



**Office of the Senate President**  
**Nineteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature**

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**SENATOR FRANCISCO M. BORJA**  
**Senate President**

**MEMORANDUM**

Date: July 22, 2016

To: All Members of the Senate

From: President of the Senate /s/ Francisco M. Borja

Subject: 1<sup>st</sup> Day, 9<sup>th</sup> Special Senate Session - 2016

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By the powers vested in me pursuant to the Constitution and the Official Rules of the Senate, this is to inform all members that the 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Ninth Special Session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m., in the Senate Chamber, Saipan.

Your understanding and attendance is greatly appreciated.

cc: Speaker of the House  
Director, LB  
Senate Legal Counsels  
Senate Clerk  
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July 22, 2016

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

**MEETING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Day, Ninth Special Session - 2016  
**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, July 26, 2016 @ 1:30 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Senate Chamber, Saipan

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House of Representatives, Entrance Hall  
Senate, Entrance Hall  
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Pursuant to 1 CMC §9904, written comments on agenda items may be submitted to the Office of the Senate President, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capital Hill, Saipan, prior to the convening of the public hearing. Oral testimony may be presented during the public session. If you wish to present oral testimony please inform the Senate Clerk not later than 24 hours prior to the session.



July 22, 2016

***THE SENATE***  
**NINETEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE**  
**NINTH SPECIAL SESSION - 2016**

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
1 <sup>st</sup> Day	Tuesday, July 26, 2016 SENATE CHAMBER, SAIPAN	1:30 p.m.

***ORDER OF BUSINESS***

**A MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER**

- A. ROLL CALL
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT: None
- C. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL: (None)

**D. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR:**

1. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-258:** July 01, 2016 – Submitting an amendment of the proposed budget for the CNMI and Related Agencies for FY 2017.
2. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-259:** June 28, 2016 – Nomination of Ms. Aurelia G. Long to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees to represent Tinian.
3. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-260:** July 01, 2016 - Certification for annual salary in excess of \$50,000 for Mr. Michael J. Cyganek, AAG to receive \$52,000 per annum.
4. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-261:** July 14, 2016 – Signed into law S.B. No. 19-45, SD1, HD2 – To establish an Advisory Commission on the compensation of the Governor, Lieutenant Governor,

- the Mayors, Legislators, Justices, and Judges; and for other purposes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-51**.
5. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-262:** July 14, 2016 – Signed into law S.B. No. 19-11 – To establish a Solid Waste Transfer Station in the southern part of Saipan and Kagman; and for other purposes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-52**.
6. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-263:** July 15, 2016 – Signed into law H.B. No. 19-26, SD1 – To amend certain sections of PL 6-37, The Commonwealth Litter Control Act of 1989, codified as amended at 2 CMC §§ 3411-3416; and for other purposes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-53**.
7. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-264:** July 16, 2016 – Appointment of Mr. Michael Evangelista to serve as a member of the NMC Board of Regents.
8. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-265:** July 16, 2016 – Appointment of Mr. Julian Calvo to serve as a member of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation Board of Trustees.
9. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-266:** July 15, 2016 – Executive Order No. 2016-012 Declaration of A State of Significant Emergency, CUC.
10. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-267:** July 19, 2016 – Resume, statement of financial interest, police clearance, and drug test receipt of Mr. Vianney Hocog, to serve as a member of MPLT representing Rota.
11. **Gov. Msg. No. 19-268:** July 20, 2016 – Signed into law S.B. No. 19-70, HD1 – To amend 6 CMC § 2301(a) to penalize the importation of banned pesticides; and for other purposes, became **PUBLIC LAW NO. 19-54**.
- E. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIARY: (NONE)**
- F. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT : (NONE)**
- G. **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE HOUSE:**

1. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-215:** July 07, 2016 – Returning without amendments S.J.R. No. 19-08 – Pacific Circle Consortium.
2. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-216:** July 15, 2016 – Transmitting for Senate action H.C.R. No. 19-3, HD1 – To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2017, beginning October 1, 2016, and ending on September 30, 2017.
3. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-217:** July 15, 2016 – Returning without amendments S.B. No. 19-01 - To limit the wharfage fees charged by the Commonwealth Ports Authority to cargo offloaded at a port or harbor in the Commonwealth and to waive wharfage fees on cargo shipped to and from the islands within the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
4. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-218:** July 15, 2016 - Returning with amendments S.B. No. 19-81, SS1, HD1 - To amend 3 CMC § 10101(e), to authorize the Scholarship Office to use the voter registration information of parents, and amend 3 CMC § 10105(g), to authorize higher education financial assistance for eligible recipients enrolled at a trade institute or accredited institution of higher education and eligible high school students with dual or early enrollment at a postsecondary institution; and for other purposes.
5. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-219:** July 15, 2016 – Accepted the Senate amendments to H.B. No. 19-2, HD1, SD1 - To create the Second Marianas Political Status Commission; to examine whether the people desire continuing in a "Political Union with the United States of America" pursuant to the Covenant; to determine if that continuation is in their best interest, or whether some other political status would better enable them to fulfill their aspirations of full and meaningful self-government; and for other purposes.
6. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-220:** July 15, 2016 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 19-126, HD2, HS1 – To amend 1 CMC § 3405 regarding the Judicial Building Fund; and to authorize the Commonwealth Government to enter into a loan agreement with the USDA.
7. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-221:** July 15, 2016 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 19-127, HS1 - To establish the Northern Marianas Cultural Center, a governmental Corporation, which shall be under the management and control of the Board of Directors, who is, and shall be responsible for

the planning, development, establishment, and operation of the Northern Marianas Cultural Center pursuant to this Act.

8. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-222:** July 15, 2016 – Transmitting for Senate action H.B. No. 19-144 - To amend 4 CMC §51402 and §51403, and to add a new §51409 to establish mandatory inspection and certification of all scrap metal property prior to any purchase transaction at a recycling business.
9. **Hse. Comm. No. 19-223:** July 15, 2016 – Transmitting for Senate action H.J.R. No. 19-10 – To establish a Long Term, Comprehensive Vision and Educational Plan for the Commonwealth that will be initiated through the Organization of an Education Symposium.

#### **H. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE SENATE:**

1. **Sen. Comm. No. 19-121:** July 01, 2016 – Senator Jude Hofschneider off-island notice.
2. **Sen. Comm. No. 19-122:** July 11, 2016 – Senator Teresita Santos off-island notice.
3. **Sen. Comm. No. 19-123:** July 14, 2016 – Senator Jude Hofschneider notice of personal leave.
4. **Sen. Comm. No. 19-124:** July 15, 2016 - REDP Committee Chair re: additional member (Sen. Justo S. Quitugua).

#### **I. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE WASHINGTON DELEGATE: (NONE)**

#### **J. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: (NONE)**

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

1. **Senate Bill No. 19-104:** To require all employers to pay CNMI prevailing wages to all employees; to mandate government contractors to pay prevailing wages for public works projects; and for other purposes. **(SEN. PAUL A. MANGLONA – 07/11/16)**

2. **Senate Bill No. 19-105:** To amend 2 CMC § 4303(a) to authorize the Department of Public Lands to grant homestead lots to CNMI residents who are on active duty in the United States Armed Forces and own land in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (SEN. JUDE U. HOFSCHNIEDER – 07/12/16)

3. **Senate Bill No. 19-106:** To Regulate Marijuana in the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes. (SEN. SIXTO K. IGISOMAR – 07/19/16)

4. **Senate Bill No. 19-107:** To establish designated Fire Lanes in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes. (SEN. ARNOLD I. PALACIOS – 07/19/16)

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

**M. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

1. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-97:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 19-27, HS1,SD1- To assess a fee on plastic checkout bags distributed in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
2. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-101:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on S.B. No. 19-72 - To amend 1 CMC § 5107(a) to make Public Law 7-31, the Commonwealth Compensation Adjustment and Salary Act of 1991, as amended, apply to the employees of the Mayor of Saipan and the Mayor of the Northern Islands; and for other purposes.
3. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-102:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 19-7 - To amend 4 CMC § 1939(a) of the Developer Infrastructure Tax Act; and for other purposes.
4. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-103:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 19-44, HD1, SD1 - To require all scuba dive shop operators to impose a \$10.00 surcharge per tank to purchase, install, operate, and maintain decompression chambers in the CNMI; and for other purposes.

5. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-104:** From the Committee on Fiscal Affairs reporting on H.B. No. 19-111 - To amend 4 CMC §1511(d) Special Accounts for First and Second Senatorial District; and for other purposes.
6. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-105:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on S.B. No. 19-07 - To repeal and reenact Article 3 of the CUC Act of 2008 relating to Corporate Directors, Officers and Employees; and for other purposes.
7. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-106:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on S.B. No. 19-46 - To establish an Enhanced Emergency 911/NextGen 911 Telephone Communications Systems within the CNMI; and for other purposes.
8. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-107:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on S.B. No. 19-91, SD1 - To amend 3 CMC §4532 to exempt the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, the Public School System, and NMC CREES from the restrictions on government employment; and for other purposes.
9. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-108:** From the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations reporting on Mr. Vianney B. Hocog nominated to serve as a member of the Marianas Public Land Trust (MPLT) to represent Rota.
10. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-109:** From the Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation, and Communication reporting on S.B. No. 19-79, SD1 - To amend 2 CMC § 2122 to authorize the CPA to develop and expand the air service to the Commonwealth; and for other purposes.
11. **Standing Committee Report No. 19-110:** From the Committee on Resources, Economic Development and Programs reporting on H.B. No. 19-54, HD1 - To authorize the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality: Division of Environmental Quality to set well water usage rates for commercial and other non-governmental groundwater well within the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands; and for other purposes.

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



## O. RESOLUTION CALENDAR:

1. **House Concurrent Resolution No. 19-3, HD1** - To approve revenues and resources of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as identified pursuant to Article III, Section 9(a) of the Constitution, as amended, and 1 CMC, Division 7, for Fiscal Year 2017, beginning October 1, 2016, and ending on September 30, 2017. **[See HC 19-216]**

## P. BILL CALENDAR:

FIRST READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE

FINAL READING

LEG. NO.	TITLE
H.B. No. 19-27, HS1, SD1 (See SCRep. 19-97)	To assess a fee on plastic checkout bags distributed in the Commonwealth; and for other purposes
H.B. No. 19-52, HD1 (See HC 19-149)	To amend 4 CMC §2308 to amend and add subsections (f), (g), and (h) to include NMC, NMTI, and any shortfall that befalls the 25 percent pension payments to CNMI retirees as recipients of the funds generated from the Gross Revenue Tax; and for other purposes
S.B. No. 19-72 [ To be FILED] (See SCRep. 19-101)	To amend 1 CMC § 5107(a) to make Public Law 7-31, the Commonwealth Compensation Adjustment and Salary Act of 1991, as amended, apply to the employees of the Mayor of Saipan and the Mayor of the Northern Islands; and for other purposes

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

1. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-161:** June 21, 2016 – Commonwealth Casino Commission submitting requested BGR for FY 2017.
2. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-162:** June 16, 2016 – Northern Marianas Humanities Council 2015 Annual Report.
3. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-163:** June 28, 2016 – CPA on the Feasibility Study for Airport Improvements proposed at Tinian International Airport.
4. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-164:** June 30, 2016 – CUC on the communications between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency regarding CUC's management structure.
5. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-165:** July 06, 2016 – Mayor of Saipan FY 2016 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter and Year-to-Date reports.
6. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-166:** June 10, 2016 – APIL 35<sup>th</sup> General Assembly adopted resolutions.
7. **Misc. Comm. No. 19-167:** July 11, 2016 – Attorney General Manibusan regarding submitted Second Special Act for Firearms Enforcement (SAFE II) legislation.

**R. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**S. ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT.**

**NINETEENTH SENATE**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS  
NINTH SPECIAL SESSION  
JULY 26, 2016**

**APPEARANCE OF SENATE LOCAL BILLS**

<b>LEG. NO.</b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>
	<b>None</b>

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