

THIRD NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE

SECOND REGULAR SESSION, 1983

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Offered by Senator Ponciano C. Rasa

Date Prefiled: January 4, 1983

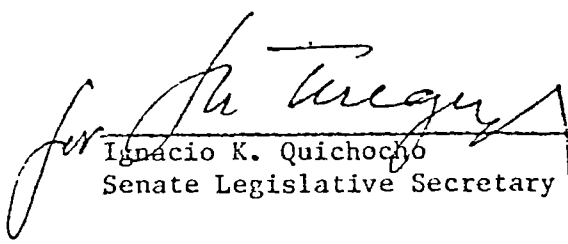
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Senate Legislative Secretary

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BE IT ENACTED BY THE NORTHERN MARIANAS COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE:

1 Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Act is to enable the
2 Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to lease to the United
3 States of America certain of the waters of the Commonwealth immediately
4 adjacent to the Islands of Tinian and Farallon de Medinilla as provided
5 in Section 802 of the Covenant.

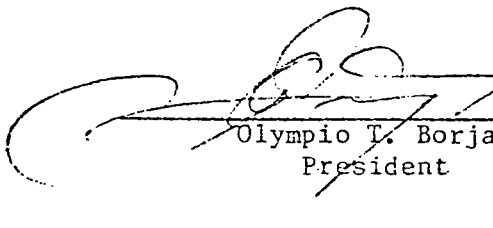
6 Section 2. Delegation of Authority to the Governor. On behalf
7 of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Governor may
8 execute a lease to the United States of America which shall contain
9 the following verbatim grant of Commonwealth waters:

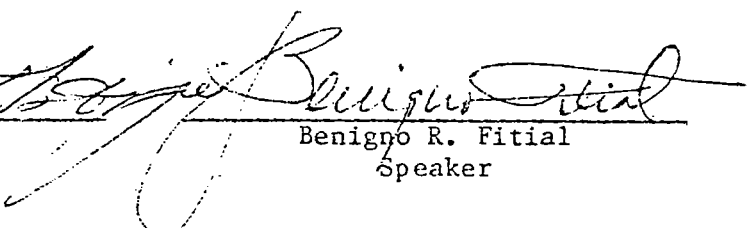
10 "Grant by Commonwealth. The Commonwealth does hereby
11 grant, demise, and let unto the United States, subject to all
12 the terms, covenants and conditions hereinafter set forth,
13 and the United States does hereby accept and rent from the
14 Commonwealth pursuant to Section 802 of the Covenant waters
15 of the Commonwealth immediately adjacent to the leased surface
16 lands on Tinian and Farallon de Medinilla Islands, Commonwealth
17 of the Northern Mariana Islands, hereinabove leased to the
18 United States by the Corporation. The United States shall have
19 the right within the waters to facilitate access and egress to
20 the leased surface lands and to construct reasonable port
21 facilities; PROVIDED, that the United States shall disturb to

1 the minimum extent possible the seabed and subsoil in exercising
2 its right of construction. The Commonwealth retains the right,
3 without undue interference to the rights of the United States
4 under this Lease Agreement to exploit the living and non-living
5 resources of the waters immediately adjacent to the leased
6 surface lands."

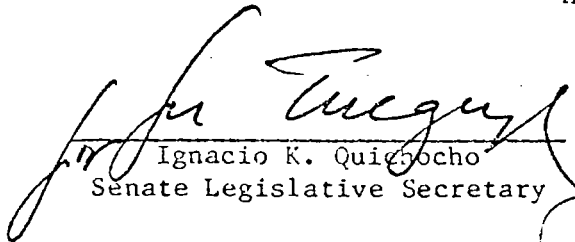
7 Section 3. The authority granted to the Governor pursuant to
8 Section 2 of this Act shall be otherwise strictly construed, and any
9 further understandings or agreements between the United States of
10 America and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands pertaining
11 to the waters herein authorized for lease shall be approved by law.

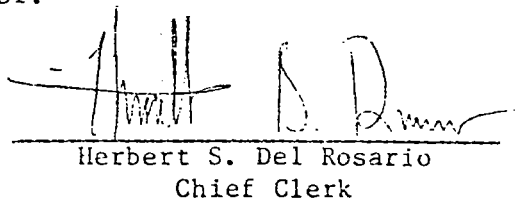
12 Section 4. Effective Date. This Act shall be deemed to have
13 taken effect upon January 1, 1983.

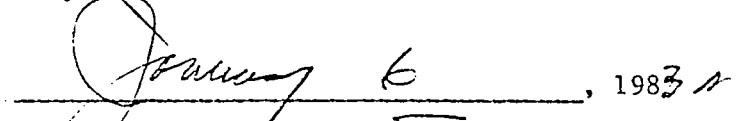

Olympio T. Borja
President

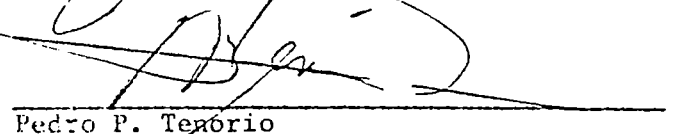

Benigno R. Fitial
Speaker

ATTEST:


Ignacio K. Quichocho
Senate Legislative Secretary


Herbert S. Del Rosario
Chief Clerk


January 6, 1983


Pedro P. Tenorio
Governor
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana
Islands