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The Honorable Mark Forbes Speaker Mina' Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan 155 Hessler Street Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Transmitted herewith is Bill No. 169 (EC), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36, CHAPTER VI OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES" which I signed into law on September 20, 2005, as Public Law 28-67.

Sinseru yan Magåhet,

FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'låhen Guåhan

Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached of signed bill

cc: The Honorable Eddie Baza Calvo

Senator and Legislative Secretary

Senator Edward J.B. Calvo SECRETARY OF THE LEGISLATURE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT RECEIPT

Print Name & Initial

Date: 10-3-05



MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

TWENTY-EIGHTH GUAM LEGISLATURE 155 Hessler Place, Hagåtña, Guam 96910

September 19, 2005

The Honorable Felix P. Camacho I Maga'lahen Guåhan Ufisinan I Maga'lahi Hagåtña, Guam 96910



Dear Maga'lahi Camacho:

Transmitted herewith are Bill Nos. 169(EC) & 193(EC) which were passed by *I Mina'Bente Ocho Na Liheslaturan Guåhan* on September 16, 2005.

Sincerely,

EDWARD J.B. CALVO

Senator and Secretary of the Legislature

Enclosures (2)

I MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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

This is to certify that Bill No. 169 (EC), "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36, CHAPTER VI OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 **EXTEND** TO **IMPLEMENTATION** OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES," was on the 16th day of September, 2005, duly and regularly passed.

Attested:	Mark Forbes Speaker
Edward J.B. Calvo	
Senator and Secretary of the Legislature	
This Act was received by <i>I Maga'lahen Guåhan</i> this _at o'clockM.	Assistant Staff Officer
APPROVED:	Maga'lahi's Office
FELIX P. CAMACHO I Maga'lahen Guåhan Dato: 9/20/05	
Date:	

Public Law No. 28-67

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Bill No. 169 (EC)

As amended.

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Introduced by:

A. R. Unpingco
L. F. Kasperbauer
J. T. Won Pat
F. B. Aguon, Jr.
J. M. S. Brown
Edward J. B. Calvo
B. J. F. Cruz
Mike Cruz
Mark Forbes
R. Klitzkie
L. A. Leon Guerrero
J. A. Lujan
A. B. Palacios
R. J. Respicio
Ray Tenorio

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36, CHAPTER VI OF **PUBLIC** LAW 27-106 TO **EXTEND IMPLEMENTATION OF** THE **UNIFORM** COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING **OF FINANCING STATEMENTS** AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM:

- 2 Section 1. Legislative Findings and Intent. I Liheslaturan Guåhan finds
- 3 that the Compiler of Laws has codified the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC),
- 4 Revised Article 9, relative to dealing with secured transactions. The Guam Bankers
- 5 Association has approached I Liheslaturan Guåhan to request that an additional year

1	be granted beyond the implementation date of October 1, 2005 to allow the comments.
2	as noted by the Compiler, to be effectuated. The additional time is also needed by
3	members of the Guam Bankers Association to familiarize themselves with the new
4	codified sections and to make necessary adjustments to fully and properly comply
5°	with the mandates of the adopted Uniform Commercial Code (UCC), Revised Article
6	9. An extension will also allow the Banking and Insurance Board to adjudicate the
7	filing fees that are required for various sections of the law. The revised
8	comprehensive version of the fees will be submitted to I Liheslatura and introduced
9	no later than April 30, 2006.
10	It is therefore the intent of I Liheslaturan Guåhan to extend the
1.1	implementation date and authorize the Banking and Insurance Board to adjudicate the
12	required fees.
13	Section 2. Amendment to Section. Section 36, Chapter VI of Public Law
14	27-106 is hereby amended to read:
15	"Section 36. Extension of UCC, Revised Article 9, Implementation
16	Date. (a) Section 2 of Public Law 27-40 is hereby amended to read as follows:
17	Section 2. A new Section 5 is hereby added to Public Law 26-172
18	to read as follows:
19	Section 5. The provisions of this Act shall be effective
20	October 1, 2006, and shall apply to transactions entered into and
21	events accruing after October 1, 2006.
22	(b) Section 3 of Public Law 27-40 is hereby amended to read as follows:
23	Section 3. A new Section 6 is hereby added to Public Law 26-172
24	to read as follows:
25	Section 6. The Banking and Insurance Board shall adopt a
26	fee schedule for the filing of financing statements, amendments,

1	continuations, statements, and releases which shall be promulgated
2	pursuant to the Administrative Adjudication Law and filed with I
3	Liheslaturan Guåhan no later than April 30, 2006."

I MINA' BENDE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN

2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

Date: 9//6

VOTING SHEET

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CALVO, Edward J.B.					
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CRUZ, Michael (Dr.)					
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KASPERBAUER, Lawrence F.					
KLITZKIE, Robert					
LEON GUERRERO, Lourdes A.					
LUJAN, Jesse A.					
PALACIOS, Adolpho B.					
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TENORIO, Ray					
UNPINGCO, Antonio R.					
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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Offairs

August 15, 2005

The Honorable Mark Forbes Speaker I Mina' Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan 155 Hesler Place Hagatña, GU 96910

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs, to which BILL NO. 169 (EC) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36 CHAPTER 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES was referred, wishes to report its findings and recommendations TO PASS:

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The voting record of the members of the Committee is as follows:

TO PASS:	<u>8_</u>
NOT TO PASS:	<u>0</u>
TO REPORT ONLY:	<u>0</u>
TO ABSTAIN:	<u>0</u>
TO PLACE IN INACTIVE FILE:	<u>0</u>

A copy of the committee report and other pertinent documents are attached for your reference.

Senseramente,

Antonio R. Unpingco

Attachment

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs

BILL NO. 169 (EC) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36 CHAPTER 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES.

	TO <u>PASS</u> ✓	NOT TO PASS	TO <u>ABSTAIN</u>	INACTIVE FILE
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO Chairperson				
LARRY F. KASPERBAUER, Ph.D				
Vice Chairperson				
FRANK B. AGUON, JR.				
Member				
EDWARD J.B. CALVO	1			
Member 2				
BENJAMIN J/F. CRUZ			<u></u>	
Member WWW				-
MIKE CRUZ, M.D. Member				
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RORY J. RESPICIO Member	_			
RAY LENGRIO				
Member				
JUDITH T. WON PAT	/-			
Member				
MARK FORBES	\mathcal{V}_{0}			
Speaker & Ex-officio Member				

Committee on Tourism, Maritime,
Military & Veterans Affairs
155 Hesler Place, Hagatna, Guam 96910
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COMMITTEE REPORT

BILL NO. 169 (EC) AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36 CHAPTER 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES.

INTRODUCTION AND REFERRAL

Bill 169(EC) "AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 36 CHAPTER 6 OF PUBLIC LAW 27-106 TO EXTEND THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9 AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BANKING AND INSURANCE BOARD TO DEVELOP A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE FILING OF FINANCING STATEMENTS AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES" was introduced by A.R. Unpingco on July 12, 2005. The bill was subsequently referred by the Committee on Calendar to the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs on July 14, 2005.

PUBLIC HEARING

On Monday, July 25, 2005, a public hearing was conducted by the Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs on Bill 169(EC). Committee Chairperson Antonio R. Unpingco called the public hearing to order at 2 p.m. in the Legislative Public Hearing Room.

Chairman Unpingco called the following to provide public testimony of Bill 169(EC):

- 1. Andy Jordanou, Banking & Insurance Commissioner, oral
- 2. Ed Untalan, Guam Bankers Association Vice President, oral and written
- 3. John Lee, First Hawaiian Bank Senior Vice-President, oral and written
- 4. Richard Johnson, Klemm, Blair, Sterling & Johnson, oral
- 5. Mark Fish, Bank Pacific, Ltd. Executive Vice-President, oral and written

SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY

Mr. Andy Jordanou testified in favor of the passage of Bill 169. He supports the Guam Bankers Association's position to revise and modify the Commercial Code Article 9 and postpone the implementation for another year - from Oct. 1 2005 October 2006. The Banking and Insurance Commission will be involved with the revision and will adjudicate the filing fees. He added that all 50 states have already adopted the revisions.

Mr. Ed Untalan testified in favor of the bill. Since overhauling the entire code is a monumental task, he asked for the deletion of the April 30, 2006 deadline for the submission of the revisions. He stated that the current law did not consider the fact that the Guam Uniform Commercial Code had not been updated since the 70's. In addition, when PL 26-172 was passed, it assumed that all the updates were already incorporated. Consequently, the existing statues refer to articles that do not exist. He added that the association is requesting that Bill 169 be amended to repeal PL 26-172.

Mr. John Lee is in support of the bill and stated that the revisions will take time. He will work with the other banks and attorneys to comply with the law.

Mr. Richard Johnson, Esq. (counsel for First Hawaiian Bank) stated that this bill is urgent because of its effect on the economy. The main problem with the revised Article 9 as it

appears in PL 26-172 is the fact that Article 1-8 and Article 10 have not been updated on Guam since 1977. Consequently, using the revised Article 9 assumes that numerous updates and new articles (such as Article 2.A on leasing transactions or Article 4.A on electronic fund transfers) have already been adopted. What is needed is to update the entire Guam Commercial Code. He added that this is a huge task and revisions will be voluminous.

Mr. Mark Fish stated his support for the bill. The implementation of PL 26-172 has been delayed twice because of the revisions needed on the Guam Code. If the law were implemented, it would be deficient. He supports the Guam Bankers Association's position that a rewrite is needed as well as the increase in fees.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Unpingco stated that he cannot agree with the Bankers Association's request of repealing PL 26-172 because banks would be operating without laws.

Chairman Unpingco is aware that the revisions will be time consuming and voluminous so he set the deadline for submission to the Legislature for April 30, 2006, which is 9 months away. He plans on giving the Legislature about 5 months to review the revisions in time for a Fall 2006 session.

Chairperson Unpingco suggested that the bankers also work with the Compiler of Law.

Chairperson Unpingco informed them that committee members have already expressed their concern with the delays.

There being no other question or comment, the hearing on Bill 169(EC) was concluded.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs recommends that Bill 169(EC) be reported out to the full body with the recommendation **TO DO PASS**.



PUBLIC HEARING July 25, 2005 Monday, 2:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Bill No. 169 (EC) An Act to amend Section 36 Chapter 6 of Public Law 27-106 to extend the implementation of the uniform commercial code, revised Article 9 and to authorize the Banking and Insurance Board to develop a fee schedule for the filing of financing statements and other related charges.



Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

MEMORANDUM

To:

All Members

Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs

From:

A.R. Unpingco

Chairman

Subject:

Notice of Public Hearing

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I look forward to your attendance. Should you wish to discuss Bill No. 169 before the hearing, I will be available to do so.

Thank you.

CC:

All Senators

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PRESS RELEASE

July 14, 2005

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I Mina Bente Ocho na Liheslaturan Guahan COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, MARITIME, MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Senator Antonio R. Unpingco,

Chairman NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING July 25, 2005

Monday, 2:00 P.M.

The Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military & Veterans Affairs will be holding a public hearing on Bill No. 169 (EC) An Act to Amend Section 36 Chapter 6 of Public Law 27-106 to extend the implementation of the Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Article 9 and to authorize the Banking and Insurance Board to develop a Fee Schedule for the filing of

Financing Statements and other related charges. The Public is invited to attend, persons with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary and / or services are asked to call Dee Hernandez at 472-3455/6/7 or email us at info@tony unpingco.com.

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03	\$45,350
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05	\$54,450
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08	\$66,550

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Is RONALD S. De GUZM. **Executive Director**

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. David Guevara Resident Manager Merril Lynch Global Private Client First Hawaiian Bldg., Ste. 403 400 Rte. 8 Maite, Guam 96910

Subject:

Notice of Public Hearing

Dear Mr. Guevara:

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Sincerely,



Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. John K. Lee SVP & Guam/CNMI Region Supervisor First Hawaiian Bank 400 Route 8 Mongmong, Guam 96910



Subject:

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Dear Mr. Lee:

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. John Arroyo Interim CEO Government of Guam Employees Federal Credit Union 121 Robat Street Maite, Guam 96910

Subject:

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Dear Mr. Arroyo:

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Senator Antonio R. Unpingco Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. Michael A. Camacho President & CEO Personal Finance Center 973 South Marine Corp Drive Tamuning, Guam 96913

Subject:

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Sincerely,

A.R Unpingco

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

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July 12, 2005

Ms. Elsa (Gigi) Delos Santos AVP/Branch Manager Finance Factors, Ltd. 719 S. Marine Corp Drive, Ste. 103 Tamuning, Guam 96913

Subject:

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Dear Ms. Delos Santos:

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Sincerely,



Senator Antonio R. Unpingco Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans Affairs

July 12, 2005

Ms. Maritess A. Veracruz Asst. Vice President & General Manager Metropolitan Bank & Trust Co. Guam Branch 665 South Marine Corp. Drive Tamuning, Guam 96913

Subject:

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Dear Ms. Veracruz:

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Sincerely.

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. Ajay Kashyap Country Business Manager Citibank, N.A. 420 E. Marine Drive Hagatna, Guam 96910

Subject:

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. Andrew Sergio Quenga Office of the Compiler of Laws Supreme Court of Guam Ste 300 Guam Judicial Center 120 West O'Brien Drive Hagatna, Guam 96910

Subject:

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Sincerely,

A.R Unpingco

Received by: Janie Lamado 7/20/05 @ 4:15 P.M.



Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. Joseph M. Borja Director Department of Land Management P.O. Box 2950 Hagatna, Guam 96932 PECEIVE

Department of Land Management.

Subject:

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

Mr. Larry K. Butterfield President & CEO Citizens Security Bank P.O. Box EQ Hagatna, Guam 96932

Subject:

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A.R Unpingco

Proved of 7/20/00



Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

July 12, 2005

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Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans affairs

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MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

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GUAM BANKER'S ASSOCIATION

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VIA HAND DELIVERY

Senator Edward J. B. Calvo Chairman, Committee on Finance, Taxation & Commerce MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN

Re: Written testimony regarding Bill No. 169

Dear Senator Calvo:

The Guam Banker's Association ("GBA") submits this written testimony regarding Bill No. 169, an act introduced by Senator Antonio R. Unpingco to extend the implementation date of Revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code ("Revised Article 9") and to authorize the Office of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to develop a fee schedule for the filing of financing statements and other related charges.

The GBA favors of extending the implementation date of Revised Article 9. Revised Article 9 should not be immediately implemented as borrowers, financial institutions and the legal community would need time to familiarize themselves and make necessary adjustments to fully and properly comply with the mandates of Revised Article 9. Moreover, the GBA is in favor of allowing the Office of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to develop a fee schedule for the filing of financing statements and other related charges; the GBA believes that an increase in the filing fees for a financing statement and other related charges is appropriate.

Notwithstanding, the GBA is opposed to the passage of Bill No. 169 in its present form. Bill No. 169 essentially allows Public Law 26-172 to become effective on October 1, 2006. As you are aware, Public Law 26-172, "AN ACT TO ADOPT THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE, REVISED ARTICLE 9, RELATIVE TO DEALING WITH SECURED TRANSACTIONS," was passed by the Guam Legislature ("Legislature") on December 30, 2002, and signed into law by the Governor on January 5, 2003. Although the GBA fully supports the Legislature's adoption of Revised Article 9 in Guam, for reasons set forth below, the GBA respectfully requests that the Legislature repeal Public Law 26-172 and enact a new law providing for a complete overhaul of the Guam Uniform Commercial Code. In other words, rather than enacting legislation that only adopts Revised Article 9, the GBA is in favor of enacting legislation that repeals the entire Title 13 of the Guam Code Annotated and reenacts Title 13 as follows:

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- 2. Revised Article 2 (Sales):
- 3. Revised Article 2A (Leases);
- 4. Revised Article 3 (Negotiable Instruments);
- 5. Revised Article 4 (Bank Deposits and Collections);
- 6. Article 4A (Funds Transfers);

- 7. Revised Article 5 (Letters of Credit);
- 8. Revised Article 6 (Bulk Sales);
- 9. Revised Article 7 (Documents of Title);
- 10. Revised Article 8 (Investment Securities); and
- 11. Revised Article 9 (Secured Transactions).

Currently, Guam has only adopted "Old" Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9; Guam has not adopted any version of Article 2A or Article 4A.

Reasons to repeal Public Law 26-172

Public Law 26-172 is a mirror of Revised Article 9-Secured Transactions of the Uniform Commercial Code as drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (hereinafter the "Uniform Model Law"). The Uniform Model Law contains numerous cross-references to other provisions of the Uniform Commercial Code, e.g. Article 2 of the UCC relating to the sale of goods and Article 3 of the UCC relating to commercial paper. The Uniform Model Law as drafted contemplates that the adopting jurisdiction has adopted the entire UCC in its most recent version, i.e. Revised Articles 1 thru 9. Because the Legislature has not adopted the entire UCC in its most recent version, i.e. Article 2A-Leases has not been adopted in Guam and Revised Articles 1 thru 9 have not been adopted in Guam, several cross-references found in Public Law 26-172 are inaccurate and inconsistent with the numbering system of the Guam Uniform Commercial Code.

You should be alerted that the task of drafting a workable version of Revised Article 9 for Guam with accurate cross-references to other provisions of the Guam Uniform Commercial Code is a difficult one. This task is difficult because the Guam Uniform Commercial Code does not contain an analogous provision for every provision that is cross-referenced by Revised Article 9. Plainly, Revised Article 9 was not intended to be adopted in a jurisdiction that has not adopted Revised Articles 1 thru 8. Without completely overhauling the entire Guam Uniform Commercial Code, the only way to economically draft a workable version of Revised Article 9 is to ensure that the provisions within Revised Article 9 make accurate cross-references to provisions outside of Revised Article 9, and that the provisions outside of Revised Article 9 make accurate cross-references to the provisions within Revised Article 9.

You should also note that every jurisdiction, including California, which has adopted Revised Article 9 has also adopted conforming amendments to ensure that the accuracy of cross-references and the consistency of the statutory numbering system is maintained. Admittedly, Public Law 26-172 requires the Guam Compiler of Laws ("Compiler") to renumber the sections of Revised Article 9 to conform with the Guam Code Annotated numbering system. According to Bill No. 169, the Compiler has codified Revised Article 9. If the Legislature does decide to allow Public Law 26-172 to become effective, we strongly recommend that the Legislature ensure that these issues be resolved.

Reasons to completely overhaul the Guam Uniform Commercial Code

Enacted by Public Law 13-60, the Guam Uniform Commercial Code was mirrored after the Uniform Commercial Code of California. Therefore, the Guam Uniform Commercial Code is generally equivalent to the Uniform Commercial Code of California as it existed in the mid-1970's. Since such time, the Guam Uniform Commercial Code has remained unamended, while the California Legislature has adopted Article 2A (Leases), Revised Article 3 (Negotiable Instruments), Revised Article 4 (Bank Deposits and Collections), Article 4A (Funds Transfers),

Revised Article 5 (Letters of Credit), Revised Article 6 (Bulk Sales), Revised Article 8 (Investment Securities), and Revised Article 9 (Secured Transactions).

A complete overhaul of the Guam Uniform Commercial Code is necessary to: (i) effectuate uniformity across the states in connection with commercial transactions; (ii) bring upto-date Guam law governing commercial transactions; (iii) bring greater certainty to commercial transactions, thereby facilitating commerce and trade and reducing both transactions costs and the cost of credit; (iv) reflect modern commerce, commercial practices, and new technological developments; (v) incorporate established case-law interpretations; (vi) streamline existing business rules, thus avoiding the unnecessary burden for interstate and foreign commercial/financing transactions; and (vii) avoid the immense difficulty created by adopting each Revised Article of the UCC separately and at different times of ensuring that the accuracy of cross-references and the consistency of the statutory numbering system is maintained.

Conclusion

The GBA supports extending the implementation date of Revised Article 9. Moreover, the GBA is in favor of allowing the Office of the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance to develop a fee schedule for the filing of financing statements and other related charges; the GBA believes that an increase in the filing fees for a financing statement and other related charges is appropriate. Although the GBA fully supports the Legislature's adoption of Revised Article 9 in Guam, the GBA respectfully requests that the Legislature repeal Public Law 26-172 and enact a new law providing for a complete overhaul of the Guam Uniform Commercial Code that repeals and reenacts the entire Guam Uniform Commercial Code - Title 13 of the Guam Code Annotated. The GBA would recommend that the Legislature may wish to follow the manner in which a more progressive jurisdiction has adopted Revised Articles 1 thru 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code.

Alternatively, if the Legislature decides to not completely overhaul the Guam Uniform Commercial Code, and instead decides to allow Public Law 26-172 to come into effect, then the GBA respectfully requests that the Legislature and the Compiler perform its due diligence to ensure that the provisions within Revised Article 9 make accurate cross-references to provisions outside of Revised Article 9, and that the provisions outside of Revised Article 9 make accurate cross-references to the provisions within Revised Article 9.

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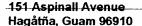
Dear Chairman Calvo:

BankPacific, Ltd hereby provides written testimony to the 28th Guam Legislature's Committee on Finance, Taxation & Commerce in support of Bill Number 169 and the passage of this proposed legislation by the 28th Guam Legislature.

Public Law 26-172 ("An Act to Adopt the Uniform Commercial Code, Revised Article 9, Relative to Dealing with Secured Transactions") was passed by the Guam Legislature on December 30, 2002 and signed into law on January 5, 2003. The effective date of this law has been delayed twice, once via Public Law 27-40 and again by Public Law 27-106. The effective date is now set at October 1, 2005.

The foregoing effective date delays were necessary to address numerous deficiencies in the new legislation. Public Law 26-172 is a mirror of the Revised Article 9-Secured Transactions of the Uniform Commercial Code as drafted by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniforms State Laws (Uniform Model Law). The Uniform Model Law contains cross references to the provisions of other new model laws including the Uniform Commercial Code. As Guam has not adopted other sections of the Model UCC, a comprehensive review of and modifications to the Guam Code Annotated are necessary to bring Public Law 26-172 in line with the aged Guam Code Annotated. These modifications have yet to be completed.

Rather than to allow a deficient law to take effect, BankPacific supports Bill 169's further one year delay of the effective date of Public Law 26-172 in order to either provide the needed time for a comprehensive review and update of the Gam Code Annotated or, to undertake preparation of replacement legislation via a new and modern Guam Commercial Code. We believe this to be reasonable and we note that this position runs consistent with that of the Guam Banker's Association on this matter.



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We also note that Bill 169 directs the Banking and Insurance Board will adopt new fee schedules for filing of financing statements, amendments, continuations and releases. It is our understanding these fees have not been adjusted for quite some time. BankPacific will work the Banking and Insurance Commissioner and the Guam Banking and Insurance Board to provide for reasonable recommended increases for these important security interest related services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Mark O. Fish Executive Vice President Chief Operating Officer



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July 22, 2005.

TESTIMONY OF FIRST HAWAIIAN BANK REGARDING BILL 169 (EC)

Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco Chairman Committee on Tourism, Maritime, Military and Veterans' Affairs MINA'BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Bill Number 169 (EC), an Act to amend Section 26, Chapter 6 of Public Law 27-106 to Extend the Implementation of the Uniform Commercial Code Revised Article 9 and to Authorize the Banking and Insurance Board to Develop a Fee Schedule for the Filing of Financing Statements and Other Related Charges.

During the 26th Guam Legislature, Bill No. 265(COR) was introduced by Former Speaker Pangelinan and others. Speaker Pangelinan's motivation was laudatory. He intended to bring the laws of Guam respecting secured transactions in line with the laws of the 50 states and the District of Columbia by enacting revised Article 9 of the Uniform Commercial Code. The bill enacted revised Article 9 as published by the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, entitled Uniform Commercial Code 2001 Edition – 2001 Official Text. This Official Text was attached to the bill and incorporated into the bill by reference. The bill was passed on December 30, 2002 and became Public Law 26-172, on January 5, 2003.



Unfortunately, the law suffers from certain defects. Among them are the following:

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These are not just technical or academic problems. While most of us do not pay much attention to the laws of secured transactions, they impact

on all of our lives on a daily basis. Inventory held for sale by businesses is generally financed. The party providing the financing relies upon its perfected security interest in the inventory to secure repayment of the monies lent or credit provided to acquire the inventory. This type of inventory ranges from motor vehicles to groceries, clothing, dry goods, hardware and virtually anything else that can be imagined. Lenders rely upon security interests in personal property as part of their collateral for their loans.

Without a coherent and comprehensive law on secured transactions, business will be deeply impacted. Businesses may no longer be able to obtain financing for inventory and loans for myriad other purposes. Lawyers who are regularly called upon to provide opinions in connection with secured financing and the enforceability of security interests and fixture filings in Guam would not be able to do so. Already, the possibility of Public Law 26-172 becoming effective has caused concerns. This will only increase as we move towards October.

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Very truly yours,

MINA' BENTE OCHO NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN 2005 (FIRST) Regular Session

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Introduced by:

A. R. Unpingco

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