



## *The Senate*

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April 02, 2026

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, First Special Session - 2026  
**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, April 07, 2026 @ 10:30 a.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building,  
Capitol Hil, Saipan

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**Karl R. King-Nabors**  
*Senate President*

Twenty-Fourth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: March 31, 2026

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate

  
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Senator Karl R. King-Nabors

Subject: First Special Session - 2026

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Day, First Special Senate Session is scheduled for ***Tuesday, April 07, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.***, in the Senate Chamber – Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance are greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
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Senate Sergeant-at-Arms  
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APRIL 02, 2026

**THE SENATE**  
**TWENTY-FOURTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**FIRST SPECIAL SENATE SESSION - 2026**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Tuesday, April 07, 2026	10:30 a.m.
Senate Chamber - Vice Speaker Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill - Saipan		

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

**A. ROLL CALL:**

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:**

- 1. **SJ No. 24-22** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Day, Third Regular Session – 2/13/26
- 2. **SJ No. 24-23** - 4<sup>th</sup> Day, Third Regular Session – 2/26/26

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

- 1. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-234:** Mar. 04, 2026 – FY 2026 Budget Act Override.
- 2. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-235:** Mar. 11, 2026 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 24-23 – To amend 9 CMC §2116 to update the definitions of “veteran” and “disabled veteran” and to allow a valid Veteran ID Card to be used as proof of veteran status when applying for a veteran’s license plate, becomes ***PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-23***.
- 3. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-236:** Mar. 11, 2026 – *Vetoed* 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.
- 4. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-237:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-49, S1 – To appropriate One Hundred Three Thousand Six Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$103,625.00) for Medical Subsistence, Municipal Scholarship, and operations of the Mayor of Rota, becomes ***ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-07***.

5. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-238:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-51 – To appropriate Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) for Rota Aging Program and the Rota DCCA Flame Tree Arts, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-08.**
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-239:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Signed into local law 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, becomes **ROTA LOCAL LAW NO. 24-09.**
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-240:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-11 – 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, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-24.**
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-241:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-35 – To amend certain provisions of the CNMI Good Samaritan Act [7 CMC §2801 et seq.]; and for other purposes, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-25.**
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-242:** Mar. 18, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-26 – To amend the crime of child abuse, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-26.**
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-243:** Mar. 18, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-13, HD1 – To amend the fee structure for the Office of Registrar of Corporation under the Department of Commerce and to remove daily penalty fees, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-27.**
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-244:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Signed into law H.B. No. 24-24, HD1, SD2 – To amend 4 CMC § 1208 and 4 CMC § 1313 to establish a Legal Services and Access to Justice Tax Credit, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-28.**
12. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-245:** Mar. 20, 2026 – **S.B. No. 24-04** – To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-29.**
13. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-246:** Mar. 20, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-46, S1 – To appropriate the fund balance of \$50,000.00 under SLL 24-12 (Project Code SL 145; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-23.**
14. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-247:** Mar. 20, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-48, S1, D1 – To appropriate funds under Section 2(t)(d) of SLL 23-04 (Project Code SL 005) and SLL 22-16 (Project Code 2001E); and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-24.**

15. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-248:** Mar. 20, 2026 – Signed into local law H.L.B. No. 24-50, S1, – To appropriate local funds from revenues collected pursuant to SLL 11-2; and for other purposes, becomes **SAIPAN LOCAL LAW NO. 24-25**.
16. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-249:** Mar. 26, 2026 - Nomination of *Mr. Janry Atalig Santos* to serve as a member of the Marianas Visitors Authority (MVA) Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.
17. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-250:** Mar. 27, 2026 – Signed into law, H.B. No. 24-63 – 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, becomes **PUBLIC LAW NO. 24-30**.
18. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-251:** Mar. 27, 2026 – Resume, police clearance, statement of financial interest, and drug test result of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio re-nominated to serve on the Northern Marianas Technical Institute Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.
19. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-252:** Mar. 31, 2026 – Re-nomination of *Ms. Donna Moore Flores* to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.
20. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-253:** Mar. 31, 2026 – Re-nomination of *Ms. Diana B. Hocog* to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors representing the First Senatorial District.
21. **Gov. Msg. No. 24-254:** Mar. 31, 2026 – Re-nomination of *Ms. Monique Boyer Sablan* to serve as a member of the CNMI Scholarship Board of Directors representing the Third Senatorial District.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY:**

1. **Jud. Comm. No. 24-08:** Mar. 26, 2026 – FY 2027 Budget Request

**F. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPT.:**

1. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-22:** Feb. 24, 2026 – Dept. of Finance regarding FY 2026 – January Monthly Financial Report.
2. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-23:** Rec'd Mar. 19, 2026 – Dept. of Commerce FY 2027 Budget Report.
3. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-24:** Mar. 17, 2026 – Dept. of Public Lands FY 2027 Budget proposal.

4. **Dept. Msg. No. 24-25:** Mar. 27, 2026 – Dept. of Finance regarding FY 2026 – February Monthly Financial Report.

**G. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-129:** Feb. 27, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **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.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-130:** Feb. 27, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-101** – To name the structure for the CNMI Women’s Association Center as the “Felicidad Taman Ogomoro Women’s Development Center”; and for other purposes.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-131:** Mar. 18, 2026 – Overrode the Governor’s veto of S.B. No. 24-04 – To advance indigenous Chamorro and Carolinian language education in the CNMI. **[FOR INFO.]**
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-132:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Informing the Senate on the confirmation of Mr. Oscar Patrick Quitugua to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission on March 18, 2026.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-133:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Informing the Senate on the confirmation of Mr. James Steven Sirok to serve as a member of the Public Utilities Commission on March 18, 2026.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-134:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 24-19 – To amend 9 CMC §2208(d) to authorize motor vehicle licensure to all residents of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **[FOR INFO. GOING TO GOVERNOR]**
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-135:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Adopted CCR No. 24-02 amending **H.B. No. 24-74, SS2, CCS1** – To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust. **[FOR INFO.]**
8. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-136:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-72, HS1** – To impose a remittance transfer fee within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands equivalent to the federal excise tax under U.S.C. §4475, to ensure equitable revenue capture from outbound remittances, to strengthen compliance with federal fiscal policy, and for other purposes.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-137:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-85** – To amend 3 CMC §1205, relating to the Chamorro and Carolinian Language Policy

Commission's authority to assess fees for translation services; to establish a revolving fund; and for other purposes.

10. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-138:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-87** – To require an independent valuation of the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), restore constitutional and audit oversight, modernize procurement and review procedures, protect ratepayers, and clarify the economic framework for any privatization transaction; and for other purposes.
11. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-139:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-88** – To mandate that the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation undergo a comprehensive, independent, third-party utility expert audit; to require a formal Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission audit-review docket and transparent public review process; to require an enforceable corrective action plan, a ratepayer impact matrix, and a public audit implementation dashboard; to impose strict timelines and narrowly limited extensions; to require mandatory decennial audits; to establish compliance reporting and civil penalties for missed deadlines payable to the CNMI Treasury; and for other purposes.
12. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-140:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-89, HS1** – To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the Second Senatorial District.
13. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-141:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-91, HS1** – To appropriate \$300,000.00 of the dividends collected by the Commonwealth Economic Development Authority (CEDA) from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) to fund projects in the First Senatorial District.
14. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-142:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-92** – To appropriate \$63,000.00 from Schedule A of PL 24-20 that was vetoed for the Soil and Water Conservation Districts; and for other purposes.
15. **Hse. Comm. No. 24-143:** Mar. 19, 2026 – Transmitting for Senate action **H.B. No. 24-102** – To amend the Fire Safety Code to apply the International Fire Code as the guiding standard in the Commonwealth.

**H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-204:** Feb. 27, 2026 – Conference Committee meeting notice regarding H.B. No. 24-74, SS2 – To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the MPLT on Tuesday, March 03, 2026 at 1:30 p.m.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-205:** Mar. 03, 2026 – Senator Paul Manglona regarding potential shutdown of Isla Community Health Center.

3. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-206:** Mar. 04, 2026 – Senator Paul Manglona off-island notice and designation of Acting Chair of Health, Welfare Programs Committee.
  4. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-207:** Mar. 05, 2026 – Joint Presiding Officers re: FY 2026 Budget Act Override. [*See Gov. Msg. No. 234*]
  5. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-208:** Mar. 05, 2026 – Floor Leader Manglona, Donald’s referrals to JGL, FA Committees– HBs 24-101, 96.
  6. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-209:** Mar. 10, 2026 – Senator Cruz off-island and delegation of authority notice 03/15/26 to 03/24/26.
  7. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-210:** Mar. 12, 2026 – Four (4) Administrative Leave on March 17, 2026 funeral services on the untimely passing of Juan Mundo Santos “Sarge”, who served as a dedicates Sargent at Arms.
  8. **Sen. Comm. No. 24-211:** Mar. 27, 2026 – Referral to EAGI Committee resume, criminal record, statement of financial interest, and drug test result of Ms. Dina A. Tenorio to serve as a member of the NMTI Board of Trustees representing the Third Senatorial District.
- I. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CNMI DELEGATE: (NONE)**
- J. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- K. **PRE-FILED BILLS, INITIATIVES, LOCAL BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS:**
1. **Senate Resolution No. 24-14:** To recognize and honor the life, service, and legacy of the Honorable Benigno Magofna Sablan for his invaluable contributions and steadfast advocacy for marine conservation and public service to the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [*SEN. CORINA L. MAGOFNA – 03/10/26*]
  2. **Senate Resolution No. 24-15:** Recognizing and honoring the Life, Service, and Legacy of the Honorable Ana Atalig Sablan Teregeyo for her distinguished service and significant contributions to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and expressing the profound sympathy and condolences of the Senate on the Occasion of Her Passing. [*SEN. CORINA L. MAGOFNA – 03/10/26*]
  3. **Senate Commemorative Resolution No. 24-07:** To honor the life and legacy of the late Juan Mundo Santos and his unyielding contribution to public service in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. [*SEN. DONALD M. MANGLONA AND COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - 03/16/26*]
  4. **Senate Bill No. 24-60:** To amend 4 CMC § 5611 to modernize and clarify the general business licensing framework to promote economic efficiency, business growth, and administrative consistency. [*SEN. MANNY GREGORY T. CASTRO 03/17/26*]

5. **Senate Legislative Initiative No. 24-06:** To amend Article II, Section 11, of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands to permit Commonwealth Government Employees to serve in the Legislature. *[SEN. MANNY GREGORY T. CASTRO 03/17/26]*

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

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-72:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications reporting on *H.J.R. No. 24-11* - Directing the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and all relevant Commonwealth government agencies and public corporations to expedite planning, permitting, and deployment of viable renewable energy, storage, and resilience projects — and to coordinate energy-security and infrastructure-resilience strategies — in light of the accelerated phase-out of federal clean-energy incentives under the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. *[Recommends adoption in its original form]*
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-73:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of *Mr. Raymond M. Muna* to serve as a member of the *Civil Service Commission* representing the Third Senatorial District.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 24-74:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on the Executive re-appointment of *Mr. Oscar Patrick Quitugua* to serve as a member of the *Public Utilities Commission* representing the First Senatorial District.

**N. REPORTS OF SPECIAL/CONFERENCE COMMITTEE:**

1. **Conference Committee No. 24-02:** Conference Committee reporting on H.B. No. 24-74, SS2 – To appropriate funds derived from trust interest income from the Marianas Public Land Trust. *[Recommends passage in the form of H.B. No. 24-74, SS2, CCS1]*

**O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:**

1. H.J.R. No. 24-11 (See SCR No. 24-72)
2. S.R. No. 24-14

3. S.R. No. 24-15
4. Senate Comm. Resolution No. 24-07

**P. BILL CALENDAR:**

**FINAL READING**

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
H.B. No. 24-15, SS1 (See SCRep. No. 24-67)	To establish public sector employee and public sector employer relations through organized labor within the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
H.B. No. 24-30, SD1 (See SCRep. No. 24-68)	To appropriate funds from Accounts 1501B and 1501S to support the operational and personnel needs of the CNMI Cannabis Commission and to direct the Secretary of Finance to establish and maintain a separate sub-account within the Cannabis Tax Account for the purpose of segregating and reserving PSS's designated share, and for other purposes.
H.B. No. 24-49 (See SCRep. No. 24-71)	To establish the CNMI Next/Gen 911 Telephone Communications System within the CNMI; and for other purposes.

**Q. PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS;**

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-83:** Feb, 27, 2026 – Northern Marianas College regarding Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE).
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-84:** Mar. 03, 2026 – Tinian & Aguiguan Legislative Delegation certified copy of TALD Resolution No. 24-04 – Esteven Manalo King.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-85:** Mar. 13, 2026 – Commonwealth Election Commission urgent request for funding assistance for 2026 General Election.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-86:** Mar. 17, 2026 – Mayor of the Northern Islands' FY 2027 budget proposal.

5. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-87:** Mar. 27, 2026 – Legislative Bureau Memo – Reduction in Work Hours
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-88:** Mar. 26, 2026 – Legislative Bureau Memo – Rescission of Notice: Maintenance of 72-Hour Work Schedule.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-89:** Mar. 26, 2026 – PD Hartig in regards to Judge Camacho’s confirmation.
8. **Misc. Comm. No. 24-90:** Mar. 30, 2026 – CHCC 2026 Health Network Program analysis.

R. ANNOUNCEMENTS; and

S. ADJOURNMENT.

APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS

LEG. NO.	<u>TITLE</u>
	<i>NONE</i>

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