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C o u n t y C o u n c i l

Requester: CA F P

Item Title: An Act for the purpose of lifting economic
 sanctions against the Republic of Namibia

Sponsors CA F P B D C M

Date Presented	4/23/91		Executive Action	6/24/91	S
Committee Referral	(1) 4/23/91	FP&GO	Effective Date	8/9/91	
Committee Action	(1) 5/6/91	FAV			
Date Introduced	5/14/91				
Pub. Hearing Date	(1) 6/11/91	1:30	PM		
Council Action	(1) 6/11/91	Enacted			
Council Votes	CA: A_, B_: A_, C_: A_, D_: A_, F_: A_, MC: A_, M_: A_, P_: A_, WI: A_, __: __, __: __, __: __				
Pass/Fail	P				

Remarks

Drafter:	Ralph E. Grutzmacher Legislative Officer	Resource Personnel:	Joan Colbert U.S. Dept. of State
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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Fiscal Policy and Government Operations
Committee Report

Date: May 6, 1991

Committee Vote: Favorable, 5-0 (In favor: Council Members Wineland,
 Del Giudice, Fletcher, MacKinnon and Mills)

This bill will remove Namibia from the section of the County code which prohibited investments in financial institutions making investments in South Africa and Namibia and prohibiting procurement from companies doing business with or in South Africa and Namibia. These sections include 10-117.1 and 10-170.3.

The Council has received correspondence from the U.S. State Department requesting removal of the sanctions since it is now an independent and democratic country.

Letters of support in lifting the sanctions against Namibia have been received from the following:

The Embassy of the Republic of Namibia
International Freedom Foundation

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT

(Includes reason for proposal, as well as any unique statutory requirements)

In 1985, the County imposed economic sanctions against the Republic of South Africa and Namibia, prohibiting investments in financial institutions making investments in South Africa and Namibia and prohibiting procurement from companies doing business with or in South Africa and Namibia. In March 1990, the Republic of Namibia obtained its independence from the Republic of South Africa. The U.S. Department of State has requested that the County lift its economic sanctions against Namibia in light of its independent status.