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Pursuant to the Open Government Act (1 CMC §9901 et seq.), the House Speaker announces that the House of Representatives of the Sixteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature will convene the following open and public meeting:

Meeting: 9th Day, Fourth Regular Session
Date and Time: Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at 9:00 a.m.
Location: House Chamber, Hon. Jesus P. Mafnas Memorial Building, Capitol Hill

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ARNOLD I. PALACIOS
Speaker


Memorandum

DATE: DECEMBER 28, 2009
TO: HOUSE MEMBERS
FROM: SPEAKER ARNOLD I. PALACIOS 
RE: 9TH DAY, 4TH REGULAR SESSION

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under the CNMI Constitution and the House Rules of Procedure, I hereby call for the 9th Day, 4th Regular Session on Tuesday, January 5th, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the House Chamber.

Thank you.

Cc: Senate President
House Clerk
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
SIXTEENTH NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE
FOURTH REGULAR SESSION, 2009

SESSION DAY	CALENDAR DAY	TIME
9 th Day, Fourth Regular Session	Tuesday, January 5, 2010	9:00 a.m.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

FINAL 12/30/2009

A Moment of Silence

- 1. ROLL CALL**
- 2. ADOPTION OF JOURNALS**

7th Day, Fourth Regular Session (12/3/09)
8th Day, Fourth Regular Session (12/4/09)

- 3. INTRODUCTION OF BILLS - None**
- 4. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

HSE. COMM. RES. NO. 16-97: A House Commemorative Resolution conveying the sincere condolences and sympathy of the House of Representatives of the Sixteenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature to the bereaved family of the late Honorable Vicente Masga Sablan "Pacho", on the occasion of his untimely passing and paying tribute to his services to the people of the Commonwealth. (Rep. Raymond D. Palacios + 19)

- 5. MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Gov. COMM. 16-481: (12/1/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Department of Commerce.

Gov. COMM. 16-482: (12/1/09) Certification of vacant position at the Department of Commerce.

Gov. COMM. 16-483: (12/3/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Martin Rohringer (Physician-ER).

Gov. COMM. 16-484: (12/3/09) Certification for salary in excess of \$50,000 for Dr. Leticia Borja (Physician-Pediatrician).

quicker response times for emergencies located on the eastern coastline of Saipan; and for other purposes". [Deadline 2/12/2010]

GOV. COMM. 16-487: (12/1/09) Designating Mr. Joseph M. Inos as Acting Director of DPW from December 22, 2009 to January 7, 2010.

GOV. COMM. 16-488: (12/2/09) Designating Ms. Gloria Cabrera as Acting Commissioner of DOC from December 9-24, 2009.

GOV. COMM. 16-489: (12/16/09) Certification of vacant position at the Office of the Governor.

GOV. COMM. 16-490: (12/16/09) Certification of vacant position at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

GOV. COMM. 16-491: (12/16/09) Certification of vacant positions at the Superior Court.

GOV. COMM. 16-492: (12/23/09) Executive Order 2009-13 – Declaration of a State of Emergency Disaster for CUC's Imminent Generation and Other Failure and the Need to Provide Immediate Reliable Power, Water and Wastewater Services, Continuation #17.

GOV. COMM. 16-493: (12/16/09) Memorandum to all department and activity heads to cease processing of all personnel actions.

6. SENATE COMMUNICATIONS

SEN. COMM. 16-199: (12/4/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-191, HD1 (Commonwealth Emergency Relief Act ("CERA"), which was passed by the Senate without amendment on December 3, 2009. [For info - Will go to the Governor]

SEN. COMM. 16-200: (12/4/09) Transmitting a certified copy of S. R. No. 16-48, entitled, "A Senate Resolution to support the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) proposed Social Service Block Grant (SSBG) State Plan for Fiscal Years 2010 to 2011," which was adopted by the Senate on December 3, 2009. [For info]

SEN. COMM. 16-201: (12/18/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-242, HD1 (To amend the Victims' Rights Act), which was passed by the Senate without amendment on December 17, 2009. [For info - Will go to the Governor]

SEN. COMM. 16-202: (12/18/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-254, HD1 (To amend 1 CMC Section 8314(a) to include membership from a chartered or incorporated organization representing CNMI retirees), which was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on December 17, 2009, in the form of **H. B. No. 16-254, HD1, SS1.** (*For action on Senate amendments*)

SEN. COMM. 16-203: (12/18/09) Returning H. B. No. 16-269 (Revised Child Abuse Act) which was passed by the Senate on December 17, 2009. [For info – Will go to the Governor]

7. HOUSE COMMUNICATIONS

HSE. COMM. 16-129: (12/3/09) From Representative Yumul to Chairman Philip Mendiola-Long of the Board of Trustees, Marianas Public Land Trust in regards to the liquidation of \$4.1 million of its assets and transfer to the General Fund.

HSE. COMM. 16-130: (12/15/09) From Representative Yumul, Chairman of the House Conference Committee on H. B. No. 16-275, HD2, SS1, SD1 (FY 2010 Budget) notice of Joint Conference Committee meeting on December 18, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in the Speaker's Conference room.

HSE. COMM. 16-131: (12/10/09) From Floor Leader Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be off-island from December 14-18, 2009.

HSE. COMM. 16-132: (12/21/09) From Floor Leader Camacho informing the Speaker that he will be on leave until December 24, 2009.

8. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE JUDICIAL BRANCH - None

9. COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE NMI DELEGATE (U.S. CONGRESS) - None

10. COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS & AGENCIES

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-102: (12/11/09) From OMB Special Assistant Esther Fleming forwarding a copy of CUC's grant application (ARRA).

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-103: (12/16/09) From NMIRF Administrator Mark A. Aguon regarding Netcare/Moylan's Life Insurance Termination.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-104: (12/9/09) From DPW Secretary Diego B. Songsong designating Mr. Isidoru N. Camacho Acting Director of the heavy equipment division until the return of Mr. Beltran Muna.

DEPT./AGCY. COMM. 16-105: (12/7/09) From DPW Secretary Diego B. Songsong designating g Ms. Lorraine M. Seman Acting Energy Director until the return of Ms. Thelma Inos.

11. OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS

MISC. COMM. 16-85: (11/16/09) From Chairman Diego M. Songao, Rota Casino Gaming Commission to MPLT Vice Chair Alvaro Santos requesting for a loan in the amount of \$1.8M for the Commission.

MISC. COMM. 16-86: (12/4/09) From Youth Congress Speaker Alana May Leon Guerrero thanking the Speaker for his participation at the YC inaugural ceremony and requesting that the YC Members be allowed to sit in upcoming sessions of the House to observe parliamentary procedures.

MISC. COMM. 16-87: (11/24/09) From Ms. Kimberly Elmore, Assistant Inspector General for Audits, Inspections, and Evaluations providing a copy of the OIG's Semiannual Report (April 1, 2009 – September 30, 2009). [*Please see communication on the legislature's network; 77 pp.*]

12. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES - None

13. REPORTS OF SPECIAL AND CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

SP. CMTE. RPT. NO. 16-2: From your Committee on Health, Education, and Welfare reporting on the oversight hearings on the Commonwealth Health Center.

14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

15. RESOLUTION CALENDAR - None

16. BILL CALENDAR

1	H. B. NO. 16-201	To establish a government service severance package for employees funded by the General Fund with at least eighteen years of government service; and for other purposes.	
2	H. L. I. NO. 16-8	To amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands by adding a new Section 7 to allow each senatorial district to amend or repeal the restrictions on alienation of land with respect to its senatorial district [<i>See S. C. R. No. 16-60, Subst. 1</i>]	

3	H. B. NO. 16-15	To amend Title 1 CMC § 8365 to establish that the Northern Marianas Retirement Fund receive its tax revenue from the hotel occupancy tax and alcoholic container tax directly into a special fund within the Department of Finance. [See S. C. R. No. 16-83]	
4	H. B. NO. 16-210, HD1	To restructure the Qualifying Certificate Program by repealing and re-enacting the Investment Incentive Act; and for other purposes. [See S. C. R. No. 16-94]	
5	H. B. NO. 16-160	To repeal and reenact 1 CMC § 8392; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-106]	
6	H. B. NO. 16-38	To repeal Section 3 of Public Law 13-1, to repeal and reenact Chapters 1-3, to repeal and reenact Chapters 1-3 of Part 1 of Division 8 of Title 1 of the Commonwealth Code; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-107]	
7	H. L. I. NO. 16-23	To amend Article III, Section 11 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to authorize the election of an Attorney General; and for other purposes. [S. C. R. No. 16-112]	
8	H. B. NO. 16-272	To require the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation to compensate consumers for damages to appliances and other electrical devices caused by power surges, voltage fluctuations, or frequency fluctuations in the power supplied by the Corporation; and for other purposes. [Withdrawn from PUTC Cmte. 11/16/09]	
9	H. B. NO. 16-173, HD1	To enact a new Chapter 8 of Division 2 of Title 3 of the Commonwealth Code [S. C. R. No. 16-118]	

17. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(ADJOURNMENT)

APPEARANCE OF LOCAL BILLS

FIRST APPEARANCE: 1st Legislative appearance of a local bill is on the day it is introduced.

SECOND APPEARANCE: NONE

THIRD APPEARANCE:

H. L. B. NO. 16-47: To appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 from Tinian Local Laws 16-4 ad 16-6; and for other purposes. (Rep. Edwin P. Aldan)

H. L. B. NO. 16-48: To reappropriate \$50,000.00 from section 2(c) of Saipan Local Law 14-31; and for other purposes. (Rep. Rosemond B. Santos)