

Testimony on Bill 30-184 (COR)
By Hope Cristobal

An Act to add a new section (i) Title 21, Chapter 75, Section 75108 and to add a new section 21006.1 Title 3, Chapter 21 relative to the Decolonization Registry.

Buenas dias todos hamyo membro gi Komite ni gumigiha este na asunto espesiatmente hagu Speaker Pangelinan ni' humasusuyi todu i kinalamten i manaotao tano'.

I am Hope A. Cristobal, former senator and author of the original bill establishing the Chamorro Registry. I am here this morning in support of Bill 30-184(COR).

I would like to extend a deep appreciation to you, Speaker Ben Pangelinan, for your devotion and attention to issues related to our Chamorro people's best interests in the homeland. In particular, I commend you for your vision of creating a separate registry related to the work of the Commission on Decolonization. Your tenacity and focus on the development of political status issues for our people is admirable and inspiring and I pray that your work to address the unfinished business of Chamorro self-determination will be fruitful for all who live on Guam.

As a former member of Guam's legislative body and a member of OPI-R, having served as its chairperson for many years, and today as a teacher of history, there have been many opportunities to learn about the human rights of our people throughout the long history of colonization in Guam. I remain a student of history today learning, observing and participating in the great movement for true freedom of a non self-governing people. This people is none other than our very own colonized Chamorro people right here in the Chamorro archipelago.

The human right of self-determination is one of the highest and most basic principles recognized by international conventions and laws. Affirmed as a fundamental right in the treaty of nations, the UN Charter, it promotes dignity and worth in human beings. The exercise of our human right of self-determination is embedded in the process of decolonization, a process that is an entitlement when the US placed us on the UN List of Non Self-Governing Territories. Guam is a non self-governing territory by international standards; by US standards, however, our island is an "unincorporated territory." Both of these designations make Guam a colony.

One of the things I have learned, is that whatever label you place on it, and whether you personally feel it or not, if you live on Guam, you live under colonial rule. The fact of this colonial existence is that we must engage in the decolonization process in order to know and live true democracy. This is fully recognized by the U.S. nationally and internationally.

I have learned also that the institutional structure and power of the military can and does create a culture of political apathy in the surrounding community as indicated in

the book, “Homefront” by Dr. Cathy Lutz; but especially because of the economic stronghold it has in this colonial territory. In this kind of existence of course, one grows accustomed to the idea that truth and human rights do not meaningfully exist and the people, your constituents, are to be appeased regarding the political realities that restrain and constrain our development as a free people. What is interesting in this kind of atmosphere, is that the apathy created in our community seem to have also befallen our very leaders.

Inaction and the lack of clear resolution of Guam’s non-status in the past decade has broken the momentum of political status debates and discourse. Something that grew out of the late Senator Paul Bordallo, Frank Lujan and Cecilia Bamba’s efforts on land issues in the 70s and the 1987 plebiscite on the draft Guam Commonwealth articles up to the time of the 1997 Congressional hearings. The Legislature and all elected officials must abandon their spectator-politician roles and take interest in the long term vision for true democracy on this island. Planning must go far beyond election cycles. It is only with commitment to the decolonization process by elected officials can Guam be more responsive to the political nature of the US military build up.

The inaction of the Commission on Decolonization whose primary pursuit is the decolonization of Guam is disappointing and the efforts to address eligibility for the decolonization vote must also address this inaction. At a time of planned irreversible consequences and negative impacts socially and culturally by the US military, the people await your true leadership with dignity and purpose. The registry will list and keep intact our people as a political entity but the vision of decolonization and true democracy as the outcomes of this registry process which is really a consequence of our colonial existence, will help actualize our aspirations to be a free people.

Si Yu’os ma’ase’ and thank you for hearing me this morning.



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July 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: Pat Santos
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Attorney Therese M. Terlaje
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From: Senator Rory J. Respicio
Chairperson, Committee on Rules

Subject: Referral of Bill Nos. 30-179 to 30-182 and 30-184

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As Chairperson of the Committee on Rules, I am forwarding my referral of Bill Nos. 30-179 to 30-182 and 30-184.

Please ensure that the subject bills are referred, in my name, to the respective chairpersons, as shown on the attachment. I also request that the same be forwarded to all Senators of *I Mina' Trenta Na Liheslaturan Guåhan*.

Should you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Mendiola or Elaine V. Tajalle at 472-7679.

Si Yu'os Ma'åse'!

(1) Attachment

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Bill Log Sheet
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Bill No.	Sponsor(s)	Title	Date Introduced	Date Referred	Committee Referred	Public Hearing Date	Date Committee Report Filed	Status (Date)
30-179 (COR)	B. J.F. Cruz, R. J. Respicio, T. R. Muñá Barnes	An act to add a new § 51821 (a) to Article 8 of Chapter 51 of Title 10 of the Guam Code Annotated to authorize the use of excess bond proceeds for the purpose of constructing a Multi-Purpose Cultural, Convention and Performing Arts Center, and a Guam Museum Facility.	7-17-09 3:05 p.m.	7-22-09	Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, & Judiciary			
30-180 (COR)	Matt Rector	An act to <i>repeal</i> and <i>reenact</i> § 6201 of 4 GCA Chapter 6 to grant a uniform pay increase of Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars (\$10,880) to all classified public servants of the government of Guam.	7-17-09 4:42 p.m.	7-22-09	Committee on Labor, the Public Structure, Public Libraries, and Technology			
30-181 (COR)	Frank B. Aguon, Jr.	An act to <i>amend</i> Section 3160.1 of Title 7 Guam Code Annotated, relative to Superior Court Judges annual compensation adjustment.	7-20-09 10:10 a.m.	7-22-09	Committee on Economic Development, Health & Human Services, & Judiciary			

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30-182 (COR)	E. J. B. Calvo, Ray Tenorio, T. Taitague	An act to amend Section 6 of Public Law 21-14 enacted on April 20, 1991 identified as Lot No. 513, Merizo to reflect the new designated Lot No. 528-2, Municipality of Merizo.	7-20-09 11:04 a.m.	7-22-09	Committee on Appropriations, Taxation, Banking, Insurance, Retirement and Land			
30-184 (COR)	v. c. pangelinan	An act to add a new Section (i) Title 21, Chapter 75, §75108 and to add a new Section 21006.1 Title 3, Chapter 21 relative to the Decolonization Registry.	7-20-09 4:15 p.m.	7-22-09	Committee on Rules, Natural Resources, and Federal, Foreign & Micronesian Affairs			

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES FOR BILL NO. 184 (COR)

Public Hearing Date: September 28, 2009

September 21, 2009

- First Notice of Public Hearing to All Committee Members/Senators

September 22, 2009

- First Notice of Public Hearing to All Media

September 23, 2009

- Notice of Public Hearing to Mr. John F. Blas, Guam Election Commission
- Notice of Public Hearing to Mr. Jesse John Garcia, Chamorro Land Trust Commission
- Notice of Public Hearing to Mr. John Underwood, Commission on Decolonization

September 25, 2009

- Second Notice of Public Hearing to All Committee Members/Senators
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1st Notice of PH - Mon, 9/28, 9AM

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Hafa Adai, All:

Please see attached memo from Senator Respicio regarding the public hearing scheduled for next Monday, September 28, 2009 at 9:00 AM in the Legislature's Public Hearing Room.

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THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

September 21, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators / All Members

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio

Subject: First Notice of Public Hearing – Monday, September 28, 2009 – 9:00 AM

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Memo to All Senators
RE: Notice of Public Hearing (2009.09.28)
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cc: Sergeant-At-Arms/Protocol/AV
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Hafa Adai, Newsrooms:

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PRESS RELEASE
FIRST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 – 9:00 AM

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For more information, please contact the Office of Senator Rory J. Respicio at 472-7679.



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I Mina'Trenta na Liheslaturan Guåhan
THIRTIETH GUAM LEGISLATURE

September 25, 2009

MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators / All Members

From: Senator Rory J. Respicio

Subject: Second Notice of Public Hearing – Mon, Sept 28, 2009 – 9:00 AM

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