



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ  
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

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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	
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Date	5.17.99

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 64 (COR), "AN ACT TO ADD §23108 TO CHAPTER 23 OF TITLE OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO DISPLAY NOTICES THAT MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "MSG", HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FOOD SERVED WITHIN THE ESTABLISHMENT", which I have signed into law today as Public Law No. 25-15.

The frequent practice of introducing MSG into food served in restaurants makes it difficult for those who have severe medical reactions to this additive to make an informed choice when dining away from home. MSG is not readily apparent in food from looking at it, smelling, or even asking a wait person. At times, "only the cook knows for sure". This is unlike most food allergies, which can usually be more readily determined by a dining customer.

Very truly yours,

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

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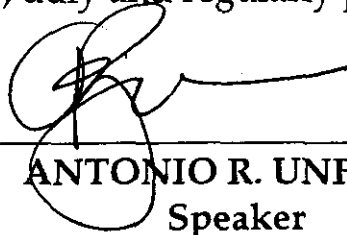
cc: The Honorable Joanne M. S. Brown  
Legislative Secretary

Office of the Speaker  
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
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MINA'BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN  
1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

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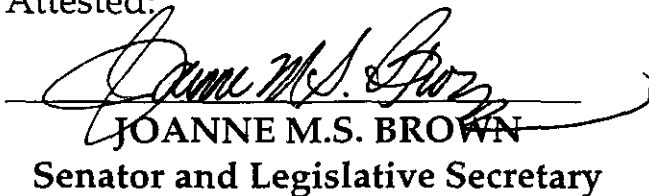
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ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO  
Speaker


Attested:



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JOANNE M.S. BROWN  
Senator and Legislative Secretary

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This Act was received by *I Maga'lahaen Guahan* this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1999,  
at 4:05 o'clock P.M.



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Assistant Staff Officer  
*Maga'laha's Office*

APPROVED:



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

Date: 5-14-99

Public Law No. 25-15

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

**Bill No. 64 (COR)**

As amended on the Floor.

Introduced by:

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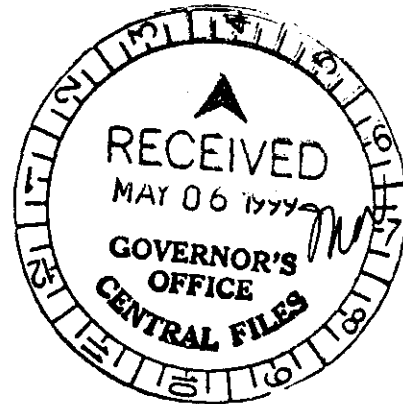
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**MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**TWENTY-FIFTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**  
155 Hesler Street, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

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,

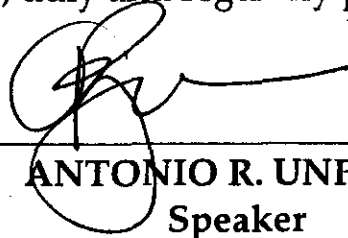
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Enclosure (6)


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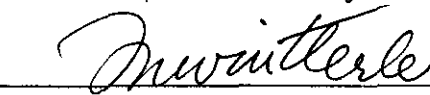
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APPROVED:

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Public Law No. \_\_\_\_\_

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**I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN**

1999 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 5/13/99

**VOTING SHEET**

Bill No. 64 (COR)

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_

Question: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	YEAS	NAYS	NOT VOTING/ ABSTAINED	OUT DURING ROLL CALL	ABSENT ROLL CALL
AGUON, Frank B., Jr.	✓				
BLAZ, Anthony C.	✓				
BERMUDES, Eulogio C.	✓				
BROWN, Joanne M. S.	✓				
CALVO, Eddie 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

15    0    0    0    0

CERTIFIED TRUE AND CORRECT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Legislature

\* 3 Passes = No vote  
EA = Excused Absence



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

April 21, 1999

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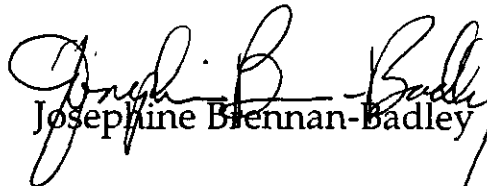
To: Senator ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO

From: Clerk of the Legislature

Subject: Report on Bill No. 64 (COR)

Pursuant to §7.04 of Rule VII of the 25<sup>th</sup> Standing Rules, transmitted herewith is a copy of the Committee Report on Bill No. 64 (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.

  
Josephine Biennan-Badley

Attachment

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT**

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Time: 3:20 P

Date: 4-21-99

**I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**Committee on Health, Human Services and Chamorro Heritage**  
***Kumiten Salut, Setbision Tinaotao yan Irensian Chamoru***  
***Sinadot Simon A. Sanchez II, Ge'Hilo'***

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April 21, 1999

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

Dear Mr. Speaker:

*I Kumiten Salut, Setbision Tinaotao yan Irensian Chamoru* have completed its evaluation of Bill No. 64 and hereby issues the enclosed Committee Report.

A public hearing was held on the measure on March 30, 1999.

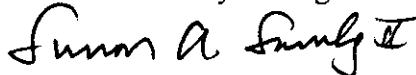
Committee Members voted as follows:

To pass	<u>7</u>
Not to pass	<u>0</u>
Abstain	<u>0</u>
Inactive File	<u>0</u>

Consequently, the Committees submit its recommendation to "DO PASS" Bill No. 64.

Your kind attention to this matter is immensely appreciated.

Saina Ma'åse' yan Magof Ha'ånen Yu'os,



SIMON A. SANCHEZ II

**I MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN**  
**Committee on Health, Human Services and Chamorro Heritage**  
**Kumiten Salut, Setbision Tinaotao yan Irensian Chamoru**  
**Sinadot Simon A. Sanchez II, Ge'Hilo'**

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April 8, 1999

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Committee Members

**FROM:** Chairperson

**SUBJECT:** Committee Report for Bill No. 64 – “An act to add a new section 23108, Chapter 23, Title 10 GCA relative to requiring all food service establishments to display notice within the premises that monosodium glutamate, commonly known as “MSG”, has been added to the food served in the establishment.”

Attached is the Committee Report for Bill 64 for your review and consideration. Please call me regarding clarification or additional information, otherwise, please mark and sign the accompanying Voting Sheet.

Saina Ma'åse' yan Magof Ha'ånen Yu'os,

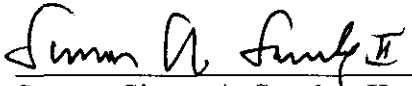

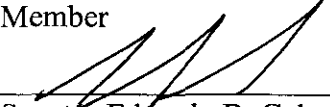
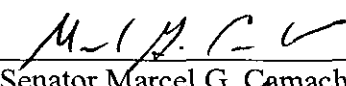


  
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**VOTING SHEET**

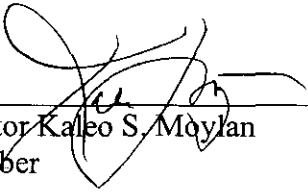
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To place in

	To Pass	Not to Pass	Abstain	Inactive File
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 _____ Senator Joanne M.S. Brown Vice Chairperson	✓	_____	_____	_____
_____ Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr. Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____ Senator Eulogio C. Bermudes Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____ Senator Anthony C. Blaz Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
 _____ Senator Eduardo B. Calvo Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
 _____ Senator Marcel G. Camacho Member	✓	_____	_____	_____
 _____ Senator Mark Forbes Member	_____	_____	_____	_____
 _____ Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer Member	X	_____	_____	_____
_____ Senator Alberto C. Lamorena V Member	_____	_____	_____	_____

*Mina' Bente Singko Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*  
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**VOTING SHEET**

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

Bill No. 64 (LS\_)

Introduced by:

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**AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 23108, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 10 GCA RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS TO DISPLAY NOTICE WITHIN THE PREMISES THAT MONOSODIUM GLUTAMATE, COMMONLY KNOWN AS "MSG", HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE FOOD SERVED IN THE ESTABLISHMENT.**

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2 **GUAHAN:**

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## **I. OVERVIEW**

Bill 64, authored by Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco, seeks to require all food establishments to post signs and print in the menu that Monosodium Glutamate or MSG, is used.

Bill 64 was introduced on January 2, 1999, and referred to the committee on February 8, 1999.

Bill 64 Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, March 30, 1999, at 1:30 PM Legislative Hearing Room, Hagåtña, Guam.

## **II. COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

Monosodium Glutamate, commonly known as MSG, is known to cause illness in people. There is a need to inform potential customers that MSG is being used in food preparation. Therefore it is the intent of Bill 64 to require all food service establishments to disclose the use of MSG.

Ms. Dorothy Horn, local resident, provided oral and written testimony in favor of Bill 64 stating:

- Millions and millions of pound of [MSG] is added to food; it is used in soup, seafood, poultry, cheese sauce, stews and many dishes that are ordered in restaurants.
- MSG is used without abandon.
- It has been proven that 20 years of eating glutamate can destroy brain cells, more so in infants and young children.

Mr. Ben Gumataotao, local resident, provided oral testimony in favor of Bill 64 stating:

- The use of MSG should not be allowed in any restaurant
- If a food establishment does use MSG, it should be stated in the menu.

## **III. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Committee recommends to pass Bill 64 as written.

Mcc:4/8/99

MINA' BENTE SINGKO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN 1999  
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