

I MINA'TRENTAI UNU NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN
2012 (FIFTH) Special Session

AGENDA

October 24, 2012

- (i) Speaker Calls the Fifth Special Session of *I Liheslaturan Guåhan* to Order;**
- (ii) Prayer by the Chaplain;**
- (iii) Recitation of *Inifresi*;**
- (iv) Singing of the Guam Hymn in Chamorro;**
- (v) Singing of the National Anthem;**
- (vi) Roll call;**
- (vii) Call for Approval of Legislative Journal: 9/20/11 to 9/23/11 - 4th Special Session dj**
- (viii) Communications and Petitions:**
- (ix) Messages from *I Maga'lahaen Guåhan*: There is**
- (x) Reports of Standing Committees:**
- (xi) Reports of Select Committees:**
- (xii) Introduction and First Reading of Bills:**
- (xiii) Motions.**
- (xiv) Legislative Concurrence:**
- (xv) Consent Calendar:**

(xvi) Second Reading:

1. SBill No. 52-31(COR)

(xvii) Consideration of the Daily File:

(1) Third Reading File

and

(2) Voting File;

(xviii) Brief extension of remarks (limited to five (5) minutes per Member);

(xix) Announcements; *and*

(xx) Adjournment of Special Session *Sine die*.

SECOND READING FILE

Bill No. 52-31 (COR) - , Committee on Rules, Federal, Foreign, & Micronesian Affairs

As Substituted Committee on Health
& Human Services, Economic

Development, Senior Citizens,

and Election Reform; and **further**

Substituted by Committee on Rules; and

referred back to Committee by the

Committee of the Whole; and **further Substituted**

by Committee on Health & Human Services,

Economic Development, Senior Citizens, and

Election Reform

and Human & Natural Resources, By request of

***I Maga'lahaen Guahan* in accordance with the Organic**

Act of Guam

AN ACT TO ADD A *NEW* SECTION 3218.1 TO CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2, TITLE 10 OF THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED, RELATIVE TO WOMEN'S INFORMED CONSENT FOR ABORTION; AND TO CITE THE ACT AS "*THE WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH INFORMATION ACT OF 2012.*"

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EDWARD J.B. CALVO
Governor

RAY TENORIO
Lieutenant Governor

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

October 23, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
Speaker
31st Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Place
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31-12-187#
Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Date 10/23/12
Time 11:11 AM
Received by [Signature]
AM 11:24

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

Simon Sanchez High School teacher Andre Baynum informed my office today that his students have been working very hard on a legislative forum at SSHS, which is scheduled at the same time I called the legislature into special session tomorrow. Mr. Baynum was very understanding and gracious about the matter at hand, saying he believes the legislature should indeed deliberate Bill No. 52. However, he has asked I consider moving the call for special session to the early afternoon hours so his students can have the benefit of the full participation of senatorial candidates.

I think the request is reasonable in light of all the effort already expended by SSHS. As a matter of fact, I promote this experience in civics as an advocate for education myself. Thus, I hereby rescind the original call to special session at 10 a.m. tomorrow morning, and instead call the legislature into special session at 1 p.m. tomorrow for the sole purpose of considering Substitute Bill No. 52-31, *The Women's Reproductive Health Information Act of 2011*.

Sincerely,

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

Cc: All senators

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM

October 22, 2012

Honorable Judith T. Won Pat, Ed.D.
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31-12-1873

Office of the Speaker
Judith T. Won Pat, Ed. D.
Date 10/22/12
Time 3:57
Received by JC
OCT 22 4:30 PM

Dear Speaker Won Pat,

I am calling the legislature into special session at 10 a.m. Wednesday, October 24 in accordance with my authority under the Organic Act. The sole subject of this session shall be for the legislature to consider Substituted Bill No. 52-31, *The Women's Reproductive Health Information Act of 2011*.

Madam Speaker, I introduced this bill 22 days after the 31st Guam Legislature and I came to office; that was nearly two years ago. According to the bills listed on your website, 474 more bills have been introduced since that time, several of which are for zoning. One of the bills introduced appropriated bond proceeds to purchase a beach. I'd hardly call such time spent crafting these provisions as useful to the people, or beneficial to their quality of life.

Bill No. 52 is a special piece of legislation. It is actually the second bill I introduced following my inauguration. The first bill I introduced was Bill No. 51, the *Unborn Child Protection Act of 2011*. That bill would have made it illegal to abort a child, who can feel pain. That bill also has not been acted on.

If enacted into law, Bill No. 52 will make it the right of women to receive legal information about the abortion procedure she is contemplating, information that is not currently required. This information ranges from the procedure itself to the other options and rights women have. These include the option to carry the child to term and give her to an adoptive family, for which there is a waiting list already.

Women also should be aware of their rights under the law to report men who have abused or raped them, who have enslaved them, who have sent them, under duress, to receive an abortion. Had this law existed at the time a 16-year-old victimized and indentured servant of the Blue House brothel allegedly was forced to have an abortion, it is quite possible justice may have been served sooner and, more importantly, the teen would have been aware of her rights for the first time. She is among those whom laws

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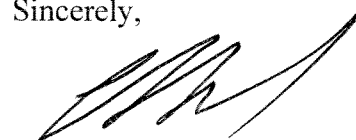
like this are intended to protect. Information should be given to her about the responsibilities of fathers, and the counseling and welfare assistance she can receive should she choose to carry the child to term.

This information is not currently required to be given to women. They do not have the right to this information. This sad state of affairs is such an injustice, considering the litany of information available on the simplest of medical procedures. Indeed, there is more instruction about how to administer a dog's chewable heartworm medication than there is about this extremely invasive procedure. It is almost as though the system is designed to promote abortion by robbing women of the information they need to make the most informed decision. Imagine if women on Guam had a right to this information since 1973. We could have saved countless unborn children, and helped many women understand the physical and psychological harms abortion can cause.

But, alas, this hasn't been a right, and women and their unborn children had not the support of the law. We should not wait another day to grant this right to women and, hopefully, to give them the information that will lead to the choice of life. The legislature chose to hold this bill in abeyance for purposes I cannot imagine. Madam Speaker, on January 25, 2011, we had an opportunity together to give this right to women when I introduced this bill. Instead, the legislature's Rules Committee chose to sit on this bill after substantially changing it. As the clock ticked and the days went by, and women facing real issues with their reproductive health had choices to make, this government continued to rob them of the right to the information that could have produced a different outcome: life.

I am just grateful to the health committee chairman, Senator Dennis Rodriguez, Jr., for his courage and diligence. This bill has been resurrected because of his effort and the effort of those advocating for life in our community. Sen. Rodriguez has made the appropriate changes to revert the bill back to its intended purpose, and I pray that you and your colleagues will join him in defending life. Pass Bill No. 52.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Eddie Baza Calvo', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

EDDIE BAZA CALVO

Cc: *All senators*