Senators recall piece-rate bill

"...implementation of this piece work legislation could adversely affect the industry's new image."

by Ronel B. Concepcion

CNMI Governor Larry I. Guerrero, given under the law only until Friday this week to decide on whether to approve or veto the proposed piece-rate scheme for CNMI garment workers, was relieved from doing so when members of the Senate recalled the bill from the Governor during its session Friday.

The recall-decision made by the Senate means that its earlier passage of the bill last February 7 is considered as invalid.

The piece rate legislation, which will exempt garment workers from receiving the hourly minimum wage of $2.15, was transmitted to the Governor on February 12.

If no action was taken by the Governor after 40 days, the bill automatically becomes a law.

When the motion to recall the proposed bill from the Governor was approved by the Senate, Senate President Joseph Inos explained that they are withdrawing the measure in order to further look into it, as there are various major concerns made by the members of the cabinet of the executive branch.

Sen. Juan Torres, along with several other of his colleagues, expressed support saying that the legislation still needs fine tuning.

Sen. Edward Maratit, on the other hand, have prepared a letter to Governor Guerrero informing him of the Senate's decision recalling the bill..."please return SB 7-58."

Several government officials and other establishments have forwarded their opposition over the scheme.

Earlier, Commerce and Labor Executive Director Jack Torres said that a provision should be set fort in the bill which will determine how garment workers are going to be paid.

CUC seeks funding for feeder 4 upgrade

by Ronel B. Concepcion

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation has written CNMI Governor Larry I. Guerrero to seek financial assistance for the needed rehabilitation of the main feeders, which are affected by "trip-offs" affecting households in the Northern Part of the island, including Astco and Kagman.

CUC Executive Director Ray Guerrero, in a letter addressed to the Governor, said that feeder 4 from the area starting from the Lower Base power plant to Tapgag, San Roque, Marpi, Capitol Hill, Astco, Kagman, and Agag "will experience trip-offs from time to time."

"This is due to the heavily dilapidated system of the main feeders, most especially the lateral sections..." it said.

The letter provided that after evaluating the system's problem, they have found out that there is an urgent need for its rehabilitation and that working on it for seven days a week..."we could replace the main system in two months."

CUC Guerrero's letter stressed that the utilities corporation does not have the necessary funds to conduct the "major rehabilitation."

He said that "nuisance will be experienced quite often whenever the trip-offs occur...customers will definitely complain and there is absolutely nothing within my power at the CUC to alleviate the problem, less coming up with the necessary funding."

CUC's Guerrero said that he is awaiting for the Governor's recommendations and assistance to make the necessary funding available soon..."Feeder 4 will continue to experience trip-offs until we can find the funding solution."
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Gov. Guerrero signs bills into law
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CNMI Governor Loury C. Guerrero signed two new laws Friday afternoon, two bills recently approved by the Seventh Northern Marianas Legislative Assembly. Bill 5-125, known as the Judicial Building Fund Act, created a new "Judicial Building Fund" to which funds collected will be deposited to a fund at the Department of Finance, which will be known as the "Judicial Preservation Museum Fund." The money that will be generated from the fund can only be utilized for the remodelling, construction and operation of a courthouse in the Commonwealth.

Museum Act passed, convicted felon introduced
by R. B. Concepcion

Members of the Senate passed on second and final reading a measure that will create a special museum facility in the Commonwealth. The proposed measure is House Bill 5-74. It was introduced by Cong. Stanley Torres on September 5, 1990, and was introduced by Cong. Stanley Torres on September 5, 1990. The measure was introduced by Cong. Thomas Villagomez. The measure was introduced by Cong. R. B. Concepcion. The measure was introduced by Cong. Antonio Quitugua. The measure was introduced by Cong. Thomas Villagomez. The measure was introduced by Cong. Thomas Villagomez. The measure was introduced by Cong. Thomas Villagomez. The measure was introduced by Cong. Thomas Villagomez.

Superior Court experience unprecedented growth
by Terry M. Flores

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Mayor Guerrero extends help to Kagman farmers

Saipan Mayor Jesus S. DeLeon Guerrero has extended his help to the farmers' residing in the Kagman area. A crew from the Mayor’s Office has spent the past two weeks repairing over 2 miles of access roads in the Kagman Commercial Farm area.

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by: Jack Hardy

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