



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

Refer to
Legislative Secretary

MAY 26 1999

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
I Mina'Bente Singko na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fifth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT

Received by: [Signature]
Time: 4:28pm
Date: 5-26-99

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 67 (COR), "AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §2103 OF CHAPTER 2 OF TITLE 2 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE MAKING PUBLIC HEARINGS MANDATORY", which was **vetoed** and subsequently overridden by i Liheslatura. This legislation is now designated as **Public Law No. 25-22**.

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 Joanne M. S. Brown
Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Date: 5/26/99
Time: 10:45
Rec'd by: [Signature]
Print Name: Laure

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session


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

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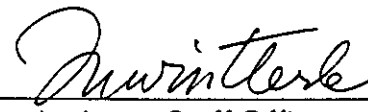
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 25th day of May,
1999, at 4:35 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahaen's Office

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 67 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

May 25, 1999

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



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Substitute Bill No. 4 (LS) and Bill No. 67 (COR) which were overridden by *I Mina'Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan* on May 24, 1999, notwithstanding your veto.

Sincerely,

JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

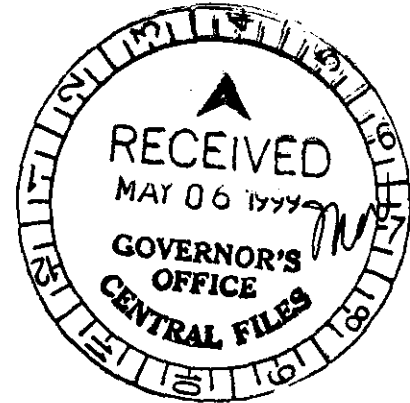
Enclosure (2)



MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

May 5, 1999

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



Dear *Maga'lahi* Gutierrez:

Transmitted herewith are Substitute Bill Nos. 46 (COR) and 185 (COR) and Bill Nos. 64 (COR), 67 (COR), 76 (COR) and 91 (COR) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on May 3, 1999.

Sincerely,

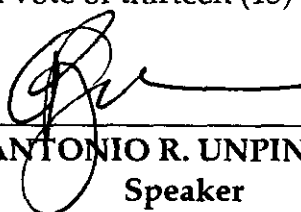
JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:


JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'laken Guahan* this 25th day of May,
1999, at 4:35 o'clock P.M.


Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:

CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ
I Maga'laken Guahan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 67 (COR)

As amended on the Floor.

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C. Verdine

I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 5/24/99

VOTING SHEET

Vote
Bill No. 67 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: Vote to fund the ...

| NAME | YEAS | NAYS | NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED | OUT DURING ROLL CALL | ABSENT ROLL CALL |
|----------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| AGUON, Frank B., Jr. | | | | | ✓ |
| BERMUDES, Eulogio C. | | | | | ✓ |
| BLAZ, Anthony C. | ✓ | | | | |
| BROWN, Joanne M.S. | ✓ | | | | |
| CALVO, Eduardo B. | ✓ | | | | |
| CAMACHO, Marcel G. | ✓ | | | | |
| FORBES, Mark | ✓ | | | | |
| KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F. | ✓ | | | | |
| LAMORENA, Alberto C., V | ✓ | | | | |
| LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta A. | ✓ | | | | |
| MOYLAN, Kaleo Scott | ✓ | | | | |
| PANGELINAN, Vicente C. | ✓ | | | | |
| SALAS, John C. | ✓ | | | | |
| SANCHEZ, Simon A., II | ✓ | | | | |
| UNPINGCO, Antonio R. | ✓ | | | | |

TOTAL

13 0 0 0 2

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature

* 3 Passes = No vote
EA = Excused Absence



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
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MAY 14 1999

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| Received By | <u>[Signature]</u> |
| Time | <u>11:20am</u> |
| Date | <u>5-17-99</u> |

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The conduct of public hearings on bills is the province of i Liheslatura, however, I do not believe that this legislation encourages full participation of the public in the legislative process in the spirit of "sunshine" and "open government".

Notice to the public, including even separate invitations to all parties who are obviously affected by legislation, is the desirable norm in conducting public hearings on matters affecting the public. For example, it is an unfortunate situation that no one appeared to testify or offered written testimony about this legislation at its public hearing. It has been noticed that many legislative public hearings have become perfunctory in recent years, rather than genuine opportunities to hear the public.

This legislation allows a majority of the members of i Liheslatura, in addition to the Speaker alone, to certify when emergency conditions exist and therefore waive the requirement of a public hearing on a bill. Since this will probably happen only when the Speaker opposes the waiver of a

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
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public hearing, how will i Liheslatura certify that a majority of their members prohibited the public hearing?

The language of this legislation seems to imply that a public hearing **must** be waived, in fact prohibited, when a certification of emergency is made. I believe that this language should be changed. Although a public hearing **may** be waived in emergencies, due to the short time frame which is sometimes needed to respond, hearings are **desirable** in certain circumstances, even if they are emergencies, and should not be prevented.

The language also includes an additional reason for prohibiting public hearings, and that is, if legislation involves danger to the welfare of the public. Hopefully, all legislation involves the welfare of the public. This is a lax definition of when public hearings will not occur. The current law specifies that this only happens in the case of danger to public health and safety.

An additional provision in this legislation is that public hearings are eliminated if a bill, as introduced, is "substantially the same" as a bill introduced earlier in the current legislative term. Since introduced bills and substitute bills are frequently very different, this will allow many bills which are quite unlike each other as they reach the session floor, to have public hearings prohibited. Note that the waiving of the hearing is mandatory, and not optional.

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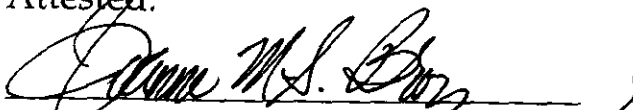
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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
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Attested:



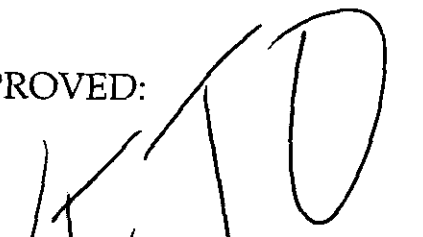
JOANNE M.S. BROWN
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This Act was received by I Maga'lahen Guahan this 6th day of May, 1999,
at 4:05 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

APPROVED:



CARL T. C. CUTIERREZ
I Maga'lahen Guahan

Date: _____

Public Law No. _____

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TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE
155 HESLER STREET, HAGATÑA, GUAM 96910**

MEMORANDUM

TO : Chairman, Committee on Rules
VIA : Executive Director
FROM: Senator _____
SUBJECT: Attached is a Travel Authorization Request Form
For: _____

Your immediate attention in processing the Travel Request is appreciated.

SENATOR (SIGNATURE)

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CHAIRMAN, COMMITTEE ON RULES

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DATE: _____


SENATOR MARK FORBES

Chairman, Committee on Rules, Government Reforms, and Federal Affairs

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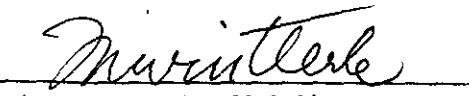
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Maga'lahaen's Office

APPROVED:

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I MINA' BENTĀ SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 5/3/99

VOTING SHEET

Bill No. 11 (COR)

Resolution No. _____

Question: _____

| NAME | YEAS | NAYS | NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED | ABSENT/ OUT DURING ROLL CALL |
|----------------------------|------|------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| AGUON, Frank B., Jr. | ✓ | | | |
| BLAZ, Anthony C. | ✓ | | | |
| BERMUDES, Eulogio C. | ✓ | | | |
| BROWN, Joanne M. S. | ✓ | | | |
| CALVO, Eddie B. | ✓ | | | |
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| FORBES, Mark | ✓ | | | |
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| LAMORENA, Alberto C., V | ✓ | | | |
| LEON GUERRERO, Carlotta A. | ✓ | | | |
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| PANGELINAN, Vicente C. | ✓ | | | |
| SALAS, John C. | ✓ | | | |
| SANCHEZ, Simon A., II | ✓ | | | |
| UNPINGCO, Antonio R. | ✓ | | | |

TOTAL

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CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

Clerk of the Legislature



MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Kumitean Areklamento, Refotman Gubetnamento Siha, Inetnon di Nuebu, yan Asunton Fidirat

*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabisiyon Mayuråt*

APR 23 1999

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. 67 was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 67** "An act to repeal and reenact §2103 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to clarifying the language making public hearings mandatory."

The voting record is as follows:

TO PASS

9

NOT TO PASS

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ABSTAIN

0

TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE

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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

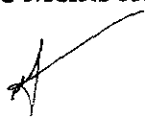
Attachments



MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
Kumitean Areklamento, Refotman Gubetnamento Siha, Inetnon di Nuebu, yan Asunton Fidirat

*Senadot Mark Forbes, Gehilu
Kabisiyon Mayurát*

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee Members
FROM: Chairman 
SUBJECT: Committee Report- Bill No. 67 "An act to repeal and reenact §2103 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to clarifying the language making public hearings mandatory."

Transmitted herewith for your information and action is the report on Bill No. 67 from the Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs.

This memorandum is accompanied by the following:

1. Committee Voting Sheet
2. Committee Report
3. Bill No. 67
4. Public Hearing Sign-in Sheet
5. Fiscal Note/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.

MARK FORBES

Attachments

I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

**COMMITTEE ON RULES,
GOVERNMENT REFORM, REORGANIZATION & FEDERAL
AFFAIRS
SENATOR MARK FORBES, CHAIRMAN**

**COMMITTEE REPORT
ON**

BILL NO. 67

**"AN ACT TO REPEAL AND REENACT §2103 OF CHAPTER 2
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HEARINGS MANDATORY."**

I. OVERVIEW

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs held a public hearing on Wednesday, February 24, 1999 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 February 22, 23, and 24, 1999 issues of the Pacific Daily News.

Senators present were:

- Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman
- Senator Eddie Calvo, Vice Chairman
- Senator Kaleo Moylan, Member
- Senator Simon A. Sanchez II, Member
- Senator Vicente Pangelinan, Member
- Senator Frank Aguon, Jr., Member
- Senator Eloy Bermudes, Member

II. SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

There were no individuals providing oral or written testimony on the bill.

III. FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION

The Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs finds that Bill No. 67 clarifies the ambiguities existing in the statute making public hearings mandatory. The Committee finds that emergency situations do arise that necessitate the waiver of a public hearing. The language in Bill No. 67 allows the Members of I Liheslaturan Guahan, through a majority vote, to certify that emergency conditions do exist that justify the waiver of a public hearing.

The Committee further finds that the measure grants a waiver of public hearing if the bill as introduced, is *substantially identical* to a bill introduced earlier in the current legislative term, which earlier introduced bill received a public hearing.

Accordingly, the Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization and Federal Affairs, to which Bill No. 67 was referred does hereby submit its findings and recommendations to I Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guahan **TO DO PASS BILL NO. 67** "An act to repeal and reenact §2103 of Chapter 2 of Title 2 of the Guam Code Annotated relative to clarifying the language making public hearings mandatory."




MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
Kumitean Areklamento, Refotman Gubetnamento Siha, Inetnon di Nuebu, yan Asunton Fidirat
Senator Mark Forbes, Chairman

FEB 10 1999

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman
Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization
and Federal Affairs

FROM: Chairman 
Committee on Rules, Government Reform, Reorganization
and Federal Affairs

SUBJECT: Principal Referral - Bill No. 67

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

