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GOVERNOR OF GUAM

OCT 23 1997

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Legislative Secretary

The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco  
Speaker  
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature  
Guam Legislature Temporary Building  
155 Hesler Street  
Agana, Guam 96910

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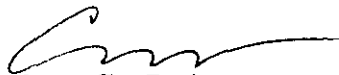
Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find a copy of Substitute Bill No. 186 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING SEVEN (7) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.", which I have signed into law today as **Public Law No. 24-98.**

This legislation provides for the Department of Public Works to assess the villages involved in this legislation to determine if the Manamko of these villages desire air conditioning within their Senior Citizen Centers. There may be some variation in the desires of our older citizens for this convenience. The legislation also provides for preliminary engineering work to be done to assess the feasibility and cost of putting air conditioning into the Senior Citizens Centers of Agat, Astumbo, Barrigada, Dededo, Inarajan, Yona, and Santa Rita.

The other centers not named in this legislation are reported to need certain structural repair before air conditioning can be added.

Very truly yours,

  
Carl T. C. Gutierrez  
Governor of Guam

Attachment

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

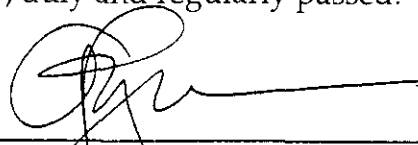
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OFFICE OF THE SPEAKER  
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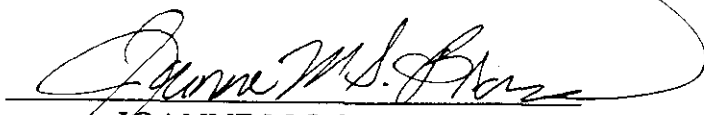
TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE  
1997 (FIRST) Regular Session

CERTIFICATION OF PASSAGE OF AN ACT TO THE GOVERNOR


This is to certify that Substitute Bill No. 186 (COR), "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING SEVEN (7) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS, THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT," was on the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 1997, duly and regularly passed.

  
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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 the Governor this 14th day of October, 1997, at  
8:15 o'clock a.M.

  
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Assistant Staff Officer  
Governor's Office

APPROVED:

  
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CARL T. C. GUTIERREZ  
Governor of Guam

Date: 10-23-97

Public Law No. 24-98

**TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE**  
**1997 (FIRST) Regular Session**

**Bill No. 186 (COR)**

As substituted by the Committee on  
Finance and Taxation and as amended  
on the Floor.

Introduced by:

F. B. Aguon, Jr.  
A. C. Blaz  
A. R. Unpingco  
Francisco P. Camacho  
T. C. Ada  
E. Barrett-Anderson  
J. M.S. Brown  
Felix P. Camacho  
M. C. Charfauros  
E. J. Cruz  
W. B.S.M. Flores  
Mark Forbes  
L. F. Kasperbauer  
A. C. Lamorena, V  
C. A. Leon Guerrero  
L. Leon Guerrero  
V. C. Pangelinan  
J. C. Salas  
A. L.G. Santos  
F. E. Santos  
J. Won Pat-Borja

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF  
FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) TO  
THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS,  
RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND  
ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST  
ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING SEVEN (7)**

OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS,  
THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO  
PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES  
IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

1           **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:**

2           **Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent.** The Guam Legislature  
3 finds that participation by the senior citizens in community center activities is  
4 increasing. In addition, community centers are also being used by the  
5 community for many civic, community and private functions. The Guam  
6 Legislature also finds that the type and method of construction of the  
7 community centers are such that they are not conducive to a comfortable  
8 environment because they are predominantly constructed out of concrete and  
9 become hot and extremely uncomfortable. A few community centers have air  
10 conditioning in place, but are inadequate.

11           On a daily basis, over 1,200 senior citizens use the different centers for  
12 various activities. Because of the way the centers are constructed, our  
13 respected elders are subjected to very harsh and often unbearable conditions.  
14 This Act would facilitate the air-conditioning of these senior citizen center  
15 sites and enable our Manamko to more comfortably enjoy their daily  
16 activities.

17           **Section 2. Appropriation.** The sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars  
18 (\$15,000.00) is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Department  
19 of Public Works for site and engineering assessments and cost estimates for  
20 air-conditioning seven (7) community centers at the following locations: Agat,  
21 Astumbo, Barrigada, Dededo, Inarajan, Yona and Santa Rita.

1           **Section 3. Exceptions.**   Those community centers not included in  
2 Section 2 are excluded because of the open nature of the center and preclude  
3 any possibility of placing air-conditioning in them until proper remodeling is  
4 initiated and completed.

5           **Section 4. Project Estimate.**   The Department of Public Works shall  
6 submit cost estimates broken down by sites no later than one hundred eighty  
7 days (180) after the enactment of this Act.

8           **Section 5.** Prior to the expenditure of any funds for assessments, the  
9 Department of Public Works shall survey the village mayor and the senior  
10 citizens using the community centers if they desire air conditioning. If the  
11 response is positive, Department of Public Works shall proceed with the  
12 assessment.



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Commission on Self Determination

October 7, 1997

The Honorable Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco 24th Guam Legislature 155 Hesler Street Agana, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation now reports its findings on substitute Bill No. 186(COR), "An Act to Appropriate the Sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) from the General Fund to the Department of Public Works Relative to Conducting Site and Engineering Assessments and Cost Estimates for Air Conditioning Eleven (11) of the Island's Senior Citizen Centers thus Enabling Our Manamko to Participate in Various Group Activities in a More Comfortable Environment," to the full Legislature with the recommendation TO DO PASS.

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

To Pass 9
Not To Pass
Inactive File
Abstained
Off-Island
Not Available

Copies of the Committee Report and all pertinent documents are attached for your information.

Handwritten signature of Anthony C. Blaz

Attachments



TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

# Office of the Vice-Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

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Determination

October 7, 1997

To: Senator Mark Forbes, Vice Chairperson  
Speaker Antonio R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio Member  
Senator Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Member  
Senator Joanne M.S. Brown, Member  
Senator Edwardo J. Cruz, Member  
Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Member  
Senator Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V, Member  
Senator Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero, Member  
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Senator Mark C. Charfauros, Member  
Senator William B.S.M. Flores, Member  
Senator Francis E. Santos, Member

From: Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairperson  
Committee on Finance and Taxation

Re: Voting Sheet on Substitute Bill No. 186(COR)

Transmitted herewith are the voting sheet and Committee Report on substitute Bill No. 186(COR) for your review and signature.

Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated.

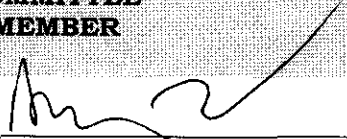
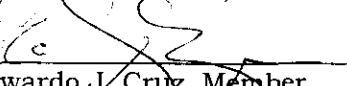
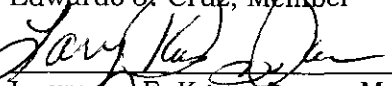

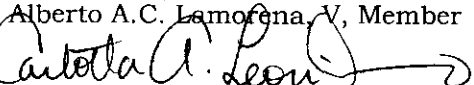
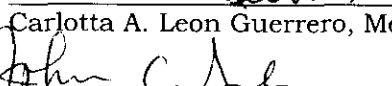
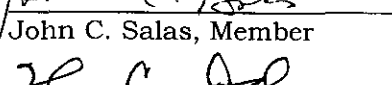
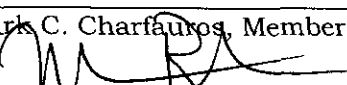
Anthony C. Blaz

# Committee on Finance and Taxation

## Voting Sheet on

### Substitute Bill No. 186

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING ELEVEN (11) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

COMMITTEE MEMBER	TO PASS	NOT TO PASS	ABSTAIN	INACTIVE FILE
 Anthony C. Blaz, Chairperson	✓			
Mark Forbes, Vice Chairperson				
Antonio R. Unpingco, Ex-Officio				
Elizabeth Barrett-Anderson, Member				
Joanne M.S. Brown, Member				
 Edwardo J. Cruz, Member	✓			
 Lawrence F. Kasperbauer, Member	x			
 Alberto A.C. Lamorena, V, Member				
 Carlotta A. Leon Guerrero, Member	✓			
 John C. Salas, Member	✓			
 Thomas C. Ada, Member	✓			
Mark C. Charfauros, Member				
 William B.S.M. Flores, Member	✓			
Francis E. Santos, Member				





***Committee on Finance & Taxation***  
*Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz, Chairman*

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***Committee Report on  
Substitute Bill No. 186***

"AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING ELEVEN (11) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZENS CENTERS THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT."

## **Committee on Finance and Taxation Report on Bill No. 186**

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING ELEVEN (11) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Standing Rules, notice of the Public Hearing on Bill No. 186COR) was published in the Pacific Daily News on April 21, 1997.

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on Wednesday, April 23, 1997 to hear testimonies on Bill No. 186:

### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

The hearing was called to order by the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Taxation, Vice Speaker Anthony C. Blaz.

Senator Thomas C. Ada  
Senator Mark C. Charfauros  
Senator Edwardo J. Cruz  
Senator William B.S.M. Flores  
Senator Lawrence F. Kasperbauer

Other Senators present were:

Senator Frank B. Aguon, Jr.  
Senator Lou Leon Guerrero  
Senator Judith Won Pat-Borja  
Senator Vicente Pangelinan

### **Providing Public Testimony on the Bill:**

Jose Crisostomo – Mangilao Senior Center  
Vicente Bernardo – Mayor of Yona (oral)  
Vicente Taitague – Mayor of Talofoto (oral)  
Robert Sanchez – Mayor of Yigo (oral)  
Sabino Flores – DPW (oral)

### **BACKGROUND ON BILL 186:**

The Chairman called on witnesses to provide testimony on Bill 186.

Senator Frai B. Aguon, author, briefed all present on the state of some senior citizen centers, namely, that they cannot be utilized for extended periods of time by not only the Manamkos but other citizens as well because of the lack of proper air circulation (non air conditioned) and that the maintenance responsibility falls primarily on the village mayors.

Jose Crisostomo, Executive Branch Vice Chairmna, Mangilao Senior Center, testified also on behalf of Mayor Nito Blas, who is requesting the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to renovate a part of the community center so that the Manamkos can move into it and relocate the youth center to Muna Baseball Park

Mayor Bernardo, voiced strong support for Bill No. 186 which would provide a more comfortable atmosphere in the centers for the island's senior citizens.

Mayor Sanchez, remarked that the some Yigo senior citizens simply don't participate because of the lack of air conditioning in the social hall. He further stated that the center (building) is owned by the Diocese of Agana.

Mayor Taitague, Talofof, stated that his village's senior citizen center did not lack air conditioning but aired his concern about who is responsible for paying the utility bill.

Senator Ada recommended that a specific funding source should first be identified and the needs reassessed but otherwise supported the intent of the bill.

Senator Lou Leon Guerrero felt that some centers, specifically in Sinajana, have structural defects that need to be corrected before considering the issue of a cooling system.

Since some facilities, according to Senator Cruz, are in utter disrepair, foremost priority should be to make these centers safe for the manamkos. And some manamkos are of the belief that air conditioning is harmful to health and conducting a survey to determine the desires of the manamkos, since they are the actual beneficiaries, is the next logical step.

The impact needs to be thoroughly reviewed as Senator Won Pat-Borja cited the difficulties encountered by DOE, from meeting building code standards to the maintenance of the cooling units, when a bill mandated all classrooms to be air conditioned. Also to be considered is the cost incurred in operating the system.

Sabino Florc listed a multitude of concerns s h a project would entail, from assessing the existing loads of an electrical system to air conditioning the facilities and more importantly, maintaining these systems to ensure maximum energy efficiency.

**FINDINGS:**

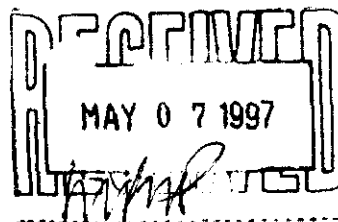
BILL 186 OVERVIEW

- Bill 186, will provide much needed capital to allow the Department of Public Works to assess the island's senior citizens centers and estimate cost of air conditioning them thereby making it a more comfortable environment for our senior citizens to congregate and thus enabling wider participation.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:**

The Committee, having conducted a sufficient hearing, does hereby recommend to the Legislature **to pass substitute Bill 186-** AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00) FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RELATIVE TO CONDUCTING SITE AND ENGINEERING ASSESSMENTS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR AIR CONDITIONING ELEVEN (11) OF THE ISLAND'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS THUS ENABLING OUR MANAMKO TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES IN A MORE COMFORTABLE ENVIRONMENT.





BBMR-F7

FISCAL NOTE
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

Bill No. 186 Date Received 4/18/97
Amendatory Bill YES NO X Date Reviewed 4/29/97
Department/Agency Affected: Department of Public Works
Department/Agency Head: Mr. Sabino P. Flores, Acting Director
Total FY appropriation to Date: \$24,674,938

Bill Title (Preamble): An Act to appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the General Fund to the Department of Public Works for the purpose of air-conditioning fourteen (14) of the Islands Senior Citizen Centers thus enabling our Manamko to participate in various group activities in a more comfortable environment.

Change in Law: n/a

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

X Increase \_\_\_ Decrease \_\_\_ Reallocation \_\_\_ No Change
Bill is for: \_\_\_ Operations X Capital Improvement \_\_\_ Other

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)

Table with 4 columns: PROGRAM CATEGORY, GENERAL FUND, OTHER, TOTAL. Row 1: Infrastructure & Utilities, \$150,000, -0-, \$150,000

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)

Table with 7 columns: FUND, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, TOTAL. Rows for GENERAL FUND, OTHER, and TOTAL.

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? YES/NO - IF NO, ADD'L AMOUNT REQUIRED see comments.

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: Dept. of Public Works / Mr. Sabino Flores, Acting Director / 4/29/97

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES

Table with 7 columns: FUND, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, TOTAL. Row 1: GENERAL FUND, n/a, empty, empty, empty, empty, empty

ANALYST Frank Lizama DATE 4/29/97 DIRECTOR JOSEPH E. RIVERA DATE MAY 05 1997

Acting Director

Footnotes: see attached comments.

Bureau of Budget and Management Research  
Fiscal Note Comments to Bill 186  
April 29, 1997

The Acting Director of Department of Public Works had commented at the public hearing on this proposed legislation that the appropriation for \$150,000 will be insufficient for the installation of air-conditioning at all Senior Citizen Centers. Averaging about \$15,000 each, only ten (10) of the fourteen (14) centers can be accommodated for the purchase and installation of air-conditioners. On the other hand, however, two centers located in the villages of Agana Heights and Talofoto already have air-conditioners installed.

Additional costs to be incurred for the installation of air-conditioners include retrofitting the building facility and erection of divider walls to maximize the energy efficiency and space requirements. The cost for purchase and installation of a standby generator for each of the centers may be considered, as well. Concerns for the maintenance costs and payment of power utilities will impact on the respective Mayors' Council and Village Mayors' budgets since the Department of Public Works will not have fiscal responsibility for these operating costs.

Since the Department of Public Works will need to complete a thorough inspection and evaluation of the Senior Citizen Centers, the total fiscal impact cannot be determined at this time.