



CARL T.C. GUTIERREZ
GOVERNOR OF GUAM

MAY 29 1998

Refer to
Legislative Secretary


The Honorable Antonio R. Unpingco
Speaker
Mina'Bente Kuattro na Liheslaturan Guåhan
Twenty-Fourth Guam Legislature
Guam Legislature Temporary Building
155 Hesler Street
Hagåtña, Guam 96910

Dear Speaker Unpingco:

Enclosed please find Bill No. 212 (COR), "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, BUAM TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE.", vetoed by the Governor and overridden by I Liheslaturan Guåhan on May 22, 1998.

This legislation is now designated **Public Law No. 24-210.**

Very truly yours,

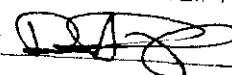

Carl T. C. Gutierrez
I Maga'lahaen Guåhan
Governor of Guam

Attachment: copy attached for signed bill or overridden bill
original attached for vetoed bill

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


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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY
ACKNOWLEDGMENT RECEIPT

Received By: 

Time: 4:04 pm

Date: 5.29.98

Office of the Speaker
ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Date: 5-29-98
Time: 1400
Rec'd by: 
Print Name: Charlene D.

MINA'BENTE KUATTRO NA LIHESLATURAN GUAHAN
1998 (SECOND) Regular Session


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

This is to certify that Bill 212 (COR), "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, GUAM TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE," returned without approval of *I Maga'lahen Guahan*, was reconsidered by *I Liheslaturan Guahan* and after such consideration, did agree, on the 22nd day of May, 1998, to pass said bill notwithstanding the veto of *I Maga'lahen Guahan* by a vote of 18 members.



ANTONIO R. UNPINGCO
Speaker

Attested:



JOANNE M.S. BROWN
Senator and Legislative Secretary

This Act was received by *I Maga'lahen Guahan* this 27th day of May,
1998, at 4:55 o'clock P.M.



Assistant Staff Officer
Maga'lahi's Office

Public Law No. 24-210

- 1 Management shall ensure that all terms and conditions governing the sale of
- 2 Lot Number 2417-1-4, Mangilao, Guam, are met by the buyer prior to
- 3 transferring title to said property.



TWENTY-FOURTH GUAM LEGISLATURE

Office of the Vice-Speaker

ANTHONY C. BLAZ

January 23, 1998

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Guam Finance
Commission

Commission on Self
Determination

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

VIA: Committee on Rules

Dear Mr. Speaker:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation, to which was referred Bill No. 212, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE" herein reports back with the recommendation TO DO PASS.

Votes of the committee members are as follows:

9 To Pass

___ Not To Pass

___ To Place in Inactive File

___ Abstained

___ Off-Island

___ Not Available

Sincerely,



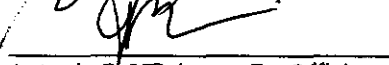

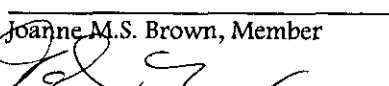
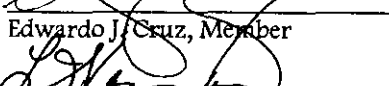

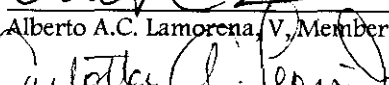
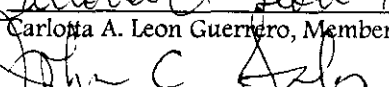
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Committee on Finance and Taxation

Vote Sheet on Bill No. 212

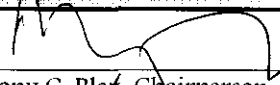
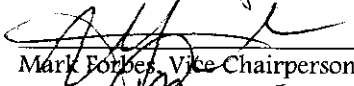
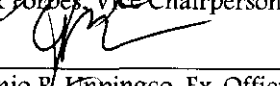
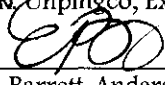
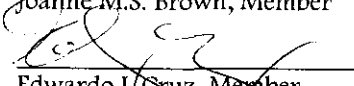
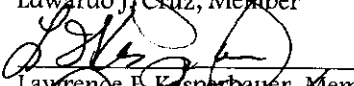
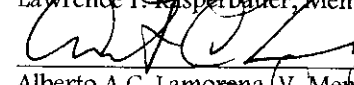
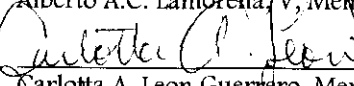
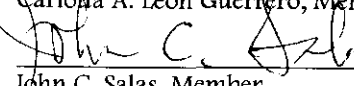
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Committee on Finance and Taxation

Vote Sheet on Bill No. 212

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE."

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Committee on Finance and Taxation

Report on Bill No. 212

"AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE."

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Pursuant to the requirements of the Standing Rules, notice of the Public Hearing on Bill No. 212 was published in the Pacific Daily News on June 12, 1997.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Committee on Finance and Taxation conducted a public hearing on Thursday, June 12, 1997 to hear testimonies on Bill No. 212. The public hearing was held in the Legislative Public Hearing Room.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

Senator Thomas Ada
Senator Mark Charfauros
Senator Alberto A.C. Lamorena V
Senator Francis E. Santos

Other Senators present were:

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

Providing Public Testimony on the Bill:

Elizabeth S. Acfalle, Representing Juan Q. Acfalle
Roland Teehan, Chamorro Land Trust
Carl Aguon, Director, Department of Land Management
James Diaz, Administrative Director, Chamorro Land Trust

BACKGROUND:

Vice Speaker Blaz addressed all individuals interested in providing testimony on Bill 212.

Mrs. Acfalle testified in support of Bill 212, stating in her written comments that her family has been waiting for the past 10 years to purchase Lot No. 2417-1-4 in the area of Maga, Mangilao.

James Diaz, Acting Administrative Director, Chamorro Land Trust Commission, testified in support of the bill. In his written testimony, he emphasized that Bill 212 humanly seeks to resolve a tragic situation within the family of the late Mrs. Bernadita Q. Salas, her descendants were regrettably denied what might have otherwise become their rightful patrimony. He suggested however that the bill be amended to so as to provide that any payments for purchase be made to the Chamorro Land Trust.

Carl Aguon, Director Land Management submitted written testimony supporting the intent of the bill.

FINDINGS:

The Committee finds that:

- Due to the passing of Mrs. Bernadita Salas, an agreement was never fulfilled and her deed was defaulted due to non-payment of property taxes by her heirs.
- Mr. Juan Acfalle, a relative has provided payment of these delinquent taxes and continues to pay them annually.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee, having reviewed the testimonies presented at the hearing, does hereby recommend to the Legislature the following: To Do Pass Bill 212, "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE."



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Deputy Director

June 10, 1997

Senator Anthony C. Blaz
Chairman,
Committee on Finance and Taxation
Twenty-fourth Guam Legislature
155 Hesler St.
Agana, Guam 96910

Re: Request for Comments on Bill Nos. 211, 212, and 219

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June 12, 1997

Hon. Anthony C. Blaz
Vice Speaker & Chairman
Committee on Finance & Taxation
24th Guam Legislature
155 Hesler Street
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TESTIMONY

on

BILL NO. 212, an Act authorizing the Governor to sell Lot No. 2417-1-4, Mangilao, to Mr. Juan Quichocho Acfalle.

Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Chamorro Land Trust Commission I wish to thank you for this opportunity to testify **in favor of the intent of Bill No. 212, if not the language.** It is the request of the Commission that the **Bill be amended so as to provide that any payments for purchase be made to the Chamorro Land Trust.**

Mr. Chairman, Bill No. 212 humanely seeks to resolve a tragic situation within the family of the late Mrs. Bernadita Q. Salas. Due to a twist of fate, her decendants were regretablely denied what might have otherwise become their rightful patrimony. Nonetheless, and regardless of whether the transaction had been completed in 1971, or today in 1997, there is still the outstanding issue of closing the sale in fee simple. In this light, it continues to be appropriate that payment for the lot be tendered.

Please allow us to be clear on one point, however. If this were a situation were other than what it is, then, the Commission would be opposed to the sale of this lot. In such a situation, we would respectfully request that Legislature instead require the occupants to conform to the applicable rules and regulations of the Commission.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.



James Diaz
Administrative Director
(Acting)

June 12, 1997

TESTIMONY OF MRS. ELIZABETH SABLAN ACFALLE

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO.2417-1-4, MANGILAO,
TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE

GOOD MORNING Mr. Chairman, Senator Salas and Senator Kasperbauer,

My name is Elizabeth Sablan Acfalle, wife of Juan Q. Acfalle, I
am here this morning to testify in support of Bill No. 212.

Hoping and praying for the past (10) years the Government would
allow my husband and I to purchase Lot No. 2417-1-4, in the area
of Maga, Mangilao.

Mr. Chairman, currently, my husband, myself and our (4) children
are residing with my sister and have been moving living with
different relatives for the past (3) years. At this time, my
husband and I are both landless.

By allowing us to purchase this land, we may be able to build
a house to call our very own.

My family and I are appealing to you my good senators in approving
the sale of this land to my husband. Please help us.

Again, may I say, Dankulu Na Si Yu'os Ma'ase.

For the record, I'd also like to mention, Mr. Chairman, Senators,
this property had deliquent property taxes since back 1975 and
my husband and I have paid for the deliquent taxes and brought
the payments up to date.

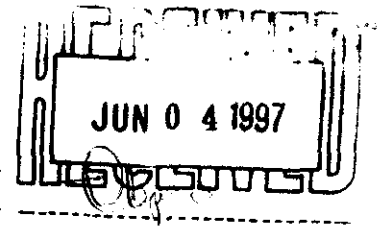
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**FISCAL NOTE
BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH**

BBMR-F7

Bill Number: 212(COR)
Amendatory Bill: No

Date Received: 5/20/97
Date Reviewed: 5/27/97



Department/Agency Affected: Land Management
Department/Agency Head: Carl Aguon
Total FY Appropriation to Date: \$3,694,501 (General Fund)

Bill Title (preamble): **AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN QUICHOCHO ACFALLE.**

Change in Law: N/A

Bill's Impact on Present Program Funding:

Increase _____ Decrease _____ Reallocation X No Change _____

Bill is for:

Operations _____ Capital Improvement _____ Other X

FINANCIAL/PROGRAM IMPACT

ESTIMATED SINGLE-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)			
PROGRAM CATEGORY	GENERAL FUND	OTHER	TOTAL
Natural Resources, Recreation & Arts			1/

ESTIMATED MULTI-YEAR FUND REQUIREMENTS (Per Bill)						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL						
OTHER						
TOTAL						1/

FUNDS ADEQUATE TO COVER INTENT OF THE BILL? ___ -- IF NO, ADD'L AMOUNT REQUIRED \$ _____

AGENCY/PERSON/DATE CONTACTED: _____

ESTIMATED POTENTIAL MULTI-YEAR REVENUES						
FUND	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	TOTAL
GENERAL FUND						
OTHER						
TOTAL						

ANALYST A. Flores DATE 5/27/97 DIRECTOR Joseph E. Rivera, Acting DATE JUN 04 1997

FOOTNOTES: 1/ Although an appropriation measure is not provided, enactment of Bill No. 212(COR) will impact on scarce government land resources.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE & TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING
JUNE 12, 1997

Bill No. 212 (J.C. Salas, E.J. Cruz, L.F. Kasperbauer)
(AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO SELL LOT NO. 2417-1-4, MANGILAO, TO MR. JUAN
QUICHOCHO ACFALLE)

MEMBERS PRESENT: SENATOR ADA

OTHER SENATORS: SENATOR FRANK B. AGUON

OTHERS PRESENT TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY:

ELIZABETH S. ACFALLE, REP. OF JUAN Q. ACFALLE, (ORAL/WRITTEN)
RONALD E. TEEHAN, CLTC, (ORAL/WRITTEN)
JAMES DIAZ, A-ADMIN DIRECTOR, CLTC (WRITTEN)
CARL J.C. AGUON, DIRECTOR, DLM (WRITTEN COMMENTS)

SENATOR BLAZ: Bill 211 sponsored by John Salas, the Rios Family? OK or anything, any land exchange items, just come on up Mr. Acfalle. OK, I know Mayor Taitague is here we just go ahead and record him. . . OK, we'll just hear it and . . . OK? What we'd like to do, Mr. Rios is here for 211 and the Acfalle Family is here for 212, OK. Mrs. Rios?

MRS. ACFALLE: Good Morning Mr. Chairman, I feel like a professional here. I've been here 3, 4 times already under the same subject.

SENATOR BLAZ: I hope that this will be the last time that you will be here Mrs. Acfalle.

MRS. ACFALLE: I hope so too, Senator. Good Morning Senator Ada. For the record, my name is Elizabeth Sablan Acfalle, I'm the wife of Juan Q. Acfalle. I am here this morning to testify in support of Bill No. 212 hoping and praying for the last ten years the government would allow my husband and I to purchase Lot No. 2417-1-4 in the area of Magat, Mangilao. Mr. Chairman, currently my husband, myself and my four children are residing with my sister and have been moving, living in homes of different relatives for the past three years. At this time, my husband and I are both landless. By allowing us to purchase this land, we may be able to build a house to call our very own. My family and I are appealing to you my good Senators in approving the sale of this land to my husband, so please help us. For the record also, I'd like also to mention Mr. Chairman, Senators, this property had delinquent property taxes since back in 1995 and my husband and I have paid for the delinquent taxes and brought it up to par, the payments up to date, so please I hope this will be the last public hearing my husband and I would be attending, thank you sir.

SENATOR BLAZ: I have a question, is there anyone, anybody willing to . . . OK, thank you very much. Senator Aguon?

SENATOR AGUON: You have been residing on the property for how long?

MRS. ACFALLE: No, sir, we are residents of Mangilao for the . . . , my husband is a resident of Mangilao, since he was born in Mangilao and he was born and raised on this property we're trying to get.

SENATOR AGUON: But you're not residing on it presently?

MRS. ACFALLE: Not on the property right now.

SENATOR AGUON: And you're requesting that you be given the opportunity to be able to buy the property. OK, did you by any chance qualify or apply for any property under the Chamorro Land Trust Commission?

MRS. ACFALLE: Yes, I did.

SENATOR AGUON: Did you qualify?

MRS. ACFALLE: Yes, I do qualify.

SENATOR AGUON: OK, because that's a concern that needs to be taken into consideration when we're entertaining this, is if in fact you're given property by the Chamorro Land Trust, one of the prerequisites or initial requirements is that in essence you, in order to get on the priority listing, priority one listing, that you do not own property and in this case if we do sell this property to you or allow you the opportunity to buy it then I don't know if that would shift the prioritization of your application with the Chamorro Land Trust but that's a different matter and I think a matter that the Land Trust should be able to address but I would certainly give it due consideration on your request, thank you, thank you Mr. Chairman.

SENATOR BLAZ: Thank you Senator Aguon, Senator Ada?

SENATOR ADA: Maybe so we can clarify for the record, just reading the legislative findings on the bill here suggests that actually you did not get involved with the property until after Mrs. Salas had passed away then you decided to take on the payment of the real estate taxes that were associated with that property, correct?

MRS. ACFALLE: Correct, sir.

SENATOR ADA: OK, what prompted you to take on that responsibility and that's one question, the other question is why was there a real estate tax . . . did Mrs. Salas actually consummate that purchase from the government of Guam?

MR. ACFALLE: Yes.

SENATOR ADA : She did so then actually that she did purchase it, it was under her name and when she passed away you on your own initiative took on the tax responsibility, what prompted you to do that?

MR. ACFALLE: OK, what has happened sir is when Mrs. Salas passed away, the oldest son of Mrs. Salas which is Enrique Salas was given the property to you know to take care of the payments and the property tax. In 1978, Mr. Salas decided to go offisland and at that time I just came back from the service and Mr. Salas approached me, you know being first cousins, Mr. Salas approached me do I want to take over the payment for the land little did I know that the land is not fully paid off and the government, you know, the land still belongs to the government. So, Mr. Salas and I before he depart going back to the states, we went down to the Land Management, did a research and then we had _____ from the Land Management that we have to go to you know to get a quick claim deed that time so I did initiate a quick claim deed with Mr. Salas prior to him departing. _____ was registered under my name and it was showing on the tax at the time, you know the property tax OK, but then you know at that time Mr. Salas departed and then my name was showing on the property tax that the tax was due back to 1995. At that time, we paid the property tax up to date that time was 1985 so 1975 to 1985 we paid all the property tax when there was all those transactions taking place so when I did a research again, you know, they've been telling me that the heirs of Bernadita Salas would have to claim this and for me to get a written statement, with signatures, from the heirs of Bernadita Salas. Again, my question that I had at that time was the land was already reverted back to the government you know because the delinquency of the tax wasn't paid on time for five years and then I was kind of puzzled because they're still telling me everytime I appear in front of the legislative hearing they were telling me to get a signature from the heirs of Bernadita Salas. Yet, the research from the Land Management indicates that it's no longer the land doesn't belong to Bernadita Salas, it reverts back to the government of Guam.

SENATOR ADA: Do you have records of the tax payments, did you provide that to the committee, the tax payments that you have made, this quick claim deed or whatever document that was transacted between you and Mr. Salas, do you have copies of all that?

MR. ACFALLE: Yes sir.

SENATOR ADA: So, in essence, you're coming here saying that you had entered into a good faith agreement, Mr. Salas out of the goodness of his heart kind of transferred the land, his sister's land to you?

MR. ACFALLE: The mother's land.

SENATOR ADA: Or the mother's land and for you to takeover the whatever tax responsibilities in good faith you went and paid the tax responsibilities on it and then somewhere down the road things just fell apart?

MR. ACFALLE: That's true sir.

SENATOR ADA: and the government is saying, Land Management is saying that land belongs to the government and not to the Salas family?

MR. ACFALLE: No, the Land Management was telling me that the land belongs to Bernadita Salas so then the heirs of Bernadita Salas has all the rights to the claim but with the title research and everything was indicated in 1985 OK that the land was, the government took the land back from Bernadita S. Salas.

SENATOR ADA: OK, so based on that finding, that's why you approached the Legislature asking for, asking the Legislature to approve your purchase of that property based on your findings?

MR. ACFALLE: Yes, sir.

SENATOR ADA: OK, and you've provided all those documents to the committee of your findings on the, that the government owns the land and all that?

MR. ACFALLE: Yes, sir, got all the documents.

SENATOR ADA: you've provided all that to the committee?

MR. ACFALLE: Yes sir,

SENATOR ADA: OK, then thank you.

SENATOR BLAZ: At this time, I'd like to introduce the members of the committee who have come in Senator Lou Leon Guerrero, Senator Ben Pangelinan, Senator Frank Aguon, Senator Mark Charfauros, Senator Tony Lamorena and I'd to open it up for anybody who'd like to ask questions. Thank you very much Mr. Acfalle and Mr. Rios, and Mrs. Acfalle.

