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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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**AUG 14 1998**

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Mina'Bente Kuáttro na Liheslaturan Guåhan  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	
Received By	<u>[Signature]</u>
Time	<u>8:45am</u>
Date	<u>8/18/98</u>

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Substitute Bill No. 665 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE THE RESIDUAL AND EXCESS HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR USE TO PLAN, DESIGN, EXPAND AND RECONSTRUCT ROUTE 15, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS, "BACK ROAD TO ANDERSEN", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-261**.

This legislation allows the use of Federal Highway Funds to plan, design, expand, and reconstruct Route 15, commonly known as the "Back Road to Andersen". Work is necessary to be done on this road as there are numerous families living in the area, including businesses using large trucks, and the road is in need of repair and reconstruction to make it safer for the public's use.

Very truly yours,

  
Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan  
Governor of Guam

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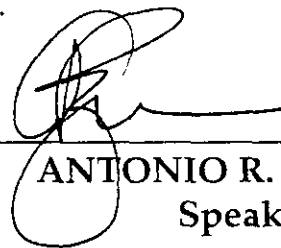
Attachment:      copy attached for signed bill  
                         original attached for vetoed bill

cc:    The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
         Legislative Secretary

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 665 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE THE RESIDUAL AND EXCESS HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR USE TO PLAN, DESIGN, EXPAND AND RECONSTRUCT ROUTE 15, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS, "BACK ROAD TO ANDERSEN," was on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1998, duly and regularly passed.




ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker

Attested:

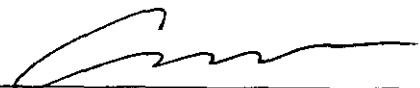


JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guahan* this 3rd day of August, 1998,  
at 9:05 o'clock 9 .M.

  
Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'lahi's Office*

APPROVED:

  
CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
*I Maga'lahen Guahan*

Date: 8-14-98

Public Law No. 24-261

**MINA'BENTE KUÅTTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN  
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 665 (COR)**

As substituted by the  
Committee on Finance and Taxation and  
further substituted on the Floor and amended.

Introduced by:

A. C. Blaz  
A. R. Unpingco  
Mark Forbes  
Francisco P. Camacho  
W. B.S.M. Flores  
T. C. Ada  
F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
J. M.S. Brown  
Felix P. Camacho  
M. C. Charfauros  
E. J. Cruz  
L. F. Kasperbauer  
A. C. Lamorena, V  
C. A. Leon Guerrero  
L. A. Leon Guerrero  
V. C. Pangelinan  
J. C. Salas  
A. L.G. Santos  
F. E. Santos  
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO REPROGRAM AND APPROPRIATE THE  
RESIDUAL AND EXCESS HIGHWAY FUNDS FOR USE  
TO PLAN, DESIGN, EXPAND AND RECONSTRUCT  
ROUTE 15, MORE POPULARLY KNOWN AS, "BACK  
ROAD TO ANDERSEN."**

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

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings, Declarations and Intent.**       *I Liheslaturan*

3       *Guahan* finds that, in its present condition, Route 15, better known as, "Back Road  
4 to Andersen," is one of the most dangerous roads on Island.

5           Further, *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that, within the past eight (8) years, as  
6 many as fourteen (14) individuals perished in motor vehicle accidents on this road.

7       In the first five (5) months of 1998, approximately four percent (4%) of total  
8 accidents and twenty-one percent (21%) of total fatalities have occurred on Route  
9 15.

10           Just this year a father transporting his daughter to a Catholic Church Doctrine  
11 ("CCD") class at Yigo on Route 15 were involved in a motor vehicle accident that  
12 took both their lives. Also, a few years ago a husband, his wife and their two (2)  
13 children were involved in a motor vehicle accident that took the lives of the entire  
14 family of four (4). Every year since 1990 someone gets killed in a vehicle accident  
15 and so far this year, three (3) people have lost their lives on this road. Very  
16 recently, a young motorist ran into a cement truck head-on and perished on this  
17 road.

18           *I Liheslaturan Guahan* declares that, without question, the dangerous situation  
19 existing on Route 15, because of its present unsafe and inadequate condition,  
20 warrants urgent attention and immediate actions. Additionally, *I Liheslaturan*  
21 *Guahan* finds that, ever since Route 15 was first constructed by the military in the  
22 early 1960's, well over three (3) decades ago, the road has never been upgraded nor  
23 reconstructed to accommodate the high traffic use of this highway today.

24           *I Liheslaturan Guahan* further declares that it is the government of Guam's  
25 responsibility to do everything possible to eliminate this unsafe condition existing  
26 on Route 15 and reconstruct this road to a level where it can adequately and safely

1 accommodate the type of traffic using this highway today and into the future.

2 This area supports most of the coral rock quarry used in the construction of  
3 most, if not all, of the major development today. Also, certain industrial activities  
4 are located in this area. As a result, large construction and industrial vehicles use  
5 this highway on a daily basis.

6 Also, this area is accommodating certain tourism-related recreational  
7 facilities, such as the Mangilao Golf Course, requiring frequent use by tour buses,  
8 as well as increased traffic-related to the tourism industry. We must not wait until  
9 a serious accident occurs involving tour buses.

10 Additionally, because of the heavy congestion occurring during peak  
11 commuting hours daily on Marine Drive, Route 15 has become the only alternate  
12 highway access available to commute between the central and southern parts of the  
13 Island, Dededo and Yigo.

14 *I Liheslaturan Guahan* finds that, while one (1) golf course development project  
15 was started several years ago but stopped when the Japanese economy suffered its  
16 first contraction, recent indications surfaced that the golf course project might be  
17 revitalized very soon, and that other major development plans slated for this area  
18 of the Island are being dusted off and we will start seeing their re-commencement  
19 to materialize very soon.

20 The areas serviced by Route 15 are experiencing the most rapid development  
21 in the past ten (10) years. Many hundreds of families have moved into this part of  
22 the Island and built their homes. As a result, many hundreds of school children live  
23 in this area, requiring the need for many school buses to travel this very dangerous  
24 road to pick-up and drop-off school children. It is urgent that this road be  
25 reconstructed before a catastrophic accident occurs involving school buses full of  
26 school children.

1           **Section 2. Authorization and Appropriation of Reprogrammed Funds.**

2    *I Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby authorizes *I Maga'lahi* to reprogram all excess and  
3    unused highway funds, including, but not limited to, those funded locally, or  
4    jointly with Federal Highway Administration funding, to fund, in phases if  
5    necessary, the design, plans, expansion and reconstruction of Route 15, from the  
6    intersection of Route 10 in Mangilao to the back gate of Andersen Air Force Base.

7           *I Maga'lahi* shall report to the Speaker of *I Liheslaturan Guahan* the exact  
8    amount of funds reprogrammed and what accounts were the funds reprogrammed  
9    from seven (7) days prior to committing such funds to accomplish the intent of this  
10   Act. *I Liheslaturan Guahan* hereby authorizes and appropriates up to Fifteen Million  
11   Dollars (\$15,000,000) from the reprogrammed excess and unused highway funds,  
12   including, but not limited to, those funded locally, or jointly with Federal Highway  
13   Administration, funding for the design, plans, expansion and reconstruction of  
14   Route 15 from the intersection of Route 10 in Mangilao, Guam to the back gate of  
15   Andersen Air Force Base as authorized in this Act.

16           **Section 3. Severability.**

17           If any provision of this Act, or its application to  
18   any person or circumstances is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other  
19   provisions, sections or applications of this Act which can be given effect without the  
20   invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are  
21   severable. In the event that any appropriation of this Act is found contrary to  
Federal law, all portions not so found shall remain valid.

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INA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHES TURAN GUAHAN

# Office of the Vice Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

Chairman,  
Finance & Taxation

July 13, 1998

Chairman,  
Ethics & Standards

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco  
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guahan

Vice-Chairman,  
Committee on Rules

155 Hesler Street

Member,  
Judiciary, Public Safety &  
Consumer Protection

Hagatna, Guahan 96910

Member,  
Natural Resources

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Member,  
Tourism, Economic  
Development, & Cultural  
Affairs

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred *Bill No. 665(COR)*, "An Act to reprogram and appropriate the residual and excess funds left over from other capital improvement projects, including but not limited to the infrastructure development bond, for use to plan, design, expand and reconstruct Route 15, more popularly known as the "Back Road to Andersen", herein reports back with the recommendation **TO DO PASS Bill No. 665(COR) as substituted by the Committee on Finance and Taxation.**

Member,  
Transportation,  
Telecommunications &  
Micronesia Affairs

Member,  
Guam Finance  
Commission

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

Member,  
Commission on Self  
Determination

- To Pass
- Not to Pass
- To Place in Inactive File
- Abstain
- Off-Island
- Not Available

A copy of the committee's report and other pertinent documents are enclosed for your reference and information.

**ANTHONY C. BLAZ**

attachments

# COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION



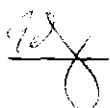
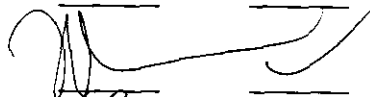
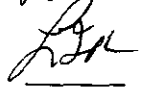
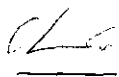
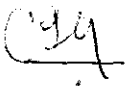

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN

155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

**Chairman: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz    Vice Chairman: Senator Mark Forbes**  
**Ex-Officio Member: Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco**

## VOTING SHEET ON:

*Bill No. 665(COR) as substituted by the Committee on Finance and Taxation "An Act to reprogram and appropriate the residual and excess funds left over from other capital improvement projects, including but not limited to the infrastructure development bond, for use to plan, design, expand and reconstruct Route 15, more popularly known as the "Back Road to Andersen".*

<u>COMMITTEE MEMBERS</u>	<u>INITIAL</u>	<u>TO PASS</u>	<u>NOT TO PASS</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>	<u>TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE</u>
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