipan, Precinct 1 (*for himself, Representatives Vincent R. Aldan, Daniel I. Aquino Jr., Blas Jonathan “BJ” T. Attao, Roman C. Benavente, Angelo A. Camacho, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DIC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Edmund S. Villagomez,*

Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul) on November 6, 2025; subsequently moved and place on the Resolution Calendar.

[Added-11/6/2025] C. RES. NO. 2-5: To celebrate and commemorate the Northern Marianas Islands Football Association's (NMIFA) 20th Anniversary and the remarkable impact NMIFA has made in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands. Introduced by REP. EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ of Saipan, Precinct 3, (*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, Diego V. F. Camacho, Joel C. Camacho, Joseph A. Flores, Marissa R. Flores, Thomas J. DiC. Manglona, Julie M. A. Ogo, Malcolm J. Omar, Raymond U. Palacios, John Paul P. Sablan, Patrick H. San Nicolas, Denita Kaipat Yangetmai, and Ralph N. Yumul*) on November 6, 2025; subsequently moved and place on the Resolution Calendar.