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The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan
155 Hessler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 55(COR) "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY" which was signed into law on April 17, 2009 as Public Law 30-09.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

[Handwritten signature of Michael W. Cruz]

MICHAEL W. CRUZ, M.D.
I Maga'låhen Guåhan para pa'go
Acting Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy of Bill

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Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
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I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

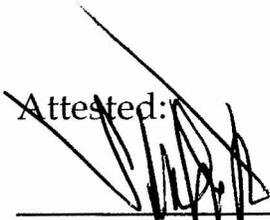
CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO I MAGA'LAHEN GUÅHAN

This is to certify that Bill No. 55 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY," was on the 3rd day of April, 2009, duly and regularly passed.



Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Speaker

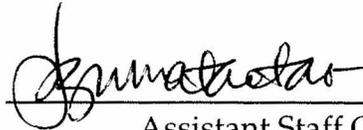
Attested:



Tina Rose Muña Barnes
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

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This Act was received by I Maga'lahaen Guåhan this 6 day of April, 2009, at 4:45 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'laha's Office

APPROVED:



MIKE W. CRUZ, MD
GOVERNOR OF GUAM ACTING

Date:

4/17/09

Public Law No. 30-09

I MINA'TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 55 (COR)

As amended.

Introduced by:

E. J.B. Calvo
Ray Tenorio
F. F. Blas, Jr.
T. C. Ada
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
T. R. Muña Barnes
B. J.F. Cruz
J. V. Espaldon
Judith Paulette Guthertz, DPA
Adolpho B. Palacios, Sr.
v. c. pangelinan
M. J. Rector
R. J. Respicio
Telo Taitague
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE OPERATIONS
AND MAINTENANCE OF THE VETERANS MEMORIAL
CEMETERY.**

1 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2 **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* finds
3 that based on the testimony provided by the Director of the Bureau of Budget and
4 Management Research during the Legislative Session on Bill No. 207(LS), the FY
5 2009 projected revenues for the Guam Highway Fund were understated as a result
6 of the misclassification of revenues for the Highway Fund. The Director further
7 testified that the projection for FY 2009 for this fund was now at Eighteen Million
8 Nine Hundred Fifty-seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$18,957,811),
9 an increase of Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-one Thousand Twenty-four

1 Dollars (\$2,571,024) over *I Maga'lahi's* original request of Sixteen Million Three
2 Hundred Eighty-six Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-seven Dollars
3 (\$16,386,787). *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* further finds that as a result of the
4 testimony provided, a floor amendment was made to increase the FY 2009 revenue
5 estimate for the Guam Highway Fund to Eighteen Million Nine Hundred Fifty-
6 seven Thousand Eight Hundred Eleven Dollars (\$18,957,811), however, *no*
7 corresponding appropriation had been made, *or* requested by the Administration,
8 leaving an unappropriated revenue balance of Two Million Five Hundred Seventy-
9 one Thousand Twenty-four Dollars (\$2,571,024).

10 Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to provide additional funding to
11 the Office of Veterans Affairs from this fund for the purposes stated herein.

12 **Section 2. Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.**

13 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand
14 Dollars (**\$200,000**) is appropriated from the FY 2009 Guam Highway Fund
15 revenues to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the operations and maintenance of
16 the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer
17 authority of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.

I MINA' TRENTA NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: April 3, 2009

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 55(COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

<u>NAME</u>	<u>YEAS</u>	<u>NAYS</u>	<u>NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED</u>	<u>OUT DURING ROLL CALL</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
ADA, Thomas C.	✓				
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BLAS, Frank F., Jr.	✓				
CALVO, Edward J.B.	✓				
CRUZ, Benjamin J. F.	✓				
ESPALDON, James V.	✓				
GUTHERTZ, Judith Paulette	✓				
MUNA-BARNES, Tina Rose	✓				
PALACIOS, Adolpho Borja, Sr.	✓				
PANGELINAN, vicente (ben) cabrera	✓				
RECTOR, Matthew	✓				
RESPICIO, Rory J.	✓				
TAITAGUE, Telo	✓				
TENORIO, Ray	✓				
WON PAT, Judith T.	✓				

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:


Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan
THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator Vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

Chair

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance,
Retirement and Land

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March 26, 2009

The Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.

Speaker

I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan

155 Hesler Place

Hagåtña, Guam 96910

VIA: The Honorable Rory J. Respicio *[Signature]*
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

RE: Committee Report – Bill No. 55 (COR)

Dear Speaker Won Pat:

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land to which was referred **Bill No. 55 (COR) – "An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Operations and Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery"** hereby reports out with the recommendation **TO DO PASS** .

Committee votes are as follows:

<u>5</u>	TO PASS
_____	TO NOT PASS
_____	TO ABSTAIN
_____	TO REPORT OUT ONLY

[Signature]
vicente c. pangelinan
Chairperson



**I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan
THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE**

Senator Vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

Chair

**Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance,
Retirement and Land**

March 26, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Committee Members

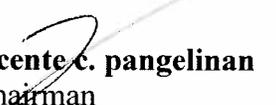
From: Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Taxation,
Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land

Subject: Committee report on Bill No.55 (COR)

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee voting sheet
2. Public Hearing sign-in sheet
3. Notices of Public Hearing
4. Testimonies submitted

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Should there be any questions regarding this matter, please contact my office at 473-4236.


vicente c. pangelinan
Chairman

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Committee Voting Sheet

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement,
and Land

Bill No. 55 (COR): "An Act to appropriate funds for the operations and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery".

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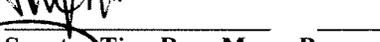
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Speaker Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D
Vice Chairperson



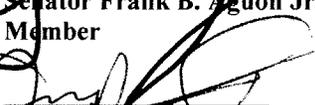
Vice Speaker Benjamin J.F. Cruz
Member



Senator Tina Rose Muna-Barnes
Member



Senator Frank B. Aguon Jr.
Member



Senator Judith P. Guthertz
Member

Senator James V. Espaldon
Member

Senator Telo T. Taitague
Member

Senator Frank Blas, Jr.
Member



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Senator Vicente “ben” c. pangelinan

Chair

Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking Insurance,
Retirement and Land

Committee Report on

Bill No. 55 (COR): “An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Operations and Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery”.

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land held a public hearing Thursday, March 5, 2009, at I Liheslaturan Guahan Public Hearing Room on Bill No. 55 (COR), “**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Operations and Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery**”. Notices for the public hearing were disseminated throughout all local media via facsimile and electronic mail and are attached herein meeting the requirements of the Open Government Law.

Committee Chairman vicente c. pangelinan began the hearing on Bill No. 55, by reiterating the author of the legislation. Chairman Pangelinan offered the opportunity to the author of Bill No. 55 (COR) to speak briefly on the intent of the legislation. Chairman Pangelinan then recognized all those who signed in to provide testimony on the bill.

A. Committee Members and Senators present:

Senator vicente c. pangelinan, Chairman
Senator Telo T. Taitague, Member
Senator Frank Aguon Jr., Member
Senator Eddie Calvo

II. PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE

- A. Mr. Charles Erwin
Mr. Alan G. Van Aken
Mayor Ben Gumataotao
Mr. Art Mesa
Mr. Tom Devlin
Mr. Fred Gofigan
Mr. Bobing Wolford
Mr. Tony Guzman

B. Persons who submitted Written Testimonies are:

Mr. Larry Perez; Department of Public Works, Director
Mr. Fred Gofigan; Guam Veterans Affairs Office, Director

III. SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE PRECEEDINGS

Mr. Art Mesa: Senator Calvo, the Highway Funds monies has not been totally collected?

Chairman Pangelinan: That is projected to be collected.

Mr. Art Mesa: So then it has not been collected?

Chairman Pangelinan: No. They are collected every month.

Senator Calvo: A budget law is an anticipation of the revenue every year. As we continue into the fiscal year, the collected funds are the basis of the projection for each fiscal year.

Mr. Alan Van Aken: Thank you Mr. Chairman. I am Alan Van Aken. I am a retired Marine Chief Warrant Officer. I am here to testify in favor of Bill 55 (COR), the Veteran Cemetery should be a preeminent tourist attraction on Guam. In Washington and in Hawaii this is so. Our veterans deserve it.

The United States Senate gave the responsibility to the Veteran Affairs Office to maintain the cemeteries, but they didn't give them the tools to do so. Mr. Fred Gofigan has requested from the Department of Parks and Recreation, Department of Public Works, and the Department of Corrections to assist in the maintenance of the Guam Veterans Cemetery, it doesn't work that way he has no jurisdiction over those agencies. The two hundred thousand dollars is possibly sufficient for one fiscal year and next year the process will need to be repeated. Mr. Gofigan needs the staff and money to keep the standards and to maintain them.

As veterans we contribute a significant amount the Government of Guam. I am paying taxes from a retired income, which comes from title 30 and I am paying taxes to my employment here on Guam. Today you have seen veterans testifying to the Guam Legislature and to this committee and some of your staff consist of veterans. We make a significant contribution, we aren't asking for a lot, but we believe we deserve the recognition.

We are paying to the community on Guam, let's work together. Thank you.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much Mr. Van Aken.

Mayor Gumataotao: I am also retiree Master Chief of the United States Navy. The Veteran Cemetery deserves more than two hundred thousand dollars every year. I am one of Guam village mayors that assist with the maintenance of the veteran cemetery. I have one staff and equipment of the Piti mayor's office currently aiding the maintenance of the cemetery, which also requires money, but I manage to help in any way possible.

One thing to understand is the deceased people buried at the veteran cemetery had paid the ultimate price, their life, for us to enjoy our living today. Senator Frank Aguon Jr. is a veteran. We have to think of those memories. I am ashamed to say that we have a veteran cemetery in Guam, but when you look at it, it don't look like a cemetery, because of overgrown grass and other substances. The veteran cemetery needs water blasting and painting, which requires money.

They handed us the responsibility but never gave the funding, anytime that you give authority and responsibility needs funding. Please help the already volunteering in maintaining the veteran cemetery, remember to be proud of our veterans. Thank you very much.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you Mayor Gumataotao and Si Yu'os Ma'ase. Mr. Mesa.

Mr. Art Mesa: Thank you Mr. Chairman. My name is Art Mesa a disabled American veteran. I would like to say first is, the 29th Guam Legislature appropriated the same amount under Bill No. 386 which I have a copy with me. We now have Bill No. 55 (COR). If you take a look at both legislation, they were both unanimously passed, which

signifies something about our Legislature. I thank the Guam Legislature for supporting the veteran community on Guam, without a doubt there are funds available.

One of the comments that I recall you Senator Pangelinan stating is, that this is a program and not a project, you are absolutely right. This is going to be a continuous entity needing funding every fiscal year, which automatically should be included in the budget for the Guam Veteran Affairs Office. Instead of being separated it should be totaled. I would like to acknowledge that and thank you for continued support.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much Mr. Mesa. Mr. Devlin.

Mr. Tom Devlin: My name is Tom Devlin. I've been here before and have said the same thing year after year and as well as my colleagues in this room. I believe that something is wrong. I made the comment last night on the radio show. We have all these professionals and elected officials both republican and democrat.

We have the executive branch and its staff who seems when entering the public hearing room, says the figures don't match. Many others and I are disgusted that they are not receiving the accurate information even if it's negative. When you have an individual with a PhD in accounting or Masters Degree in accounting, I feel the legislative body should be accountable to the people asking the questions to all people that attend public hearings. Where did you get your information, where did you get your figures? It is shameful that questions have to be asked in that manner.

The questions have to be taken with unplaced value, that the information you are given is correct. People make mistakes it's understandable. This oddly is a persisting problem. Many times executive staff state that the money is transferred or isn't there. The veterans and residents in particular on Guam are losing confidence in their elected officials of the legislature and the executive branch. In many situations they are officials of Government of Guam agencies that testify in public hearings.

This is not just a veteran issue but also may be a community issue, in conclusion we need to come together and insist to enforce rules and regulations put in place by the Government. When officials testifying at a public hearing, who willfully give inaccurate information, twist figures around or conversed with someone other than an accountant will not satisfy the community any longer. It's time for the legislature to work with the Attorney General to imply an investigation into matters regarding monies information and as to why figures and information are incorrect majority of the time. It's a consistent problem under any political party administration.

The veterans of Guam have the right to information regardless if it's good or bad. Many veterans do not have confidence in their own elected officials. It is sad. I support all that is said by my colleagues. The issue goes beyond the veteran cemetery. The community needs to come together to focus on making right decisions.

We need to have accurate information. Individuals make understandable mistakes. I have been present on many occasions during these hearings. Representatives of the executive branch came to the table of a public hearing and each did not know the actions of another. If these kinds of people were in the military, the military would have had more body bags.

I did make mistakes and Marines lost body parts and also passed on. I personally think I was a good performing Marine Corporal who brought majority of troops in my unit home, but some did not make it back and now lie in graves on Guam and in the United States. I call on all military organizations across the United States to upkeep the maintenance of their veteran cemeteries so that they are honorable. Guam senators and the executive branch, military officers are watching this televised public hearing. Guam has failed. It has failed continuously. Each senator has to look at one another and know that you have relatives in the veteran cemetery. Failure is not acceptable any longer. Families that have loved ones who served in Iraq and Afghanistan who are buried at the veteran cemetery, what do you say to them? Since the maintenance is not upheld yearly.

You speculate and give an example of an excuse the backhoe is out in the field and broken. The reason that there isn't enough money isn't satisfying anymore. We don't have the money, but we have the community to provide. If the Government of Guam and the residents here can't maintain a veteran cemetery that isn't that large which would need expanding soon might need to be given back to the Federal Government if they would accept it.

When you conduct a transition as that you tell the Federal Government, Guam has failed. The veterans in the cemetery have not failed. Remember that the veterans did not fail. They honored and served Guam and their country. In the year 2009 it would be great to honor them. Thank you.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much Mr. Devlin. Mr. Bobing Wolford.

Mr. Bobing Wolford: Good Afternoon Senator Pangelinan, Taitague, Calvo and Aguon. Why wouldn't Lt Governor Mike Cruz speak here today? I am here to give you my testimony in support of the veterans. Come and open your minds for the good of the cemetery. I do not know when I'll be buried at the veteran cemetery.

I ask you to give money for the purpose of the cemetery. The United States has been protecting and saving Guam and its people. The United States fought in Vietnam past and present wars. I urge you to hear the people who support this legislation for the veteran cemetery and provide the large amount of needed money. The cost of equipment and any other resources is expensive.

I know of the cemetery and its needs to support the maintenance. My father is buried there. My father's name is Mr. Harling Wolford. He provided his services for Guam. The veteran cemetery in Hawaii and in the Philippines is beautiful.

They clean their cemeteries. The Mayor of Piti Ben Gumataotao asked his staff to help with the Piti cemetery. I have been saying to you senators, In Vietnam where many have fought and killed the enemy and returned back home, there is no respect for these kinds of veterans. There is trash at the Piti cemetery. It is sad and hurts my heart that we salute the soldiers and in return we have this situation. The veterans who fought in the Vietnamese war who returned home to be buried, we treat them with like this.

Senator Tom Ada, who is a veteran, should support this. The cemetery is beautiful where it is, but no equipment for the maintenance of the cemetery. If we had equipment there would be no trash. The soldiers of Guam should be priority. If we leave the soldiers, there would be no one to defend us.

I salute the soldiers who are defending our freedom and who are here to support this legislation. Please give the money needed for the cemetery. We will have good equipment, good resources and good workers to help the cemetery. We do not need a priest to bless the cemetery we have a military captain who is a chaplain. Our veterans have gone to war and many have died and now we too much of nothing for the cemetery. Senator Pangelinan, Taitague and where is everyone else?

Let's have a beautiful veteran cemetery. Thank you very much Senators.

Chairman Pangelinan: You're welcome. Thank you. Mr. Charles Erwin.

Mr. Charles Erwin: Sorry I'm late. I am Charles Erwin. I am the commander of the American Legion Post in Tamuning. I would like to reiterate of the conversation held on radio talk show last night.

We have to act on this issue now we have discussed this over and over conscientiously. We need a concrete solution to this issue and the different kinds of revenues that are resulting out of Mr. Gofigan and staff of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. It is a direct infusion into the Guam economy and the monies up for debate is a mere small percentage to other costs in the government. I would suggest that two-hundred thousand dollars is not a whole lot to find in our government revenue, let's find this money, appropriate the money and pass the legislation to do so.

Veterans are growing in age. I will be at the veteran cemetery paying to rest a good friend of mine. I have been at the cemetery year after year and find that it in disrepair it is a serious issue that me and others have put effort into its maintenance. The veteran cemetery is placed as priority and thereafter back on the backburner. I ask you to propose a yearly plan to correct the problems of the cemetery.

It is fact and someday I will be buried at the veteran cemetery, which by then hopefully the government has decided on a solution to this issue. The cemetery should be presentable. I would be saddened to be buried under the present conditions at the veteran cemetery. Let's fix this problem with a permanent solution. I thank you for the opportunity to speak on Bill No. 55.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much Mr. Erwin. Mr. Gofigan.

Mr. Fred Gofigan: Thank you Mr. Chairman for allowing us to speak on Bill No.55. My name is Fred Gofigan. I am the Administrator for the Guam Veterans Office. The Guam Veterans Cemetery is under my purview. Public Law 26-105 transferred the responsibility of the cemetery from the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Guam Veterans Affairs Office. The law appropriated two-hundred thousand dollars for the Veteran Cemetery, but only to privatize the maintenance.

The law did not take into account other functions of the cemetery for example, burial services, burial reimbursements, applications for head markers and reporting requirements to the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery as part of their grant requirements. The National Cemetery does not provide funding for the operations of the cemetery. It only provides reimbursements for veterans laid to rest at the Guam Veteran Cemetery and Federal Grants for improvements and expansions. The Guam Veteran Cemetery receives three-hundred dollars for each veteran laid to rest, which approximately totals to eighteen-thousand dollars each year.

The Guam Veteran Cemetery does not charge for dependants to be buried at the Guam Veteran Cemetery. The Government of Guam finds it difficult to provide the funding then there will be no recourse, but to start implementing a burial fee for the veterans and dependants aside from the reimbursements from the Veterans Affairs. There are State Veterans Cemetery Nationwide that charges for spouses and dependants burial. The Department of Parks and Recreations and Piti Mayor Vicente Gumataotao provide the staffs for the burial and operating on borrowed staff.

Rules and Regulations at the Guam Veterans Cemetery is constantly violated due to the lack of enforcement, example is drilling the crypts to place candle holders and headstones are lifted above ground. These Rules and Regulations can only be enforced if the Guam Veterans Cemetery has its own staff. We spent over fifty-thousand dollars to restore the Guam Veterans Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day however, with the lack of staffing the Guam Veteran Cemetery is going back to its previous condition. The Department of Corrections provides bi-weekly grass cutting services through our Memorandum of Understanding.

The cemetery is in need of weekly cutting. In preparation of All Souls Days we had to request the assistance from Piti Mayor Vicente Gumataotao, the Army Retirees Association and the ROTC students of George Washington High School. Senators, the Guam Veterans Cemetery needs it own funding. Our veterans deserve more and especially those who gave that ultimate sacrifice. No further comments. Thank you.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much. Please identify yourself for the record.

Mr. Tony Guzman: Senators I am definitely in favor of Bill No. 55. I am glad that legislation is reintroduced under Bill No. 55. I look at any situation as the bottom line and bottom line is the Guam Veterans Affairs Office inherited the responsibility of the cemetery. The inheritance and responsibility of the cemetery did not come with a budget which would reflect the kind of maintenance needed for cemetery.

In the past 5 to 10 years you have seen the incorporated efforts by the Department of Correction personnel, Veteran organizations, and Piti Mayors staff. This is an effort provided by all people to maintain what a veteran cemetery should look like, which presently is done without a budget. This cemetery is not privately owned. This is Guam's Veteran Cemetery. As well as a department that belongs to the Government of Guam. I would like to state that veterans aren't just inclusive of military personnel but also Government of Guam employees who were retired military and citizens of Guam. In the absence of a budget until such decision has been made, we are requesting for two-hundred thousand dollars. We might be asking for more than what is presently requested and will continue to ask for to maintain a responsibility by a department under the Government of Guam. The director of the Guam Veterans Affairs Office has not personnel to maintain the cemetery but personnel who are volunteered or offered by other organizations and mayors offices.

The personnel that come from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Corrections are basically on loan to the cemetery to help maintain what can be done and at any given time be detailed to other duties by their departments, which will not be sustainable for the veteran cemetery. Those individuals have given their time to help the Guam Veteran Cemetery, a cemetery that belongs to the Island of Guam. I ask that we try to sustain its appearance, that it is rightfully kept, and what it deserves, honor. We have to act on this as swiftly as possible because the veterans that are helping the cemetery are passing on, we will eventually be there.

The Guam Veterans Affairs director has development plans for expansion in the near future to the veteran cemetery which is irrelevant. There are limits to the height of the crypts, eventually will need expansion and the land space is also under consideration for expansion. In the meantime we need the able assistance for operations and maintenance for the basic necessities. The landscaping of the Guam Veterans Cemetery needs equipment and staff for the job and which is another issue soon to come if we are unable to get the tools and funds needed.

This request of money is a small allotment for a special operation that needs preserving. We have been patient and hopefully this time there is a projection for funds that will be used for the veterans of Guam. The veterans that volunteer have pride in the work they have demonstrated, but at one point it can diminish out of disgruntlement. The veterans' attitudes change becoming negative, negative to the government and thereafter negative to the people of Guam.

I ask all senators present and not that you please give the amount of two-hundred thousand for this program. This is a state operated cemetery and it should be a combination of contributions from everyone. Thank you, Senators.

Chairman Pangelinan: Thank you very much Mr. Guzman, Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

Chairman Pangelinan: Are there any other comments?

Senator Eddie Calvo: I beg the indulgence Mr. Chairman. I would like for reconciling of the figures. I do know note that Mr. Larry Perez wrote of the Better Public Services Fund, which I recall that the Better Public Services Fund is separate from the Guam Highway Fund.

Chairman Pangelinan: That's correct.

Senator Eddie Calvo: I believe there are some errors on the Administration's part. The Better Public Services Fund is separate of the Guam Highway Fund and has different funding sources. I'd like for reconciling of the numbers, so that the two-hundred thousand dollars would be supported by the legislature and become law. The individuals who testified today would have more comfort ability knowing this, and that this legislature and government is committed to our veterans. That is the only comment I have Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

Chairman Pangelinan: Senator Calvo you have my commitment to work together so that this legislation is passed. This has got to get done and need for the sustain basis. As I have stated before, this not a project that would end after making the beautification maintenances and presentable. This is a program that has to be sustained year after year, decade after decade, so those veterans buried will know of our respect and gratitude for their service to this country and our people is remembered.

Thank you very much gentlemen for your testimonies this morning and concludes the testimonies on Bill No. 55 (COR).

IV. COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement, and Land, to which Bill No. 55 (COR), "**An Act to Appropriate Funds for the Operations and Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery**", was referred, does hereby submit recommendations to I Mina Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan, **TO DO PASS** Bill No. 55 (COR).



Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guahan
THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, TAXATION, BANKING, INSURANCE, RETIREMENT AND LAND
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Bill No. 55

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ART MIESA	Turkey DAW				✓
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF BILL NO. 55

My name is Fred Gofigan, I am the Administrator for the Guam Veterans Affairs Office the Guam Veterans Cemetery is under my purview. P.L. 26-105 transferred the responsibility of the Cemetery from the Department of Parks and Recreation. The law appropriated \$200,000 for the cemetery but only to privatize the maintenance. The law did not take into account other functions of the Cemetery for example, Burial Services, Burial Reimbursements, applications for Head Markers and Reporting Requirements to the Department of Veterans Affairs National Cemetery as part of their grant requirements.

The National Cemetery does not provide funding for the operations of the Cemetery. It only provides reimbursements for veterans laid to rest at the Guam Veterans Cemetery (GVC) and Federal Grants for improvements and expansions.

GVC only receives \$300 per veteran laid to rest; which is approximately \$ 18,000 per year. GVC does not charge for Dependents to be buried at GVC. If the Government of Guam finds it difficult to provide the funding; then there will be no recourse but to start implementing a burial fee for the veterans and dependents aside from the reimbursements from VA. There are State Veterans Cemetery Nationwide that charges for spouses and dependents burial.

The Department of Parks & Recreations and Mayor Vicente Gumataotao provide the staffs for the burials; we are operating on borrowed staff.

Rules and Regulations at GVC are constantly violated due to the lack of enforcement; for example drilling the crypts to place candle holders and headstones are lifted above ground. These Rules and Regulations can only be enforced if GVC has its own staff. We spent over \$50,000 to restore the GVC in preparation for Memorial Day; however, with the lack of staffing GVC is going back to its previous condition.

Department of Corrections provides bi-weekly grass cutting services through our Memorandum of Understanding. But the Cemetery is in need of weekly cutting.

**Submitted by
Fred Gofigan
Administrator
Guam Veterans Affairs Office**

In preparation of All Souls Days we had to request the assistance from Mayor Vicente Gumataotao of Piti, the Army Retirees Association and the ROTC students of GW.

Senators, the GVC needs its own funding. Our veterans deserve more, especially those that gave the ultimate sacrifice.

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2009 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 55 (COR)

Introduced by:

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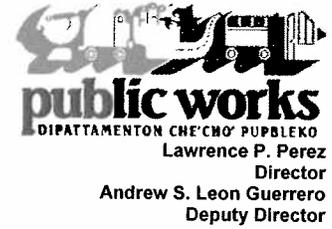
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**Statement from Lawrence P. Perez
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Before the 30th Guam Legislature
Bill No. 55 (COR)**

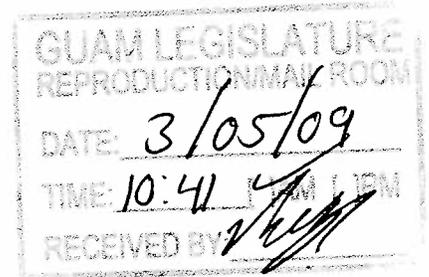
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Speaker Judith T. Wonpat, Ed.D and members of the 30th Guam Legislature.

Bill 55 (COR) seeks to appropriate \$200,000 from the FY2009 Guam Highway Fund revenues to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the operations and maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetary. This Bill is identical to Bill 386 (LS) as introduced in the 29th Guam Legislature.

The passage of this Bill will deplete an already diminishing, operational Guam Highway Fund source. Per information from the Bureau of Budget and Management Research, the current unappropriated balance of the GHF is approximately \$1,011,323 as outlined below:

FY 2009 Guam Highway Fund Adopted Revenues pursuant to PL 29-113	<u>18,957,811</u>
Less appropriations pursuant to PL 29-113	
LIMITED OBLIGATION HIGHWAY REFUNDING BOND 2001 SERIES A	6,030,400
Department of Administration Mass Transit	2,740,464
Department of Administration Single Audit	18,000
Department of Public Works	<u>7,597,923</u>
Less GCA	
UOG Capital Improvements Fund (set aside to be appropriated pursuant to Section 26505(a), Article 5, Chapter 26, Division 3 of Title 11	500,000

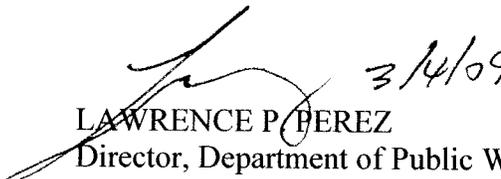


Better Public Services Fund (set aside to be appropriated pursuant to 11 GCA Chapter 161)	<u>859,701</u>
Balance	1,211,323
Less:	
PL 29-129 (Department of Law)	<u>200,000</u>
Adjusted Balance	<u><u>1,011,323</u></u>

Based on our latest projection analysis, the DPW will need an additional \$1,592,040 in funding for the remainder of FY2009 just for the Highways, CIP and Building Maintenance Divisions (all are sections funded by the GHF). It is our recommendation that the current unappropriated balance of the GHF be allocated to the DPW to fund its current shortfall. This will allow the DPW to continue to concentrate on the myriad of other, unfunded, statutory mandates of the DPW's highway programs that are more-pressing & are critical-hazardous to our community.

It is for these reasons that the Department of Public Works is opposed to the passage of Bill 55 (COR) with the Guam Highway Fund as an appropriation source.

Thank You and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

 3/14/09
LAWRENCE P. PEREZ
Director, Department of Public Works



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Senator vicente "ben" c. pangelinan

**COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, TAXATION, BANKING, INSURANCE,
RETIREMENT AND LAND**

PUBLIC HEARING

March 5, 2009

9:00am

AGENDA

- I. Opening Remarks by Senator pangelinan**
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Senator vicente (ben) c. pangelinan (D)

February 26, 2009

Memorandum

To: All Senators

From: Senator ben pangelman

Re: Public Hearing Notice

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Thank you.

40 percent of patients on dialysis due to diabetes

By Emmanuel T. Erediano
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FORTY percent of dialysis patients are undergoing such treatment because of uncontrolled diabetes while 27 percent have uncontrolled hypertension.

This national statistical fact also applies to the CNMI, according to Commonwealth Health Center food service manager Joan Quillian. "It is pretty close," she said.

Quillian, who has been working at CHC for nine years now, said she had diabetic patients who never saw a dietician until they had kid-

ney failure.

CHC's dialysis section was filled with patients undergoing dialysis when this interview was conducted on Tuesday.

The hospital's only dietician, Quillian noted the alarming increase in the number of dialysis patients.

In 1992, the hospital record shows, only 12 were in dialysis. This number doubled in 1994, and went up to 66 in 1996.

Last year, Quillian said the number of patients undergoing dialysis was 132. One patient just passed away.

Patients who do not control their diabetes and hypertension damage their blood ves-

sels that go to the kidneys, Quillian said.

A diabetic's enemy, she added, is not sugar, but carbohydrates.

A full cup of rice, she said, has 15 grams of carbohydrates and is like 14 scoops of sugar.

A patient can control hypertension and high blood pressure by avoiding excess salt, she said.

If a person has hypertension and diabetes the risk factor of getting into dialysis is three times higher, she added.

On Saipan, she noticed that many people use soy sauce, oyster sauce and MSG.

Labor refuses to cooperate: Myers

By Junhan B. Todeno
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OVERSTAYERS in the CNMI, even those who have pending labor cases, may face deportation proceedings, a situation which attorney Robert Myers said will result in "a lot of wasted government resources."

Myers, the lawyer of non-resident guest workers seeking an administrative order settlement, said the Department of Labor doesn't want to cooperate "despite my proactive efforts."



Robert Myers

Labor recently published its "overstayers" list for 2003 to 2007 that included some of Myers' clients.

He said he already informed Labor that some of those on the list are his clients.

Myers said he also informed Labor about the law that entitles nonresident workers who have labor cases or court cases to be given a stay of deportation.

"If the case is with the

court, they are also entitled to an order from the court directing the director of labor to issue a temporary work authorization pending resolution of their case," he added.

Myers said he was told by Deputy Labor Secretary Cinta Kaipat that the department would not cooperate with him unless the court orders them to do so.

"What does this mean? That my clients, or others who have cases with Labor or in court who are not my clients, may be arrested and

subject to the deportation order to show cause process," he said.

He asked nonresident workers who are part of the lawsuit to get in touch with him.

Myers said he can be reached at (670) 234-3184 ext. 104.

Those who wish to see him can stop by at his law office at Summer Holiday Hotel Room #104 in Garapan, Saipan.

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The culprit: alcohol

Recent traffic deaths attributed to DUI

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THE Guam Police Department's Highway Patrol Division has counted four road-accident fatalities in the past two months. The tragedies were alcohol-related, according to highway patrols.

The first incident, which occurred along Route 3 outside the gate of the Navy Communications Area Master Station on Feb. 8 resulted in the deaths of 33-year-old Joann L.G. Salas, 9-year-old Rhyenci Escoto and his 8-year-old sister, Henchella Escoto.

Highway patrol officers told Variety that their investigation found that Salas was at fault and had a blood alcohol content reading of 0.171 or twice the legal limit of 0.08.

Salas' vehicle collided with a Toyota Tacoma, the vehicle in which the Escoto children were passengers. Also injured were the parents of the children and 4-year-old sister.

Another vehicle was dam-



Ernest Zamora Padama was killed when his Nissan 300Zx, whose wreckage is shown above, hit a concrete pole on Feb. 19.

when lost control of his vehicle and rammed into a concrete pole. The car split in half from the impact. The Yigo resident died from massive skull and abdominal injuries.

Investigators also attributed the death of Ernest Zamora Padama, 26, to alcohol.

Padama, of Yigo, was determined to have had a blood alcohol content of 0.083.

Padama was driving his red 300ZX along Chalan Mataguac around 2:30 a.m. on Feb. 19

Highway patrols have beefed up the campaign against drunk-driving over the past weeks, setting up sobriety checkpoints in various locations. At least 16 motorists were arrested over the weekend for DUI.

Septuagenarian raped

By Zita Y. Taitano
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THE Guam Police Department has arrested a man who was accused of sexually assaulting a 70-year-old woman over the weekend.

Jesse Anthony Mafnas Reyes, a resident of Dededo, has been charged with first degree criminal sexual conduct, terrorizing and theft of property.

According to GPD spokesman Allan Guzman, the incident was reported around 7:45 a.m. Saturday.

The woman told the police that she was offered a ride by the driver of a Toyota Tacoma

while she was walking along Route 26 in Dededo early Saturday morning.

But instead of driving her to her destination, the woman said, the suspect took her to a secluded area, where she claimed she was sexually assaulted. The suspect then dropped her off at the Harmon flea market.

The woman was treated at the Guam Memorial Hospital for her injuries.

Investigators at the Dededo precinct identified Reyes as the assailant based on unidentified items that the woman has purportedly collected from the suspect's car before she was dropped off at the market.

500K bail for woman in stabbing case

By Zita Y. Taitano
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THE Superior Court yesterday set a \$500,000 bail for the Tamuning woman who was charged in connection with the stabbing incident at the parking lot of Lone Star Steakhouse in Tamuning last week.

A man and his 2-year-old daughter were injured in the attack.

During a magistrate's hearing in the court room of Judge Vernon Perez, Yahua Han, 38, was charged with attempted murder and aggravated

assault.

According to police report, Han approached and stabbed the 2-year-old girl and then turned to the girl's father, who bore wounds on the chest and arm.

According to a Variety source, the child's mother ran into the restaurant to seek help. A person who was at the scene managed to take the knife away from Han and immediately called the police.

The victims were treated at the Naval Hospital.

The motive behind the attack remains unclear.

Tumon employees nabbed for sales scam



Sand Castle, a popular entertainment establishment in Tumon, lost \$120,000 to the unscrupulous employees.

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AFTER a year-long investigation, the Guam Police Department yesterday arrested seven former employees of Sand Castle, an entertainment establishment in Tumon, in connection with a scheme that ripped off the company some \$120,000 in cash.

Facing theft of property charges are Blisida Dimalanta Bring, 35, Billy Salamaca Villanueva, 33, and Ronald Joy Rano Bayon, 38, all residents of Dededo.

Dominador Inocencio Miranda, Jr., 29, Reolito Castillo Hipolito, 38, Rey Elamparo Dimalanta, 39, all of Dededo, and Jennifer Beltran, 32, of Mangilao have been charged with conspiracy.

GPD spokesman Allan Guzman said the complaint was filed in January last year and the investigation was completed in December.

Guzman said that the investigation is ongoing and more arrests are pending.

An internal investigation conducted by the company revealed that money from ticket sales found their way into the pockets of the suspect employees.

Agents of GPD's Criminal Investigation Division arrested the employees after the preliminary investigation. They were all booked and released.

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2 floor amendment was made to increase the FY 2009 revenue estimate for the
3 Guam Highway Fund to \$18,957,811, however, no corresponding appropriation
4 had been made, or requested by the Administration, leaving an unappropriated
5 revenue balance of \$2,571,024. Therefore, it is the intent of *I Liheslatura* to
6 provide additional funding to the Office of Veterans Affairs from this fund, for the
7 purposes stated herein.

8 **Section 2. Maintenance of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery.**

9 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand
10 Dollars (**\$200,000**) is appropriated from the FY 2009 Guam Highway Fund
11 revenues to the Office of Veterans Affairs for the operations and maintenance of
12 the Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Said funds *shall not* be subject to any transfer
13 authority of *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*.