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The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown Legislative Secretary I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guähan Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature Suite 200 130 Aspinal Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Legislative Secretary Brown:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 440 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §8111(d) TO TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS" which I have signed into law as Public Law No. 25-171.

This legislation reiterates the general policy to favor open government. The Attorney General has given the opinion that all voting of matters considered in Executive Session is to take place at a public meeting. This legislation emphasizes that view.

Very truly yours,

Carl T. C. Gutierrez I Maga'Lahen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill

original attached for vetoed bill

cc: The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco

Speaker

HORSTARY

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 440 (COR) "AN ACT TO ADD §8111(d) TO TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS," was on the 5th day of October 2000, duly and regularly passed.

ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker Attested: ÍOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guahan this 1044 day of _____ cto bec_, 2000, 4:55 o'clock P.M. Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office APPROVED: CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guahan Date: 10.19.66 Public Law No. _25-171

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 440 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

COPY

October 10, 2000

The Honorable Carl T.C. Gutierrez I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Maga'lahi Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Substitute Bill No. 409(COR) and Bill Nos. 231(COR), 440(COR) and 456(LS) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on October 5, 2000.

Singerely,

JOANNE M.S. BROWN

Senator and Legislative Secretary

Enclosure (4)



Kumitean Areklamento, Refotman Gubetnamento Siha, Inetnon di Nuebu, yan Asunton Fidirat

Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu Kabisiyon Mayurat

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Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hesler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs, to which Bill No. 440, was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 440**, "An Act to add a new subsection (d) to §8111 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to executive sessions."

The voting record is as follows:

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TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE	

Copies of the Committee Report and other pertinent documents are attached. Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachments



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Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu Kabisiyon Mayurat

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Committee Members

FROM:

Chairman

SUBJECT:

Committee Report- BILL NO. 440, "An Act to add a new subsection (d) to §8111

of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to executive sessions."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 440, from the Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

- Committee Voting Sheet
- 2. Committee Report
- 3. Bill No. 440
- 4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
- 5. Fiscal Note Waiver
- 6. Notice of Public Hearing

Please take the appropriate action on the attached voting sheet. Your attention and cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Should you have any questions regarding the report or accompanying documents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you and si Yu'os ma'ase.

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COMMITTEE ON RULES, GOVERNMENT REFORM, REORGANIZATION & FEDERAL AFFAIRS

SENATOR MARK FORBES, CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE REPORT

on

BILL NO. 440,

"An Act to add a new subsection (d) to §8111 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to executive sessions."

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs held a public hearing on Bill 440 on Monday, Sept. 18, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Conference Room, Office of Senator Mark Forbes, I Liheslaturan Guahan. Public notice of the hearing was announced in the Sept. 13, 2000 issue of the Pacific Daily News.

Senators present were:

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman Senator Ben Pangelinan

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

There were no individuals appearing before the Committee to present oral testimony on the bill. Senator Forbes stated that the bill makes it clear that certain matters cannot be decided with closed votes. The true purpose of executive sessions is for matters that might violate the privacy rights of individuals, not to allow secret votes, Forbes said. He said the Open Government Law should be clear that there should be public observation of decisions that affect the public and ultimately affect the services provided to the public.

Senator Pangelinan said that the bill is keeping with the continued policy of this Legislature for open government. He said the bill clarifies the issue of voting in executive sessions – some matters should be discussed in executive sessions, but when it comes to the actual voting, it should be made in public.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs finds that Bill No. 440, increases the standards of government accountability and openness for which I Liheslaturan Guahan has consistently strived. From the Sunshine Reform Act to the elected Public Auditor and elected Attorney General, I Liheslatura has made its message clear: the government of Guam will be open to the public, and all decisions made by the government will be made under the light of day. Bill No. 440 ensures that the intent of the Open Government Law is followed in regards to decisions made by government boards and commissions on personnel and other matters.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs, to which Bill No. 440 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 440**, "An Act to add a new subsection (d) to §8111 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to executive sessions."



Kumitean Areklamento, Refotman Gubetnamento Siha, Inetnon di Nuebu, yan Asunton Fidirat

Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu Kabisiyon Mayurat

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MEMORANDUM

TO:

Chairman

Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization

and Foderal Affairs

FROM:

Chairman

Committee on Rules. Government Reform, Reorganization

and Federal Affairs-

SUBJECT:

Principal Referral – Bill No. 440.

The above bill is referred to your Committee as the Principal Committee. In accordance with Section 6.04.05, of the Standing Rules, your Committee "Shall be the Committee to perform the public hearing and have the authority to amend or substitute the bill, as well as report the bill out to the Body." It is recommended that you schedule a public hearing at your earliest convenience.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

MARK FORBES

Attachment



JUN 16 2000

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Bill No. 440 (CAR) Introduced by:

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Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs

Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

Public Hearing September 18, 2000

10:00 a.m. 1 Liheslaturan Guahan, Hagâtña

Public Hearing on Bill No. 4440 "An act to add a new subsection (d) to §8111 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to executive sessions."

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WAIVER OF FISCAL NOTE

In accordance with §9105 Title 2 GCA, I hereby certify that prompt committee action on Bill 440 is necessary to the proper conduct of legislative business. Therefore, I am waiving requirement of a fiscal note on Bill 440.

MARK FORBES
Chairman,
Committee on Rules, Government Reform,
Reorganization and Federal Affairs

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Notice of Public Hearing

Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman 10:00 A.M., Monday, September 18, 2000

Bill No. 440 COR

An act to add a new subsection (d) to Section 8111 of Title 5, Guam Code Annotated, relative to Executive Sessions.

The hearing will take place in the Conference Room Office of Senator Mark Forbes, I Lihesiaturan Guahan, Hagatna, Guam The Public Is Invited To Participate

Individuals requiring special accomodations, auxilliary aids or services are asked to contact the Office of Senator Forbes at 472-3512



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2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

Date: 10/5/00

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MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 2000 (SECOND) Regular Session

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Attested:	ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Speaker	•
JOANNE M.S. BROWN Senator and Legislative Secretary		
This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guahan thisato'clockM.	day of	, 20 00,
APPROVED:	Assistant Staff Officer Maga'lahi's Office	
CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ I Maga'lahen Guahan		
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155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

September 27, 2000 (DATE)

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To:

Senator Vicente C. Pangelinan

From:

Clerk of the Legislature

Subject:

Report on Bill No. 440(COR)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25th Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 440(COR), for which you are the prime sponsor.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please call the undersigned at 472-3464/5.

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