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Shore Veto Is Overridden

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The Legislature passed two bills, enacted a third into law by overriding the Governor's veto and defeated a fourth yesterday in its first regular session since its recess last month.

The Guam seashore reserve bill, vetoed by the Governor Feb. 14, was overridden unanimously by 17 senators.

Introduced by Sen. Paul Bordallo, the new law provides for enactment of a Territorial Seashore Protection Commission which will be responsible for preparing a comprehensive plan for the long-range conservation, management and development of the island's seashore reserves.

The commission will consist of seven members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature for two-year terms.

The law requires any developers of seashore areas to obtain a permit from the commission.

Permits will be given if the commission finds no adverse environmental or ecological effect from the development, according to the new law.

The senators also passed a measure permitting women here to retain their maiden names as their surnames when married.

Thirteen senators voted for the change with Jerry M. Rivera the only dissenter.

Sens. Vicente Ada, George Bamba, Larry Ramirez, Ed Terlaje and Jesus Torres were not present.

Sens. Frank Santos and Allen Sekt abstained.

A bill creating a board on citizenship and establishing criteria defining Guam citizens was defeated.

The bill would have made those persons born on Guam and who have at least one Guamanian parent Guamanian citizens automatically.

A person would have become citizen of Guam by residence if married to a citizen of Guam and a resident here for 10 years, the bill provided.

Persons also would have been able to apply to the board for citizenship, if unable to qualify by birth or residence.

Sens. Joe Ada, Paul Bordallo, Adrian Cristobal, Joe Duenas, Bill Flores, Frank Lujan, Ricky Salas and Richard Taitano voted for the measure.

Sens. Jerry Rivera and Al Ysrael voted against it.

Sens. Paul Calvo, Carl Gutierrez, Tony Palomo, Adrian Sanchez, Frank Santos and Allen Sekt abstained.

Sens. Vicente Ada, George Bamba, Larry Ramirez, Ed Terlaje and Jesus Torres were not present during the roll call vote.

A bill which would delay any increase in telephone rates upon transfer of the Guam Telephone Authority until after public hearings are held was passed unanimously.

Introduced by Sen. Sekt, the bill, if signed into law by Gov. Camacho, would avoid an automatic doubling of rates, as set up by the current transfer transition plan.