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NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *MANANA SI YU'OS* AND WELCOME COLLEAGUES *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND *HÅFA ADAI* TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND TO THE COMMUNITY I MOVE TO WAVE NOT WITHSTANDING SECTION 1.02 SESSIONS OF *I LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* HI PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR PERSONS ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CAREER TECH ACTE ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO WAVE THE RULE NOTWITHSTANDING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PLEASE ALLOW CAREER TECH ACTE ONTO THE SESSION FLOOR KINDLY RISE FOR THE PRAYER WE WE RECOGNIZE FATHER GOFIGAN OUR LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN.

LEGISLATIVE CHAPLAIN – FR. GOFIGAN: IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ALMIGHTY AND EVER LIVING GOD WAS ALL GOOD GRACIOUS ABOUNDING IN KINDNESS FULL OF COMPASSION AND FORGIVENESS AS WE ENTER ANOTHER WEEK OF OUR LENTON JOURNEY GUIDE US TO THE PATH THAT LEADS TO YOU FILL OUR HEARTS WITH GRATITUDE PATIENCE STRENGTH AND PEACE AS WE STRIVE TO BECOME THE BEST VERSIONS OF OURSELVES HONESTLY ADMITTING OUR SHORTCOMINGS AND OUR SINS HAVE INVITED US DEEPER INTO YOUR WORLD YOUR PEOPLE YOUR LENT MAY THIS TIME BE ONE OF OUTWARD FOCUS SEEKING YOU IN THOSE WE OFTEN IGNORE WE ASK THIS THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU IN THE UNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GOD FOREVER AND EVER THE LORD BE WITH YOU AND MAY ALMIGHTY GOD BLESS YOU THE FATHER THE SON AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* FATHER GOFIGAN TO EXPRESS A NEVER ENDING AND NEVER FORGOTTEN GRATITUDE BY THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES RECIPIENTS OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* ON A DISPLAY IN THE GUAM CONGRESS BUILDING AND DURING EACH OF ITS SESSIONS FOR THE RECOGNITION OF A RECIPIENT OF *I MILÅYAN MÅS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: ON BEHALF OF A GRATEFUL ISLAND AND COUNTRY WE HONOR LANCE CORPORAL ALLAN JAMES DAMIAN AND THE FAMILY OF LANCE CORPORAL ALAN JAMES DAMIAN FOR MAKING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN SERVICE AND DEFENSE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR LUJAN WE WILL NOW HAVE THE RECITING OF THE *INIFRESI* THE SINGING OF THE GUAM HYMN IN CHAMORU AND THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM BY THE CAREER TECH ACTE ACADEMY

CAREER TECH ACTE ACADEMY: O SAY CAN YOU SEE, BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT, WHAT SO PROUDLY WE HAIL'D AT THE TWILIGHT'S LAST GLEAMING, WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS THROUGH THE PERILOUS FIGHT O'ER THE RAMPARTS WE WATCH'D WERE SO GALLANTLY STREAMING AND THE ROCKET'S RED GLARE, THE BOMBS BURSTING IN AIR, GAVE PROOF THROUGH THE NIGHT THAT OUR FLAG WAS STILL THERE, O SAY DOES THAT STAR-SPANGLED BANNER YET WAVE O'ER THE LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE.

FANOHGE CHAMORRO PUT I TANO' TA KANTA I MATUNA-NA GI TODU I LUGAT PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. PARA I ONRA, PARA I GLORIA ABIBA I ISLA SINPARAT. TODU I TIEMPO I PAS PARA HITA YAN GINEN I LANGET NA BENDISION KONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAMKONTRA I PILIGRU NA'FANSAFO HAM YU'OS PRUTEHI I ISLAN GUAM.

INIFRESI: GINEN I MÅS TAKHELO' GI HINASSO-KU, I MÅS TAKHALOM GI KURASON-HU, YAN I MÅS FIGO' NA NINA'SIÑÅ-HU, HU UFRESEN MAISA YU' PARA BAI HU PRUTEHI YAN HU DIFENDE I HINENGGE, I KOTTURA, I LENGGUÅHI, I AIRE, I HANOM, YAN I TANO' CHAMORU NI' IRENSIÅ-KU DIRECHO GINEN AS YU'OS TÅTA. ESTE HU AFITMA GI HILO' I BIPBLIA YAN I BANDERÅ-HU, I BANDERAN GUÅHAN BIBA BIBA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* CAREER TECH ACADEMY *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* WE NOW PROCEED WITH A ROLL CALL CLERKS PLEASE TAKE THE ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE MADAM SPEAKER THERE IS A QUORUM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* CLERKS MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO APPROVE THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL DATED JANUARY 22, 2024 SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPROVE THE JOURNAL SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO APPEND COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SORRY SENATOR SHELTON MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO THAT MOTION TO APPEND MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÅGAN GUÅHAN* SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND I MOVE THAT THEY BE APPENDED TO TODAY'S SESSION JOURNAL AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES A MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THERE ARE NO REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES AT THIS TIME MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILLS INTRODUCED BILL NUMBERS 233-37 LS AND 234-37 COR THROUGH 248-37 COR AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NUMBERS 303-37 LS THROUGH 307-37 LS AND 308-37 COR THROUGH 322-37 COR BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION ON THE FIRST READING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW UNDER MOTIONS MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADD BILL NUMBER 114-37 LS TO THE SESSION AGENDA BILL 114-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE APRIL 2024 ISLAND WIDE VETERANS CONVENTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO ADD TO THE SESSION AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SENATOR BROWN THERE'S AN OBJECTION.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKERS THIS IS AN ADDITIONAL BILL BEING ADDED I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS BILL IS GOING TO MEET THE PROPER PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIREMENTS IF I CAN ASK OF THE MOVER OF THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I AM AWARE THAT THE BILL WAS UPLOADED IN FEBRUARY 12, 2024, FOR 7 DAYS NOW.

SENATOR BROWN: APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION I'D HOPE IN THE FUTURE MAYBE THAT CAN BE ELABORATED ON WHEN THESE BILLS THAT ARE NOT ON THE AGENDA ARE ADDED ON THE AGENDA FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CERTAINLY THE EDIFICATION OF THE MEMBERS THAT ARE HERE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ON THE MOTION SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER IS THIS BILL GOING TO BE GOING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT WILL BE GOING TO SECOND READING IF THE MOTION PASSES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE PLACEMENT OF THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL BE PLACE AT THE BOTTOM YES SORRY BOTTOM YES CORRECT OKAY ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO MOVE TO PLACE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAY TAJALLE ON THE SESSION AGENDA THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAY C. TAJALLE TO SERVE AS MEMBER PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS FOR THREE YEARS FROM APRIL 27TH 2023 TO APRIL 26 2026 THIS COMMITTEE REPORT HAS BEEN POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE SINCE FEBRUARY 9TH 2024 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THIS APPOINTMENT HAS EXPIRED AND SO IT'S NECESSARY FOR US TO MOVE ON THIS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ADD THE NOMINATION OF TAJALLE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IS THIS NOMINEE ON THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NOT YET THE MOTION IS TO ADD THAT NOMINATION ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: DO WE HAVE A REASON AS TO WHY CAN WE HAVE A REASON AS TO WHY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I IF YOU WILL YIELD I I WILL EXPLAIN THAT'S FROM MY COMMITTEE IT'S BEEN UPLOADED LIKE RIGHT AFTER THE COMMITTEE ON RULES MEETING IT WAS JUST AN ERROR ON MY PART WE GOT WE RECEIVED TWO NOMINATIONS JUST AND WE HAD A HEARING VERY QUICKLY BECAUSE THEY HAD BOTH EXPIRED BUT WE RECEIVED THE NOMINATIONS JUST LIKE A WEEK BEFORE WE HAD THE HEARING SO WE HAD THE HEARING AND WE TRIED TO DO THE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ONE OF THEM GOT IN ONE DID IT NOT IT WAS JUST AN ERROR ON MY PART.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THE NEXT POINT IS THAT DID IT MEET THE 5-DAY OPEN GOVERNMENT LAW FOR NOTIFICATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S BEEN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE FOR 9 DAYS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT IT DID NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC ON THE AGENDA FOR FIVE DAYS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S CORRECT IT WASN'T PART OF OUR AGENDA IT'S THE MOTION IS TO ADD IT NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY I'LL OBJECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO ADD THE NOMINATION OF RAY TAJALLE ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 107-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RELATIVE TO FUNDING AND MAINTAINING THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA SINCE THIS WILL NEED THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AS AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO THIS IS A BILL ALREADY ON THE AGENDA THE MOTION IS TO PLACE IT ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA SINCE WE NEED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON MOTIONS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE NOMINATION OF FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE NOMINATION OF DAPHNE M. LEON GUERRERO TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION ON THE SESSION AGENDA THIS WAS READY WHEN IT WAS SUBMITTED TO COMMITTEE ON RULES IT HAS BEEN POSTED SINCE FEBRUARY 9.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF DAPHNE M. LEON GUERRERO ONTO THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND FOR THE RECORD THIS IS FOR THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION THERE MOTION PASSES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED UNDER MOTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE THE NOMINATION FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATIONS THE NOMINATION OF MARGARET E.R. TYQUIENGCO TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA AND THIS WAS ALSO POSTED SINCE FEBRUARY 9TH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF MARGARET TYQUIENGCO ONTO THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ON MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I MOVE THAT YOU ALLOW OUR COLLEAGUES TO JOIN ME IN WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH IT'S A IT'S A WHAT DO YOU CALL THOSE MILESTONE BIRTHDAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* ALL RIGHT ON MOTIONS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED UNDER MOTION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE THE NOMINATION OF DR. JEFFREY C. JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT DR. JOHNSON'S NOMINATION IS ALREADY UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SO WE WILL GET THERE AFTER MOTIONS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: OH APOLOGIZE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MOTIONS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I DO HAVE ANOTHER ONE MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 208-37 CO SPONSORED BY MYSELF AND ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A 3-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRÁMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR ACCOUNT AND I WOULD LIKE TO PUT THIS TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SESSION AGENDA I KNOW THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE FUND THAT WE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE THESE FUNDS BUT I THINK WE OWE IT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO HAVE THE CONVERSATION EVEN IF IT ULTIMATELY NEEDS TO KNOW WE NEED TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION BECAUSE THE RATE HIGH HAPPENED LAST MONTH AND THE LAST POWER CREDIT EXPIRED IN DECEMBER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THE BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT WE WILL PROCEED WITH LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED SORRY MAJORITY LEADER BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE CAN WE GET GET AN A MOTION REGARDING THE CONGRATULATORY COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT ALL CONGRATULATORY COMMENDATORY AND CONDOLENCE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED TODAY AND FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS LEGISLATIVE SESSION BE CONSIDERED FIRST READ AND ADOPTED AND TO ALLOW THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AND TO ADD ALL SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ANY OTHER MOTIONS ALL RIGHT WE ARE NOW PROCEEDING TO LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF NADINE T. CEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF NADINE T. CEPEDA INTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE NOMINATION OF RONALD T. LAGUANA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF RONALD T. LAGUANA ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE THE NOMINATION OF DR. JEFFREY C. JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF DR. JEFFREY JOHNSON ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATION FOR THE NOMINATION OF DAPHNE M. LEON GUERREO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE THE NOMINATION OF DAPHNE M. LEON GUERRERO TO THE VOTING FILE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAME SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATION APPR OPERATION AND APPROPRIATION THE NOMINATION OF MARGARET E.R. TYQUIENGCO TO SERVE AS MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION WITH A RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF MARGARET TYQUIENGCO TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL UNDER LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE THE NOMINATION OF JOSEPH M. MCDONALD TO SERVE AS COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO REPORT OUT ONLY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF JOSEPH MCDONALD TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE THE NOMINATION OF PETER B. MONTINOLA TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO DO CONFIRM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE A NOMINATION OF PETER MONTINOLA TO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER CAN WE GET A MOTION ON TAJALLE.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE IN THE VOTING FILE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RAY C. TAJALLE TO SERVE AS A MEMBER PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THAT NOMINATION OF RAY TAJALLE ONTO THE VOTING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR THERE ARE NO ITEMS SO WE WILL MOVE TO THE SECOND READING FILE WE BEGIN THE SECOND READING FILE WITH BILL NUMBER 48-37 COR SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: MORNING MADAM SPEAKER HAPPY BIRTHDAY AGAIN AND GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED A MOTION TO PLACE BILL 48-37 COR IN SECOND READING I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT AS WELL AS ACTUALLY AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÁTÑA* RE REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND I'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL IS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR BROWN SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR BARNES SENATOR NICHOLAS AND SENATOR FRANK BLAS JR FELLOW COLLEAGUES TODAY I I ADDRESS YOU TODAY WITH AN URGENT PLEA TO SUPPORT A BILL THAT SEEKS TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN OUR EDUCATION SYSTEM BILL 48-37 COR AIMS TO DIGITALLY INFORM PARENTS AND RELEVANT PARTIES ABOUT THE CURRENT SANITARY AND SAFETY CONDITIONS AS WELL AS THE INSTRUCTION STANDARDS FOR ALL CHILDREN'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS THIS BILL REPRESENTS NOT ONLY A NECESSARY STEP TOWARDS FORWARD BUT A MORAL IMPERATIVE IN GUARANTEEING A WELL-BEING AND EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS AS IT STANDS WITHOUT THE INTERVENTION OF LOCAL MEDIA WE OFTEN OBTAIN OBLIVIOUS WE REMAIN OBLIVIOUS TO THE DIRE AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS PLAGUING OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS THIS IS SIMPLY UNACCEPTABLE OUR CHILDREN DESERVE BETTER THEY DESERVE TRANSPARENCY THEY DESERVE SAFETY THEY DESERVE AN EDUCATION THAT NEEDS MEETS THE STANDARDS IMPOSED ACROSS THE COUNTRY THEY DESERVE THE EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS GROWTH AND SUCCESS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS BILL IS NOT ONLY JUST A MATTER OF CONVENIENCE IT'S A MATTER OF BASIC HUMAN DECENCY IN TODAY'S DIGITAL AGE ACCESS TO SUCH VITAL INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN NOT A PRIVILEGE AND YET IT REMAINS ELUSIVE FOR MANY PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MY COLLEAGUES LET US NOT FORGET THAT MOST OF THE DATA REQUIRED FOR THIS INITIATIVE ALREADY EXIST IT MERELY NEEDS TO BE DIGITIZED AND MADE EASILY ACCESSIBLE ONLINE THIS IS

NOT A BURDENSOME TASK IT IS A SIMPLE YET IMPACTFUL SOLUTION THAT OUR GOVERNMENT IS MORE THAN CAPABLE OF EXECUTING BY PASSING THIS LEGISLATION WE NOT ONLY HOLD THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GDOE ACCOUNTABLE BUT ALSO EMPOWER PARENTS WITH THE INFORMATION THEY RIGHTFULLY DESERVE NO LONGER SHOULD THEY BE LEFT IN THE DARK UNAWARE OF THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH THEIR CHILDREN ARE LEARNING AND GROWING THE CURRENT STATE OF AFFAIR IS UNACCEPTABLE IT IS NOT RIGHT THAT WE ONLY BECOME AWARE OF THESE INADEQUATE CONDITIONS WHEN THE MEDIA SHEDS LIGHT ON THEM OFTEN WHEN IT'S TOO LATE TO ENACT MEANINGFUL CHANGE WE OWE IT TO OUR STUDENTS OUR PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY TO DO BETTER SO LET US RISE RAISE OUR EXPECTATIONS FOR GDOE LET US DEMAND IMPROVEMENT AND LET US ENSURE THAT EVERY CHILD IN EVERY ONE OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS HAS A SAFE ACCESS TO SAFE SANITARY AND ACCEPTABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AS SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES IMPLORE EACH OF YOU TO SUPPORT BILL 48-37 COR TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND UPHOLD OUR DUTY TO THE CHILDREN AND FUTURE OF GUAM AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT AND THIS IS AGAIN IS AN ACT TO ADD NEW SECTION 3134 TO CHAPTER 3 DIVISION 2 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE CONSISTENT ONLINE POSTING OF REPORTS FOR EVERY SCHOOL INSPECTION CONDUCTED ON A DEDICATED GOVERNMENT WEBSITE MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 48-37 ONTO THE AGENDA VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IT ON THE THIRD READING VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL 48-37 COR *MANANA SI YU'OS* TO YOU AND TO OUR COLLEAGUES AND TO THE LISTENING AUDIENCE FROM GUAM AND ELSEWHERE WHEN OUR COMMITTEE HAD HEARD THIS BILL MADAM SPEAKER AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS WERE DONE WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT BRINGING GREATER PUBLIC IN THEIR AWARENESS OF INSPECTIONS CONDUCT CONDUCTED AT THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WOULD BE A GOOD THING IT'S TO LITERALLY POST THE INSPECTION REPORTS ONLINE AND THAT TIMELINE FOR THAT WAS AFTER EACH INSPECTION A TIMELINE OF 30 DAYS OF THE INSPECTION THAT THOSE INSPECTION REPORTS WILL BE ADHERED TO ONLINE SOME MAY HAVE SAID WHAT WOULD BE THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THIS I THINK THE COLLAB ORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WORKING WITH ALTECH AND WORKING WITH THE REPORTS WE ALL KNOW THAT WITH MODERN TECHNOLOGY TODAY HAS NOTED BY THE GOOD AUTHOR YOU KNOW WE'VE GOT TO KEEP UP WITH WITH WHAT THE CHANGES ARE AND HOW TECHNOLOGY WORKS AND AND GETTING THINGS ONLINE IS THE MORE ACCESSIBLE WAY AND I THINK THAT THIS IS GOOD AND I SUPPORT THE EFFORTS AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THE SAME SO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 48-37 ONTO THE THIRD READING SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I'M JUST DRAFTING A A AN AMENDMENT TO IT BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT WHEN YOU WALK INTO STORES AND THEY GET INSPECTED YOU KNOW IF THEY'RE AN A B OR C IF THE SCHOOL'S BEING INSPECTED NOT EVERYBODY THAT DRIVES UP THE SCHOOL IS ONLINE SAYING IS THE SCHOOL CLEARED OR NOT BUT I BELIEVE THAT IF WE MARK IF WE STAMP YOU KNOW BASICALLY PUT A SIGN SAYING DID YOU PASS OR YOU DIDN'T I KNOW THAT IT PRO MORE THAN LIKELY IN THE CAFETERIAS THEY'RE MARKED BUT THEY'RE INSPECTING THE WHOLE CAMPUS AND I BELIEVE THAT NEEDS TO BE POSTED OUT ON THIS ON THE SCHOOL WHEN WHEN PARENTS ARE DRIVING UP SO THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT THE STATUS OF THE SCHOOLS ARE AND SO THAT THAT MAYBE THE PTO'S AND EVERYBODY ELSE WILL PARTICIPATE SO I'M HAVING IT DRAFTED AT THIS POINT BUT I DO SUPPORT THE BILL BUT I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT AMENDMENT TO THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SENATOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO PROCEEDING WITH DEBATE WHILE SENATOR AND WE'LL COME BACK TO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN'S AMENDMENT ALL RIGHT THEN IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE MOTION TO PLACE IT IN THIRD READING SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER DEFINITELY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL AND JUST TO BE NOTED THESE REPORTS THAT ARE MENTIONED IN THE BILL ARE ACTUALLY ALREADY POSTED ONLINE AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HEALTH THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES WEBSITE SO I THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO MIGRATE ALL THAT EXISTING CONTENT OVER TO THE GDOE WEBSITE BUT ALSO JUST NOTE FOR THE RECORD THAT ON THE GDOE WEBSITE THERE IS A TAB THERE THAT'S RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS AND IF YOU CLICK ON THAT TAB YOU WILL SEE LISTED SEVERAL SCHOOL INSPECTION REPORTS BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S JUST MY CHUNKY FINGERS BUT I WAS TRYING TO CLICK ON THOSE TO OPEN THEM TO TO LOOK OVER SOME OF THOSE REPORTS AND THE LINK DIDN'T OPEN SO DEFINITELY SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THIS LEGISLATION I MEAN I DON'T KNOW IF JUST POSTING THE STUFF ONLINE WE'VE HAD THIS DISCUSSION MANY TIMES HERE IN THIS HALL IN THIS TERM IS IS GOOD ENOUGH BUT IT DEFINITELY MAKES SENSE TO HAVE THE GDOE INSPECTION REPORTS POSTED MAYBE MORE PROMINENTLY AS THE BILL ALLOWS THEY'RE IN THERE BUT I MEAN YOU REALLY NEED TO PUT ON YOUR READING GLASSES AND BINOCULARS TO SCROLL WHERE TO FIND IT SO YEAH I WOULD SUPPORT THE BILL AND AGAIN IT JUST MAKES IT EASIER IF IT'S MORE PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED ON THE GD GDOE WEBSITE WHICH IS WHAT IT APPEARS THIS BILL'S TRYING TO DO AND I'D ALSO ASK I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME TO BE ADD IT AS A CO-SPONSOR IF THE GOOD SENATOR LUJAN WOULD DO SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE MOTION ON THE MOTION ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO RISE IN SUPPORT AT THIS BILL THAT'S IN BEEN INTRODUCED BY MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN I THINK WE'VE ALL RECOGNIZED PARTICULARLY THIS PAST TERM THE CHALLENGES THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS BEEN FACING WITH REGARDS TO ENSURING PROPER MAINTENANCE OF ITS FACILITIES AND ALSO ENSURING MORE IMPORTANTLY THAT PUBLIC HEALTH IS ACTUALLY CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT BECAUSE THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO LIGHT THROUGH A LOT OF INITIATIVES RIGHT HERE AT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE YOU KNOW THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT FINALLY IS GOING OUT AND DOING THESE INSPECTIONS I HAVE TO TELL YOU THAT WHEN WE HAD A ROUND TABLE WITH SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ESSENTIALLY RELAYED THAT THEY HAD NOT HAD THESE TYPE OF INSPECTIONS BUT YET THESE CERTIFICATES WERE BEING ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ESSENTIALLY SAYING THAT THESE SANITATION INSPECTIONS HAD OCCURRED I THINK THAT WAS VERY CONCERNING TO ALL OF US THAT WERE THERE IT SHOULD BE CONCERNING TO ALL OF US IN THE COMMUNITY AND CERTAINLY ALL THE PARENTS OUT THERE IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT HAVE CHILDREN ATTENDING THESE SCHOOLS WE RELY ON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DECISIONS THAT THEY MAKE IN THESE EVALUATIONS AND THE INSPECTIONS THAT THEY DO WHEN THEY DO POST THE STATUS OF WHERE WE'RE AT WITH REGARDS TO INSPECTION OF THESE FACILITIES I MEAN CERTAINLY WHEN YOU GO INTO A RESTAURANT THAT'S PROBABLY SUBCONSCIOUSLY ONE OF THE THINGS I LOOK AT TO SEE WHAT'S POSTED IS IT AN A RATING IS A B RATING IS A C RATING AND CERTAINLY AS YOU GO DOWN THE LIST THE FURTHER DOWN THE LIST IT GETS IT'S PROBABLY NOT SOMEPLACE THAT YOU WANT TO EAT MORE IMPORTANTLY FOR OUR STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS WHO DO EAT IN OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM WHO DO ATTEND THESE SCHOOLS THESE CLASSROOMS AND THESE OTHER FACILITIES IN THE SCHOOL WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THEY MEET THE STANDARDS WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT OUR CHILDREN ARE IN A SAFE CLEAN LEARNING ENVIRONMENT I MEAN THAT'S THE EXPECTATION I THINK EVERY PARENT HAS THAT'S THE EXPECTATION CERTAINLY ALL OF US THAT ARE IN LEADERSHIP WOULD LIKE TO SEE UNFORTUNATELY THAT HAS NOT BEEN THE CASE FOR QUITE SOME TIME AND TO FIND OUT THAT THESE PERMITS WERE BEING ISSUED WITHOUT THE REQUIRED INSPECTIONS WAS CONCERNING WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE FROM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WHAT WAS THE RESPONSE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OH WELL WE PROVIDED ORIENTATION TO DOE ON WHAT TO DO AND WHAT TO EXPECT AND WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND WHAT TO ADDRESS AND THAT TO ME JUST YOU KNOW THE EXPECTATION OF OF ESSENTIALLY SELF-INSPECTION AND SELF-POLICING I THINK WE SEEN WHERE ALL OF THAT HAS GONE NOT A VERY GOOD PLACE WHERE WE END UP HAVING COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT IN THESE SCHOOLS THAT EVEN THOUGH OTHER DOE OFFICIALS THAT SHOULD BE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THAT SCHOOL HAVE NOT ADDRESSED BUT THEN ON TOP OF THAT YOU HAD PUBLIC HEALTH SAYING WELL WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH PERSONNEL WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH THIS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH THAT AND THEREFORE THEY WERE NOT INSPECTING THE SCHOOLS AND THEY WERE SIMPLY ISSUING THESE SANITARY PERMITS EVERY YEAR AND THEN WE ENDED UP WHERE WE WERE AND I THINK WE ALL AGREE MOVING FORWARD THAT'S NOT WHERE WE WANT TO BE SO ANY

OPPORTUNITY THAT WE HAVE TO BRING THESE ISSUES TO LIGHT FOR ANY PARENT OR ANY CONCERNED MEMBER OUT THERE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO WANTS TO KNOW THE STATUS OF THE INSPECTIONS OF THESE SCHOOLS I THINK THE MORE LIGHT WE SHED ON THE ISSUE THE MORE ATTENTION WE PUT THERE IT PUTS A LITTLE MORE PRESSURE AND SOMETIMES YES YOU NEED TO PUT A LITTLE MORE PRESSURE SOMETIMES YOU NEED TO PUT THOSE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY YES YOU NEED TO PUT THEIR FEET TO THE FIRE BECAUSE BY SOME YOU KNOW WE'RE ALL TRIPPING OVER EACH OTHER GET THESE IMPORTANT POSITIONS WE WANT TO BE IN CHARGE WE WANT TO BE THE BIG BOSS BUT WHEN IT COMES TIME TO DOING THE WORK WHEN IT COMES TIME TO BEING RESPONSIBLE MORE IMPORTANTLY WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THE TIME OF BEING ACCOUNTABLE WELL THAT'S A TOTALLY DIFFERENT STORY AND WE SIT THROUGH THESE ROUND TABLES AND WE SIT THROUGH THESE HEARINGS AND OUR EYES ROLL UP IN OUR HEAD WHEN WE HEAR THE FEEDBACK WE GET FROM THESE POSITIONS THESE INDIVIDUALS IN THESE HIGH POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY I'M SURE THE PUBLIC OUT THERE PROBABLY HAS A VERY SIMILAR SENTIMENT AND THOUGHT WHILE THEY SIT AND LISTEN TO THIS SO I APPRECIATE EVERY EFFORT WE CAN AND CERTAINLY THIS BILL BEING PUT FORTH BY SENATOR LUJAN PROVIDES THAT OPPORTUNITY PROVIDES ANOTHER LAYER OF INFORMATION AND MORE IMPORTANTLY PROVIDES A LOT MORE ATTENTION TO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO THAT ALSO THOSE THAT ARE ACTUALLY IN A POSITION THAT HAVE THE ARMS AND LEGS AND THE AUTHORITY TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS THE MAINTENANCE OF THESE FACILITIES CAN DO SO WITHOUT EXCUSES BECAUSE WE GET A LOT OF THAT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH THIS AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT WHATEVER TIME IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HAVE WE EVER HAD ENOUGH OF EVERYTHING TO DO IF WE DID GOODNESS WE DON'T NEED ALL THESE DIRECTORS THEY CAN GO HOME SUPERINTENDENTS THEY CAN GO HOME BUT WHAT WE DO NEED TO ENSURE IS THAT THERE'S RESPONSIBILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOT JUST AT OUR LEVEL GOODNESS WE'RE HERE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY ALL THE TIME THAT'S FINE THAT COMES WITH A CHAIR SO TO SPEAK BUT WE ALSO NEED THAT IN THE REST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ESPECIALLY IN THE LARGEST AGENCY THAT RECEIVES THE MOST PUBLIC FUNDS OF THIS GOVERNMENT THAT THERE IS RESPONSIBILITY AND WHILE WE LOVE THAT WORD ACCOUNTABILITY WE TALK ABOUT IT A LOT THE ACTUAL REALITY OF IT IN THE GOVERNMENT OVERALL TALK TO MOST PEOPLE OUT THERE WHO DEAL WITH GOV GUAM SOMETIMES IT'S HIT AND MISS IN TERMS OF GETTING THE SERVICE THAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE SO CERTAINLY THIS IS ANOTHER ABILITY TO DO THAT AND IT PUTS MORE PRESSURE AS IT SHOULD ON THE MANAGEMENT TEAM AT DOE TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE SCHOOLS ARE SAFE AND THEY'RE CLEAN FOR OUR CHILDREN NOT JUST TO ATTEND BUT OUR CHILDREN TO EAT AND BE EDUCATED IN AND I THINK THAT'S SOMETHING AT THE END OF THE DAY WE ALL WANT TO SEE SO I CERTAINLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND THANK MY COLLEAGUE SENATOR LUJAN FOR BRINGING THIS ISSUE FORTH THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THIRD READING IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: HI GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER HI GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY MORNING VIEWING AUDIENCE I SUPPORT THE AH THE BILL IT'S A WONDERFUL BILL SHOWS ALLOWS FOR TRANSPARENCY AND IT'S GREAT AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR AND ASK FOR THE SUPPORT FOR EVERYBODY AND LET'S GET THIS BILL AH BECOME LAW THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE MOTION PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING SENATOR DUENAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUENAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 48-37 SO MANY GREAT THINGS WERE SAID I JUST WANTED TO KIND OF ADD THAT YOU KNOW WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE NUMBER OF THE BILL OBVIOUSLY IT WAS INTRODUCED VERY EARLY IN THE TERM IN A TERM NOW THAT HAS BEEN SPOKEN ABOUT BY RETIRING SPEAKERS THAT WE REALLY WITH THE LEADERSHIP AS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION AND EVERYONE ELSE WHO'S COME TOGETHER TO TRY TO PUT MORE EMPHASIS AND CONCENTRATE ON OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM AND TRYING TO ENSURE THAT WE DO RIGHT BY OUR CHILDREN AND HAVE THEM HAVE AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS SAFE CLEAN AND CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING YOU KNOW OTHER SENATORS IN THE PAST YOU KNOW HAVE INTRODUCED LEGISLATION OUTLINING THE BASIC REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE EVERY CHILD ACT AND REALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THAT THAT LEGISLATION IS THE FRAMEWORK AND WHAT COINCIDES WITH THAT OF COURSE IS SAFETY AND YOU KNOW A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT AND AN INSPECTION THAT THAT DESCRIBES THAT THIS INSTITUTION MEETS ALL THE THOSE REQUIREMENTS AS THE CHAIRMAN OF EDUCATION SAID THAT YOU KNOW THERE IS THESE REPORTS ON THE

WEBSITE OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUT I HAVE TO SAY YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER EVEN I CONS I CALL MYSELF COMPUTER A LITTLE BIT EVEN AS MUCH AS I DON'T REALLY KNOW HOW TO NAVIGATE SO WELL AS OF COURSE YOUNGER PEOPLE I FIND NOW WHEN I'M OUT AND ABOUT TALKING TO FOLKS OF OUR GENERATION SAYING HEY I'VE BEEN GOING ON THE WEBSITE TO LOOK FOR THIS LOOK FOR THAT SO THIS CONVENIENCE REALLY HAS BECOME SOMETHING PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE'S ISSUES OF HIGH CONCERN HAVE HAS REALLY BECOMES A TOOL THAT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY USES NOW JUST GOING INTO IT A LITTLE BIT MORE I I I LIKE WATCHING SOME OF THE YOUNGER PEOPLE IN MY FAMILY AND OF COURSE THOSE WHO ARE EVEN MORE SENIOR THAN MYSELF WHEN THEY CALLED THEM OVER YOU KNOW BOY COME HERE AND PULL UP *FAN* THIS WEBSITE FOR ME AND SO WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY IS IS THAT IT'S NOT IT'S NOT AS FAR-FETCHED AND IT'S REALLY KIND OF THE NEW WAY OTHER THAN READING A NEWSPAPER SOME OF OUR NEWSPAPERS ARE ONLINE NOW BUT TO RETRIEVE INFORMATION IT REALLY HAS TRANSCENDED AND BECOME REALLY THE GO-TO SO THESE REPORTS ARE ARE VERY IMPORTANT AND AND A WAY FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION AND WANT TO GO AND FIND OUT WHAT THE CURRENT STATUS OF THEIR SCHOOL IS AND THE FITNESS OF THAT SCHOOL TO PROVIDE AN ADEQUATE EDUCATION IS AND SO I THINK MORE AND MORE AND MORE INFORMATION IN THIS AGE WHERE IT REALLY IS SOMETHING THAT IS NOW REALLY NO MATTER WHAT GENERATION YOU COME FROM WHETHER YOU ACCESS IT THROUGH USING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE MORE THAN LIKE ME A LITTLE BIT AND YOU KNOW TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION AND READ AND LEARN AND KEEP POSTED ON WHAT THE PROGRESS IS SO ONCE AGAIN I I WANTED TO THANK MY COLLEAGUE FOR THINKING OF THAT EARLY ON IN THE TERM AND ONE OF THE FIRST BILLS HE INTRODUCED AND I'M KINDLY REQUESTING TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUENAS ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THIRD READING ANY OTHER SENATOR LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED OR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ANY OTHER SENATOR IF NOT THEN WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS TO GET COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PASSED OUT ONE MINUTE RECESS.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS COPIES OF THE AMENDMENT HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE THE AMENDMENT IS JUST TO ADD A NEW A NEW C TO SECTION TWO OF THE BILL TO READ PHYSICAL POSTING THE DEPARTMENT SHALL POST IN A CONSPICUOUS PLACE VISIBLE TO TO THE PUBLIC NEAR THE MAIN ENTRANCE TO THE TO THE MAIN OFFICE OF THE SCHOOL THE OFFICIAL STATUS OF THE SCHOOL'S INSPECTION GRADE IT INDICATES STATUS OF THE SCHOOL TO INCLUDE IF THE SCHOOL FAIL INSPECTION OR ANY PART IS CONDEMNED THERE'S MANY OCCASION FAMILY MEMBERS BE WALK IN THE BUILDING THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT THIS AREA IS CONDEMNED AND AND IT SHOULD BE SO POSTED THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT SENATOR JOE CAN I BE A CO-SPONSOR OKAY THANK YOU I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT MA'AM AND I SUPPORT THE BILL AS WELL THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT I THINK IT WOULD BE CONVENIENT TO POST IN THE FRONT OFFICE AS THE AMENDMENT CALLS FOR NOT JUST THE INSPECTION GRADE BUT ALSO IF THE SCHOOL HAS FAILED INSPECTION OR IF ANY PART IS CONDEMNED AND I SUPPORT THIS BECAUSE IF YOU WALK AROUND IN THE SCHOOLS OF I AS I'VE DONE MANY TIMES A LOT OF TIMES AREAS IN OUR SCHOOLS UNFORTUNATELY LOOK LIKE CRIME SCENES BECAUSE AREAS OF OUR SCHOOLS THAT ARE CONDEMNED ARE CORDONED OFF WITH THE YELLOW CAUTION TAPE I'VE SEEN DOORS BOARDED UP I'VE SEEN ALL KINDS OF THINGS IN THESE CONDEMNED AREAS BUT THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT IS RIGHT IF YOU DON'T KNOW THESE AREAS ARE CONDEMNED I MEAN YOU COULD WALK RIGHT INTO ONE OF THEM SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT HAVING ALL THAT INFORMATION UP FRONT AS THIS IS ALL TO UNFORTUNATELY COMMON

SCENE AND SO MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE STUDENT POPULATIONS AREN'T ABLE TO USE THE ENTIRE BUILDING BECAUSE OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGES THAT YOU KNOW RENDER WINGS CLASSROOMS TOTALLY UNUSABLE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS BUT THAT'S THE ONLY WAY MANY OF THESE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PASS INSPECTION IS BY CONDEMNING HUGE AREAS OF THE SCHOOL AND THEN WHEN THEY DO THAT THERE'S AN UNDERSTANDING WITH PUBLIC HEALTH THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO INSPECT THAT PART OF THE SCHOOL SO I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT IT GOES A LONG WAY TOWARDS PROVIDING A MORE TRANSPARENCY TO MANY PARENTS SOMETIMES YOU KNOW PARENTS DON'T GET TO WALK AROUND IN THE SCHOOL A LOT OF TIMES THE OFFICE IS AS FAR AS THEY'LL GO AND SO I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MUCH VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT AS WELL IT IT'S GREAT TO BE ABLE TO AGAIN TRANSPARENCY AND AND AS THE FORMER SPEAKER SENATOR BARNETT HAS SAID YEAH SOMETIMES YOU GO TO SOME AREAS IN SOME OF THE SCHOOLS THAT YEAH IT'S LIKE A DISASTER AND HOW THE HECK WE STILL IN YOU KNOW IN A PASSING GRADE PRETTY MUCH BUT YEAH A A GRADING SYSTEM VISIBLE TO THE PUBLIC MAKES A WHOLE LOT OF SENSE AND JUST COMMON SENSE SO I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE HE'S HE'S WAVING CLOSURE SO ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES WE'RE BACK ON THE BILL I I BELIEVE EVERYONE HAS SPOKEN ON THE BILL WHO WANTED TO SPEAK SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER COLLEAGUES THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND AND POSITIVE INPUT AND THE OF COURSE THE BILL I THANK THE COMMITTEE AS WELL FOR AGAIN WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR MY OFFICE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF COURSE FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ENHANCE THE THE OF COURSE THE THE THE BILL AND LIKEWISE THE AMENDMENT TODAY THAT MADE IT EVEN BETTER SO I WANT TO THANK YOU KNOW GOT TO TELL A FUNNY STORY I MEAN IN REGARDS TO TRANSPARENCY AND THE AGE OF OF TECHNOLOGY THIS WEEKEND I RAN TO A RELATIVE SAY HEY BOY I SEE YOU ON FACEBOOK INSTAGRAM AND WALKIE-TALKIE I WHO WALKIE-TALKIE I SAID OH WOW MUST BE A NEW AND AND HOPEFULLY THAT RELATIVE OF MINE THAT'S THE NEW APP THAT MAYBE THEY'RE PUTTING OUT THERE SO MAYBE ONE DAY THIS RELATIVE OF MINE WILL BECOME A BILLIONAIRE WITH THAT NEW APP OF WALKIE-TALKIE SO ANYWAY WITH THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH COLLEAGUES FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS BILL THANK YOU VERY I WANT TO MOVE AGAIN MOTION TO OH HOLD IT HOLD IT YEP YEP MOTION TO ADD SENATORS JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR CHRIS DUENAS SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE AND ALL THE SENATORS THAT LIKE TO COME ON AS SPONSORS FOR THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO ADD SPONSORS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN BARNETT DUENAS TAITAGUE AND ALL OTHERS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES

SENATOR LUJAN: MOTION PLACE AHM BILL

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION SO ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING THIRD READING IS THERE ANY AS AMENDED IS THERE ANY SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 81-37 LS SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: GOOD MORNING AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY AGAIN I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THIS BILL TO THE TO THE THIRD READING FOR DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THIS IS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS BILL NUMBER 81- 37 INTRODUCED BY MYSELF DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS TELO T TAITAGUE THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY A B QUINATA JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT CHRISTOPHER M DUENAS AND TINA ROSE MUNA BARNES AN ACT TO AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 40111 OF ARTICLE ONE CHAPTER 40 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THEIR OATH-TAKING CEREMONY YES SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND SPEAK ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I I I'VE EXPERIENCED THIS WHEN WE GOT INAUGURATED YOU KNOW HOW EVERYBODY WAS RUNNING AROUND TRYING TO GET TO EVERYBODY'S THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF OATH TAKING AND SO I CAN UNDERSTAND AND APPRECIATE HOW BUSY WE ALL GET THAT THAT ONE DAY WHEN WE ALL TAKE THAT THAT OATH OF OFFICE SO THE MAYORS HAVE BROUGHT THIS TO MY ATTENTION AND THEY WERE ASKING IF THEY IF WE COULD ALLOW THEM TO SELECT THE TIME AND A DATE FOR THEIR INAUGURATION AND SOME OF THE CONCERNS WERE THAT THEY WANTED YOU KNOW FAMILY MEMBERS TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND YOU KNOW SO THEY WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TIME AND THE AVAILABILITY WAS WAS YOU KNOW WAS MADE MADE SO THAT THEY THEIR FAMILY ME MEMBERS CAN ATTEND AND THEN ALSO WE HAD YOU KNOW WE HAD THEM COME AND BE WITH US DURING OUR OATH TAKEN AND THEN WE HAVE TO RUN OFF AND SEE THE GOVERNOR TAKE HER OATH TAKING AND AND SO IT CAN BE A VERY A VERY VERY BUSY DAY ON THAT THAT THAT WEEK SO THE MAYORS HAVE ASKED ME AND SO THIS BILL COMES COMES TO US BECAUSE OF THAT AND IT'S IT'S SIMPLE STRAIGHTFORWARD MEASURE AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO YOU KNOW SUPPORT SUPPORT THE SUPPORT THE MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 81- 37 TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WOW THAT WAS SO FUN IT'S DIDN'T GET ANY OBJECTIONS OH CAN I ADD CO-SPONSORS OH OH I'M SORRY SORRY WE HAVE SOMEBODY WHO WANTS TO SPEAK ON THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A QUESTION FOR LEGAL SO I JUST WANT CLARITY ON WHETHER THE YOU KNOW THE OATH IF THERE'S GOING TO BE AN OVERLAP OF THE OUTGOING MAYOR AND THE INCOMING MAYOR DEPENDING ON THE WHEN THE OATH IS TAKEN OR IF IT'S IF A SUPERSEDES EVERYTHING ELSE SO IF I CAN HAVE A MOMENT'S RECESS TO ASK LEGAL REGARDING THAT AND IF THERE'S A A AN AMENDMENT THAT'S NEEDED TO CLARIFY THAT TO TO ENSURE THAT THERE'S NO OVERLAP.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS PLEASE ADDRESS ALL YOUR QUESTIONS TO LEGAL WHILE WE ARE ON RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS A FLOOR AMENDMENT HAS BEEN PASSED OUT WE WERE ON SENATOR PEREZ WHEN WE LEFT OFF SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE THAT TIME TO CONFER WITH LEGAL AND I'M GLAD TO COLLABORATE WITH THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL ON THIS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL BILL 81 ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MA'AM I HAVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE TO THE BILL LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO THANK YOURSELF MADAM SPEAKER AND SENATOR SABINA WITH A GOOD EYE AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR ACTUALLY CATCHING AND HELPING

ME MAKE A BETTER PRODUCT WE I WANTED TO AMEND LINES 13 THROUGH 26 ON PAGE TWO TO AMEND SECTION TWO OF THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE EXPLAIN THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: WE'RE GOING TO STRIKE OUT THE TERM OF OFFICE OF MAYOR VICE MAYOR SHALL COMMENCE AND THEY STRIKE OUT AT 12 TO 8 AND ON THE FIRST MONDAY OF THE MONTH FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION UPON THE TAKING OF OATH OF OFFICE AND SHALL EXPIRE ON THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY FOLLOWING THE NEXT REGULAR GENERAL ELECTION MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS AND THIS WAS THIS AMENDMENT WAS WAS PROFFERED SO THAT WE DON'T RUN INTO ANY HURDLES WITH THE CURRENT LAW AND THE ORGANIC ACT AND THANK YOU AGAIN TO ALL THOSE WHO HELP ME MAKE THIS POSSIBLE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS IT THERE WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST LIKE TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE AMENDMENT BECAUSE AS WE WERE LOOKING AT THE AT AT THE BILL IT WAS ISOLATING TO A SPECIFIC TIME AND YOU CAN'T DO THAT WHEN YOU START DOING THAT THEN IT HAS TO HAPPEN AT AT THAT TIME BEING THAT THEY TOOK THAT OUT IT TOOK CARE OF WHATEVER THEY NEED TO TAKE CARE OF AND I FULLY SUPPORT THIS THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND LEGAL COUNSEL AND SENATOR SABINA AND SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN FOR ALLOWING TO HELP HELP ME MAKE THIS THIS AMENDMENT GO FORWARD AND AND HOPEFULLY THE BILL AS WELL SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN I IT'S GREATLY APPRECIATED THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR AND ON THE BILL OH SORRY ON THE AMENDMENT IF IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS YOU MAY CONTINUE TO CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OH THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN AND SO LIKE AGAIN THIS IS THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THE MAYOR'S ASKED OF OF ME ME AND AND THAT'S WHY WE PROFFER THIS MEASURE IT'S A GOOD THING SO THAT WAY THEY CAN YOU KNOW THEY CAN MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES AND AND ALLOW FOR MORE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND TO ATTEND THEIR THEIR OATH TAKING CEREMONY AND ALLOW ALL OF US TO YOU KNOW ALSO BE THERE FOR THEM AS WELL AS AS THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ATTEND OUR INAUGURATIONS SO IT'S A WONDERFUL BILL IT'S A GREAT BILL IT'S SOMETHING THAT THAT MAYORS HAVE HAVE HAD HAD CONCERNS AND AND THEY JUST REALLY WANT TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS YOU KNOW THAT DURING DURING ALL TAKING THAT WE DON'T ALL RUN TOGETHER WITH OUR TIMES BUT THIS IS A GREAT BILL AND I I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO GO AHEAD.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM AND MOVE TO THE VOTING FILE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A BILL ON THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION WE WILL RECESS UNTIL 2 P.M. *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'.*

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE CONTINUING ON ON IN SECOND READING WE ARE NOW ON OUR THIRD BILL BILL NUMBER 98- 37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON BILL NUMBER 98.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO ADD BILL NUMBER 98-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS SPONSORED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AND ROY A B QUINATA AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 55 OF DIVISION 5 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ALL GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO CITE THIS ACT THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2023 AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: BILL 98 IS NOT JUST A PIECE OF LEGISLATION FOR ME IT'S PERSONAL AND IT'S A COMMITMENT TO THE WELFARE AND ACCESSIBILITY OF GUAM STUDENTS IT MANDATES THAT ALL GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS MUST BE COMPLIANT WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT THE GENESIS OF THIS BILL LIES IN A 4-HOUR ROUNDTABLE HEARING DISCUSSION ON SPECIAL EDUCATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE NUMEROUS CONCERNS WERE BROUGHT TO LIGHT DURING THIS HEARING THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION SHED SOME LIGHT ON SEVERAL TOPICS INCLUDING ADA COMPLIANCE SHOCKINGLY IT WAS REVEALED THAT NOT MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANT PRESENTING A SIGNIFICANT ACCESSIBILITY PROBLEM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES I WAS EXTREMELY SHOCKED TO FIND OUT THAT NOT MANY OF OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE ADA COMPLIANT AND IN NO OTHER JURISDICTION WOULD THIS BE ACCEPTABLE IT IS VITAL FOR THE WELFARE OF GUAM STUDENTS THAT OUR SCHOOL CAMPUSES ARE ACCESSIBLE FOR EVERYBODY AND ADA COMPLIANCE IS A GREAT PLACE TO START THE BILL ITSELF IS A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO RECTIFYING THIS ISSUE IT REQUIRES THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A DETAILED PLAN ENSURING THAT ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN GUAM FULLY COMPLY WITH THE ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADA THIS PLAN ENCOMPASSES ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS SUCH AS ACCESSIBILITY AND AN AUDIT OF EVERY SCHOOL A TIMELINE FOR ADDRESSING AREAS OF NON-COMPLIANCE AND A DETAILED SPECIFICATIONS FOR MODIFICATION AND IMPROVEMENTS MOREOVER THE BILL GOES BEYOND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IT MANDATES THAT GDOE TEACHERS RECEIVE TRAINING ON ADA REQUIREMENTS RECOGNIZING THAT CREATING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT REQUIRES NOT JUST THE INFRASTRUCTURE BUT EDUCATION AND AWARENESS AS WELL ADDITIONALLY GDOE IS OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE REGULAR PROGRESS REPORTS TO THE GUAM LEGISLATURE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN ENSURING TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY AND GIVES US OPPORTUNITIES TO FOLLOW UP AND MAKE SURE THIS GETS DONE OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS ARE BUILT TO SERVE AND EDUCATE OUR YOUTH WHETHER THAT MEANS BUILDING MORE RAMPS TRAINING OUR TEACHERS OR WHAT OTHER OTHER MEANS WE HAVE TO TAKE TO MAKE THESE SCHOOLS ACCESSIBLE WITH THOSE WITH DISABILITIES THOSE ARE THINGS WE MUST DO THESE KIDS ARE OUR FUTURE AND WE MUST INVEST IN THEM LET'S GIVE THEM THE PROPER ATTENTION FUNDING AND RESOURCES THAT THEY DESERVE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION ON THIS BILL WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON BILL NUMBER 98-37 WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES I APPLAUD THE THE AUTHOR IT'S A REALLY GREAT BILL DON'T WANT TO SOUND LIKE A BROKEN RECORD BUT AS A AS A FORMER SCHOOL COUNSELOR MYSELF YOU KNOW I HAD TO PLACE STUDENTS IN CLASSES BECAUSE THEY COULDN'T GO UPSTAIRS IN ONE OF THE IN THE SCHOOL WHERE I WAS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT AND SO WE HAD TO MAKE ACCOMMODATIONS AND THIS THIS BILL MAKES IT SO SO THAT THE DEPARTMENT CAN COME INTO COMPLIANCE AND SO WE WE CAN ALLOW STUDENTS EQUAL ACCESS FAIR ACCESS TO TO GOOD EDUCATION SO I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR AND I SUPPORT THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL OH.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET OUR SCHOOLS INTO ADA COMPLIANCE I THINK WE REALLY DO HAVE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY HAVE A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO THIS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THERE'S QUESTIONS AMONG

FUNDING AND THERE'S QUESTIONS ABOUT HOW WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS DONE SO WE HAVE PUT AN AN AN APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO ALLOW GDOE TO HAVE THE PROPER BUDGET REQUEST AND TO REALLY TAKE A BIG PICTURE LOOK AT WHAT ARE THE NEEDS AND ASSESSMENTS OF OUR SCHOOLS WE'VE SEEN IN OUR LAST CENSUS THAT WE HAVE A POPULATION DIP I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT WOULD MEAN IN THE GREATER CONTEXT OF WHAT OUR BIG PICTURE PLAN IS FOR THE SCHOOLS DO WE KEEP IMPROVING AND REPAIRING SCHOOLS THAT ARE UNDERPOPULATED DO WE START TO GO TO SOME SORT OF CONSOLIDATION THESE ARE QUESTIONS THAT WE AS A BODY WILL HAVE TO ANSWER IN THE FUTURE AS WE COME TO GRIPS WITH SOME OF THE REALITIES OF A DECLINING POPULATION AND I THINK THE CONVERSATION OF ADA COMPLIANCE SHOULD GO PART AND PARTIAL WITH THAT CONVERSATION BECAUSE IF WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT OPTIONS LIKE CONSOLIDATION OR IMPROVING SCHOOLS AND PUTTING SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF MONEY INTO THEM THIS IS THE TIME TO GET PAST OUR GRANDFATHER STATUS WITH THE ORIGINAL ADA BILL AND DO RIGHT BY OUR KIDS AND IT ACTUALLY IMPROVE THESE SCHOOLS I KNOW THE GOOD CHAIRMAN ON EDUCATION IS WORKING REAL HARD TO IMPROVE THESE SCHOOLS AND I JUST HOPE THAT WE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ADA COMPLIANCE AS WELL BECAUSE AS ONE AS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO TESTIFIED AT THE BILL SAID A LOT OF THESE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ARE JUST BETTER FOR EVERYONE EVERYONE IMPROVE EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM THE RAMPS EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM THE BIGGER DOORS EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM THE EASIER ACCESSIBILITY WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 98-37 COR ONTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES WE'RE CONTINUING WITH SECOND READING WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 124-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL 124-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO SET ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO ADD BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR TO THE THIRD READING AN ACT AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE SPONSORED BY MYSELF WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 8502 C2B OF ARTICLE 5 CHAPTER 8 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO NET METERING METERING AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PSRKINSON: BILL 142-37 SEEKS TO ELEVATE GUAM'S COMMITMENT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES BY EXPANDING NET METERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS THE BILL AIMS TO INCREASE THE KILOWATT GENERATED CAPACITY UNDER NET METERING FROM 100 KILOWATTS TO 500 KILOWATTS SPECIFICALLY FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS THIS INITIATIVE IS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS ACROSS THE ISLAND TO GENERATE SO SOLAR ENERGY MORE EFFICIENTLY AND SUSTAINABLY BY PROVIDING THESE BUSINESSES WITH THE CAPACITY TO GENERATE UP TO 500 KILOWATTS OF SOLAR ENERGY OUR ISLAND WILL BE TAKING A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS REDUCING CARBON EMISSIONS PROMOTING ENERGY INDEPENDENCE AND CREATING A CLEANER ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL ITS RESIDENTS ALSO BY INCREASING THE KILOWATT GENERATING CAPACITY FOR NON-RESIDENT CLASS CUSTOMERS WE ARE NOT ONLY PROMOTING THE ADOPTION OF SOLAR ENERGY BUT ALSO ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN OUR ISLAND'S SUSTAINABLE ENERGY TRANSITION THIS LEGISLATION WILL ENABLE COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS TO SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR RENEWABLE ENERGY GOALS WHILE SAVING ON ENERGY COST FOSTERING ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CREATING NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES I KNOW THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL THERE WERE CONCERNS FROM GPA THAT THE BILL AS INTRODUCED COULD LEAD TO SOME REVENUE LOSS TO ADDRESS THIS THE BILL HAS BEEN AMENDED IN COMMITTEE SO THAT NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS WITH A CUSTOMER GENERATOR THAT EXCEEDS 100 KILOWATTS IN GENERATING CAPACITY SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO ANY COMPENSATION FOR ANY ELECTRICITY PROVIDED MADAM SPEAKER WE SET THE 100 KILOWATT GENERATING CAPACITY LIMIT FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS OVER 13 YEARS AGO NOW SINCE THEN THE TECHNOLOGY FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY HAS ADVANCED SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASING THE LIMITS OF 500 KILOWATTS WOULD CREATE AN

OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO BE LESS RELIANT ON FOSSIL FUELS AS A GOVERNMENT WE SHOULD SUPPORT THE GROWTH OF RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ALLOW BUSINESSES TO MAXIMIZE THEIR USE OF SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON BILL NUMBER 142 IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON BILL NUMBER 142 SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 142-37 IT'S TIME THAT WE START DOING WHAT WE SET OUT TO DO MANY YEARS AGO AND GOING INTO RENEWABLE ENERGIES THIS IS THE OPPORTUNITY ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE GETTING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WILLING TO SPEND SO MUCH MONEY ON THIS TECHNOLOGY NOT JUST THE SOLAR PANELS MADAM SPEAKER WE'RE TALKING ABOUT ALSO THE BATTERIES THAT HAS TAKEN SO LONG TO GENERATE AND SAFE BATTERIES THAT IS TO GENERATE THESE THESE ONES THAT WILL HOLD THE CAPACITY NEEDED ALMOST 10 YEARS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO REACH THAT GOAL OF 50% IN FACT MADAM SPEAKER MORE THAN 50% IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR BUSINESSES TO INVEST IN SOLAR PANELS WHEN THEY INVEST IN SOLAR PANELS THEY INVEST ALSO IN GPA BUT GPA SEEM DOESN'T SEEM TO ACCEPT THAT NO IT DOESN'T WE STILL NEED THE GRID THERE'S NOTHING NO DOUBT ABOUT IN MY MIND THAT IT'S NEEDED IN FACT GPA CONTINUES TO THIS DAY TO FARM SOLAR ENERGY TO PUT OUT CONTRACTS FOR THIS TYPE OF ENERGY IT'S ALMOST LIKE THEY'RE THE ONLY ONES THAT ARE ALLOWED TO HAVE THIS TYPE OF ENERGY MADAM SPEAKER THERE'S SO MANY CONTRADICTIONS THAT GPA MADE MADE DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THAT DID NOT MAKE SENSE WHEN ESPECIALLY WHEN IT COMES TO WHAT'S CALLED A A A DG WHICH IS DISTRIBUTION GENERATION GBB I MEAN GPA DOESN'T SEEM TO BE INVESTING INTO SOLAR PANELS SO MUCH AND IT MAKES YOU WONDER WHY THERE IS A TECHNOLOGY CALLED DERMS AND IT'S A SOFTWARE THAT HELPS WHEN IT COMES TO DISTRIBUTING GENERATE GENERATION OF POWER FROM ONE TO ANOTHER A SOFTWARE THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE YEARS AGO YEARS AGO TO ASSIST THEM AND I DON'T THINK THEY HAVE THIS OH WE'RE LOOKING INTO IT WE'RE WE'RE GETTING IT IF YOU RECALL MADAM SPEAK I BELIEVE MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES WERE HERE WHEN THEY PASSED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD ACTUALLY REACH BY 20 I THINK 45 IS IT WE HAD YOU KNOW RESISTANCE FROM GPA NOT WANTING TO GO DOWN THAT TRAIL BUT WE PUSHED AND WE PUSHED THIS LEGISLATION SAYS NO WE NEED THIS IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE ALL HAVE TO DO OUR PART IN THE WORLD EMISSIONS I KNOW WE'RE A SMALL ISLAND AND WE DON'T PUT OUT VERY MUCH THAT'S NOT THAT'S PROBABLY COMPANIES LIKE WELL NOT COMPANIES BUT PEOPLE LIKE CHINA YOU KNOW OTHER AREAS WITH HIGH INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES THAT PUT OUT THIS IT'S IN THE AIR AND IN FACT MADAM SPEAKER IF YOU RECALL THERE ARE TIMES WHERE GUAM WILL HAVE A WARNING SMOG WARNING REPORT BECAUSE OF SMOG COMING THIS WAY WE MIGHT NOT BE THOSE THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE OR THE ISSUES THAT SURROUND IT BUT WE DO DEAL WITH COST COST THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE SO DIFFICULT TO TRY AND PAY THAT POWER BILLS ARE OUTRAGEOUS WE NEED TO BE WE NEED TO STOP BEING BULLIED BY GPA IF OTHER COUNTRIES ARE DOING THE SAME THING AND GOING THIS ROUTE THEN WE NEED TO DO THE SAME AND ASK GPA TO DO JUST THAT I'M HOPING BY 2045 THAT WE'RE AT LIKE 80% NOT JUST 50 BUT 80% AND NOT JUST SOLAR MY COLLEAGUES THERE'S NEW TECHNOLOGY OUT THERE TO LOWER OUR POWER BILLS OUR ENERGY BILLS THAT WE ALL ALL HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY IT'S ALMOST LIKE POWER BILLS FOR A SMALL TWO-BEDROOM HOME NOW IS ALMOST \$400 A MONTH A MONTH NOW WE'RE LOOKING AT BUSINESSES WHO HAVE THE FUNDS THE FUNDS TO ACTUALLY INVEST AND YOU KNOW MY COLLEAGUES WHEN THESE BUSINESSES FIND SOME SAVINGS THEY NOW CAN BE COMPETITIVE COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET TO LOWER THEIR PRICES BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT SPENDING IT ALL ON POWER SO THAT'S WHAT THIS BILL COULD DO LOWER THE COST OF GOODS TO A LOT OF THESE COMPANIES WHO ARE ABLE TO USE SOLAR ENERGY SO THEY CAN PASS ON THAT SAVINGS AND HOPE TO GOD WILL PASS ON THAT SAVINGS BUT IT DEFINITELY WILL MAKE THEM MORE COMPETITIVE IN THE MARKET THERE WAS A AN AN ANOTHER TESTIMONY THAT I I'M HOPING MADE IT INTO THE COMMITTEE REPORT IT WAS IN SEPTEMBER 15 2023 SO I I KNOW THAT THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION MADE SURE THAT IT WENT INTO THE COMMITTEE REPORT I ASK YOU GUYS TO READ THAT READ THAT TESTIMONY IT REBUTS A LOT OF WHAT GPA HAD SAID BUT MOST IMP MOST IMPORTANT THINK OF THE COST SAVINGS AND THAT BEING PASSED ON TO OUR COMMUNITY AND THE ABILITY TO GO GREEN LET'S BE PART OF A GOING GREEN LET'S BE A PART OF A GOOD SOLUTION WE HAVE A SOLUTION LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I HAVE A SOLUTION LET'S LET'S TAKE THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON BILL NUMBER 142 IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED WE'LL TAKE A OR SENATOR PEREZ WE'LL TAKE A ONE-MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS POINTED OUT THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE REPORT OR A SUPPLEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE REPORT THAT WAS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE TODAY THAT HAS ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY ALL RIGHT SO NOW WE'RE PROCEEDING WITH BILL 142 WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON BILL 142 SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M ALL IN SUPPORT OF TRANSITIONING TO YOU KNOW 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR GUAM YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY WITH THE HIGH COST OF FUEL THESE DAYS IT MAKES SENSE TO GO TO SOLAR AND AND RENEWABLE POWER I THINK ONE OF THE THE CONCERNS ABOUT THIS BILL HAS BEEN THE I GUESS THE AMOUNT OF RESERVES THAT ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THAT IT'S CALLED SPINNING RESERVES RIGHT THERE HAS TO BE A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF ENERGY THAT IS EXPENDED TO AVOID THE FLUCTUATIONS DUE TO THE SUN SHINING ON THESE SOLAR PANELS WHICH CAN CREATE A LOT OF PRETTY SIGNIFICANT FLUCTUATIONS AND SO CURRENTLY YOU KNOW NET METERING THAT THERE DEFINITELY FIRST OF ALL I THINK NEEDS TO BE A CHANGE WHEN THAT METERING AND HOW IT'S BEING IMPLEMENTED I KNOW THE PUC SET A CERTAIN THRESHOLD IN REGARDS TO HOW MUCH NET METERING THEY WANTED TO AT LEAST IN THE BEGINNING OF THE BEGINNING OF TIME WHEN THEY HAD SOLAR PANELS COME OUT THEY WANTED TO ENCOURAGE MORE SOLAR PANEL IMPLEMENTATION AND THE PROBLEM IS WITH MORE SOLAR PANELS THAN YOU HAVE YOU RUN INTO THE PROBLEM OF THE THE FLUCTUATIONS AND CAUSING HUGE CONCERNS FOR ALL USERS ON GUAM AND SO ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 5 CHAPTER 8 12 GCA NET METERING PAYMENTS FROM GPA IS LIMITED TO 25 KILOWATT FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AND 100 KILOWATTS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AND ACCORDING TO THAT SAME ARTICLE IN CHAPTER 8 12 GCA IT IS LIMITED TO 80% OF THE APPLICABLE CUSTOMER RATE AND AN INTER REIMBURSEMENT OF 100% IS ALLOWED SINCE 2008 THIS HAS NOT CHANGED AND AT 100% REIMBURSEMENT GPA RATE PAYERS WITHOUT SOLAR PANELS ARE SUBSIDIZING THE THE NET METERING CUSTOMERS YOU KNOW BEST PRACTICES NATIONWIDE BASICALLY IS REQUIRES THAT POWER UTILITIES PAY NET METERING CUSTOMERS THE AVOIDED COSTS GPA'S RATES INCLUDE A BASE RATE AND A FUEL CHARGE CALLED LEAK AND THE BASE RATE INCLUDES THE DEBT SERVICE ADMINISTRATION COST INSURANCE NONE OF THE BASE RATE COSTS ARE CONSIDERED AVOIDED COSTS IN NATIONWIDE BEST PRACTICES AND SOME UTILITIES CREDIT NET METERING CUSTOMERS A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THEIR SOLAR POWER PURCHASE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE EXPENSES BUT THERE IS NO STANDARD FOR HOW TO CALCULATE THIS COST IF ENACTED THIS BILL WILL LEAD TO HIGHER RATES FOR GPA RATE PAYERS WHO HAVE TO SUBSIDIZED THIS THIS PROGRAM SO I I THINK TO HOPEFULLY ADDRESS AT LEAST THE RESERVE ISSUE I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THE NET METERING CUSTOMERS WHO EXCEED THE LIMITS ARE REQUIRED TO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN TWO HOURS OF BATTERY STORAGE AND I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER IF I CAN GET A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ONE MINUTE RECESS

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE COLLEAGUES SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR ON WE ARE ON BILL 142-37 COR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO TO MAKE A CHANGE OR TO DRAFT THIS AMENDMENT SO I'M PRO I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT WHICH CHANGES LINES 13 TO 17 ON PAGE TWO THE AMENDMENT READS THE CHANGES WILL BE TO SECTION 2B WILL NOT TO EXCEED 500 KILOWATTS FOR GUAM POWER AUTHORITY NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS PROVIDED THAT NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS ADD AND MAINTAIN NOT LESS THAN ONE FULL HOUR OF BATTERY BACKUP IF THE NON-RESIDENT RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMER EXCEEDS 250 KILOWATTS AND TWO PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING ADDITION SOLAR POWER CAPACITY OF MORE THAN 250 KILOWATTS THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY SHALL CERTIFY THE NON-RESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMER HAS INSTALLED A SUITABLE BATTERY BACKUP SYSTEM CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENT SUPRA AND TO ALLOW LEGIS TO ALLOW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS AGAIN SO THE PURPOSE OF THIS IS TO ADDRESS ANY FLUCTUATIONS THAT COULD OCCUR WHEN THERE'S A CLOUD COVER WHICH CAN HAVE SIGN SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS ON THE AMOUNT OF POWER BEING GENERATED AND WHICH WOULD WOULD THEN TRIGGER THESE BUSINESSES TO TO THEN DRAW POWER FROM THE THEIR CIRCUIT WHICH CAN THEN POTENTIALLY SHUT IT

DOWN IF THERE'S MORE A LOT OF DEMAND FOR THE POWER AND SO BY HAVING THIS BACKUP POWER THAT WOULD HELP TO ALLEVIATE THAT ISSUE AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO TAKE A A SHORT BREAK WHICH COMES TO A COMPROMISE IN THIS BECAUSE THE BATTERY USAGE IS NOT ONE SIZE FITS ALL IT DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY IT'S SYSTEM DEPENDENT AND IT NEEDS TO BE SIZED BASED ON THE TYPE OF KILOWATT OR HOW MANY SOLAR PANELS ARE UTILIZED WHAT WE DON'T WANT TO DO IS PRICE OUT THE SMALLER COMPANIES WE WANT TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS TO GO RE USE RENEWABLE ENERGY WHETHER IT'S SOLAR WIND AND MAYBE ONE DAY GEOTHERMAL ANY ANYTHING LIKE THAT I SOME PEOPLE MAY CRINGE WHEN THEY HEAR ABOUT INCINERATION BUT YOU KNOW THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES OF OPPORTUNITIES TO STAY OFF FOSSIL FUEL AND WE DEFINITELY DON'T WANT TO PRICE THE SMALLER BUSINESSES BECAUSE YOU KNOW GUAM IS THE MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES ON GUAM ARE THE SMALLER BUSINESSES THAT MAKE UP OUR ISLAND THAT MAKE UP OUR ECONOMY SO I I APPRECIATE THAT THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT IS WILLING TO COMPROMISE TO AT LEAST THE 250 ANYTHING ABOVE THAT WOULD GO INTO 1 HOUR BATTERY BUT THIS DOESN'T STOP BUSINESSES WHO GENERATE 500 KILOWATTS LIKE I SAID IT'S NOT A ONE SIZE FITS ALL SCENARIO DEPENDS IT IS DEPENDENT UPON THE SYSTEM THAT'S UTILIZED SO I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT I THINK IT'S A FAIR COMPROMISE THAT BALANCES THE NEEDS OF THE STAKEHOLDER VERSUS THE NEEDS OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND MAKING SURE THAT THINGS WORK IN A PROPER MANNER AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER SAID NOT ALL SYSTEMS ARE BUILT THE SAME YOU CAN'T JUST FIT A ONE SIZE FIT ALL PROGRAM ON ALL OF THEM AND I THINK THIS COMPROMISE REALLY REFLECTS THE BESPOKE NATURE THAT SOME OF THESE SYSTEMS WOULD REQUIRE AS DEFINITELY ON THE LARGER END BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ALSO PUT SOME CONSIDERATION ON THE SMALLER END SO THAT WE DON'T PRICE OUT SOME OF THE SMALLER BUSINESSES THAT ARE ALSO TRYING TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM AND TO THAT END I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE I THINK IT SERVES BOTH NEEDS THAT AND WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE AMENDMENT ANYONE ELSE ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT SHE IS WAVING CLOSING SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT BY SENATOR PEREZ SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES ON THE BILL SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CONTINUE.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M I THINK YOU KNOW I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN THE LAST AMENDMENT BUT I I STILL DO HAVE SOME RESERVATIONS BECAUSE WHAT THE FISCAL IMPACT COULD BE FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT ON SOLAR POWER AND THAT'S PRETTY MUCH CONSISTS OF A LOT OF OUR RESIDENTS AND YOU KNOW WHAT WOULD WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT TO THEM IN REGARDS TO SUBSIDIZING YOU KNOW THE THE COST THAT GPA HAS IN REGARDS TO THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE IN GENERAL YEAH AND SO THAT REMAINS TO BE SEEN AND SOMETHING THAT I WILL THINK ABOUT ON WHETHER TO SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER JUST KIND OF FOLLOWING UP ON THE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE RETIRING SPEAKER I DID WATCH THE HEARING FOR THIS BILL THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS BILL AND I DID NOTE THAT THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AND THE PUC BOTH TESTIFIED AGAINST THE MEASURE AND I WANTED TO READ A LITTLE BIT OF THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITIES TESTIMONY HERE AND THIS WAS TESTIMONY SUBMITTED BY THE GENERAL MANAGER MR JOHN BENEVENTE AND I'LL GO AHEAD AND READ FROM THE SECOND PARAGRAPH THE NET ENERGY METERING PROGRAM INITIALLY MANDATED WITH GOOD INTENTIONS TO JUMPSTART CUSTOMER GENERATED RENEWABLE ENERGY HAS RESULTED IN A SIGNIFICANT NEGATIVE IMPACT ON BASE RATE REVENUES AND CREATED TWO CLASSES OF CUSTOMERS NEM AND NON-NEM

CUSTOMERS NEM CUSTOMERS RECEIVE A FULL RATE CREDIT FOR ALL ENERGY THEY EXPORT INTO THE GPA GRID AND AVOID PAYING THEIR SHARE OF COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE ISLAND WIDE POWER SYSTEM OPERATION MAINTENANCE DEBT CAPITAL INVESTMENT ETC RATE INCREASES TO COVER LOSS OF REVENUE OR INCREASED COST IS ENTIRELY BORN BY NON-NEM CUSTOMERS THE LITTLE GUYS AND GIRLS INCLUDING LOW INCOME FIXED INCOME AND OTHER AT RISK CUSTOMERS CURRENTLY NEM ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PAY ABOUT \$5.2 MILLION OF ANNUAL OPERATING COSTS THESE COSTS ARE SUBSIDIZED BY NON-NEM CUSTOMERS AS OF MARCH 2023 THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 2500 NEM CUSTOMERS WITH A COMBINED CAPACITY OF 32 MEGAWATTS OF DAYTIME GENERATING POWER WHICH MAY BE EXPORTED TO THE GRID THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE CUSTOMERS DO NOT HAVE ENERGY SHIFTING BATTERIES THEREBY ADDING TO THE OVERALL ENERGY DEMAND OF THE GRID DURING THE DAILY PEAK HOURS OF 5: TO 11: P.M. AT THIS POINT CUSTOMERS WITH BATTERIES INCORPORATED INTO THE RESIDENTIAL COMMERCIAL SOLAR POWERED SYSTEMS DO NOT SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE THE OVERALL DEMAND OR ASSIST WITH PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CAPACITY DURING PEAK NOW SHOULD THIS LEGISLATION BECOME LAW APPROXIMATELY 1300 CURRENT NEM CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE PRODUCTION NOW IF 25% OF THESE CUSTOMERS INCREASE THEIR PRODUCTION OVER 100 KILOWATTS THE REVENUE IMPACT LOSS TO GPA IS ESTIMATED AT 12 MILLION ADD THIS TO THE CURRENT \$5 MILLION SUBSIDY ON THE NEM PROGRAM'S IMPACT TO NON-NEM CUSTOMERS WILL BE AN ESTIMATED \$17 MILLION ANNUALLY THE PROJECTED IMPACT DOES NOT INCLUDE COST FOR IMPACT STUDIES AND MITIGATION PROJECTS TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSED 400% ENERGY GENERATION INCREASE THIS CHANGE WILL CERTAINLY REQUIRE GPA TO FILE FOR A RATE INCREASE TO COVER ITS OPERATING COSTS WHICH IS BORN BY ONLY THE NON-NEM CUSTOMERS MEANING PEOPLE WHO DON'T OWN BUSINESSES AND HAVE SOLAR POWER I ALSO WANTED TO JUST READ SOME OF THE TESTIMONY FROM THE THAT WAS SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND THEY THEY SUBMITTED FOUR-PAGE TESTIMONY AND I'M ONLY GOING TO READ OUT THE BIG BLACK BOLD HEADLINES THE PUC TESTIFIES PASSAGE OF A BILL TO INCREASE THE LIMIT OF NET METERING GENERATING CAPACITY FOR NONRESIDENTIAL CLASS CUSTOMERS FROM 100 KILOWATT TO 500 KILOWATTS WILL LIKELY CAUSE AND TRIGGER A SUBSTANTIAL RATE INCREASE INCREASING COMMERCIAL NET METERING CAPACITY TO 500 KILOWATTS WILL NOT PROVIDE THE LOAD CAPACITY THAT GPA NEEDS NOR ASSISTS GPA WITH LOAD SHEDDING INCREASING COMMERCIAL LOAD CAPACITY TO 500 KILOWATTS WILL PROBABLY CAUSE INSTABILITY IN THE POWER SYSTEM AND MORE OUTAGES THE LAST POINT THEY MAKE IF BILL NUMBER 142-37 BECOMES LAW THE PUC MAY LIKELY BE COMPELLED TO REDUCE THE COMPENSATION A RATE FOR ALL NET METERING CUSTOMERS AND SO THE RETIRING SPEAKER HAD QUESTIONED THE COST TO RATE PAYERS AND IT'S ALL RIGHT THERE IN BLACK AND WHITE MADAM SPEAKER NOT SURE WHY IT WASN'T MENTIONED YET BUT I WOULD JUST CAUTION THE BODY THE GOOD BODY TO JUST BE CAREFUL WHEN WE OUT OF ONE SIDE OF OUR MOUTH SAY THAT WE WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE BY OFFERING THEM ENERGY CREDITS WHEN OUT OF THE OTHER SIDE OF OUR MOUTH WE'RE EMBARKING DOWN A ROAD THAT IS GOING TO HIT THE RATE PAYERS OF GUAM WITH \$17 MILLION IN COST JUST SO BIG BUSINESSES CAN SAVE A BUCK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES AS SPEAKER

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MAIN MOTION ON THE MAIN MOTION I'LL RECOGNIZE SPEAKER TERLAJE ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER THE BILL HAS A VERY GOOD INTENT IT'S LET'S ALLOW BUSINESSES TO INCREASE THEIR CAPACITY FOR SOLAR POWERED GENERATION I I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THAT EXCEPT THAT WE HAVE EMPOWERED GPA AND THE PUC TO COME UP WITH THIS INCREASE IN SOLAR POWER FOR OUR ENTIRE ISLAND AND WE ARE RELYING ON THEM TO DO THAT AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO DO THAT BY A CERTAIN DATE AND THEY HAVE PROMISED TO REDUCE OUR RESIDENTIAL RATES ESPECIALLY BY WHEN THIS NEW POWER PLANT COMES UP AND I DON'T WANT TO PUT ANYTHING THAT MANDATES A RATE INCREASE AND THEY HAVE VERY CLEARLY TESTIFIED CLEARLY TESTIFIED THAT THIS BILL WILL RESULT IN A RATE INCREASE AND PUC BACKS UP GPA AND SAYS THIS BILL WILL RESULT IN A RATE INCREASE BECAUSE THEY ARE MANDATED BY LAW TO DO THAT TO ACCOUNT FOR THE COST IT WILL CERTAINLY REQUIRE GPA TO FILE FOR A RATE INCREASE TO COVER ITS OPERATING COST WHICH IS BORNE BY ONLY THE NON-SOLAR POWERED CUSTOMERS OR NET METERING CUSTOMERS SO EVEN WITH THE AMENDMENT AND EVEN I I WANT TO APPLAUD

THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL FOR AN EXCELLENT AMENDMENT TO THE BILL HE I THINK THAT WAS A GREAT AMENDMENT HE TOOK AWAY YOU KNOW HALF OF THE BATTLE BY SAYING THAT THEY CAN'T GET REIMBURSED FOR POWER THAT THEY MIGHT FEED INTO THE SYSTEM ONLY UP TO 100 YOU THEY HE PUTS A CAP ON THAT TO ONLY UP TO 100 KILOWATTS I THINK THAT'S AN EXCELLENT AMENDMENT AND I WANT TO THANK THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL FOR THAT I JUST DON'T THINK IT TAKES AWAY HOWEVER EVEN WITHOUT REIMBURSING THOSE SOLAR POWERED COMPANIES FOR THE POWER THEY MIGHT BE PUTTING INTO THE GRID WITHOUT REIMBURSING THEM GPA AND PUC SAY WE STILL WILL HAVE TO RAISE RATES I BELIEVE THESE PARTIES CAN COME UP WITH A BETTER SOLUTION IF FORCED TO AND SO I THINK WE SHOULD FORCE THEM TO BY NOT BY NOT PASSING THE BILL I THINK I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD TAKE A CHANCE TO INCREASE AND THEY'RE TALKING NOW THE BASE RATES NOT THE LEAK THE FUEL ON OUR POWER BUT THE BASE RATES AND I JUST DON'T THINK WE'RE TALKING EARLIER ABOUT TRYING TO WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO REDUCE YOU KNOW WHAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE GOING THROUGH WHAT THEY'VE BEEN TRYING WHAT WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH BY GIVING \$100 ENERGY CREDIT CREDITS THREE TIMES NOW THAT'S BECAUSE THE RATES ARE TOO HIGH AND SO I JUST THINK THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO FORCE AN INCREASE IN BASE RATES ESPECIALLY I JUST DON'T THINK OUR PEOPLE GOING TO BE ABLE TO RECOVER FROM THAT AND I DON'T THINK THE COMPANIES THAT MAY BE BENEFITING FROM THIS I MEAN I JUST THINK WE CAN FIND A COMPROMISE SOLUTION WITH THEM THAT DOESN'T PUT IT ON THE BACKS OF REGULAR RATE PAYING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AND SO THAT'S THE REASON WHY I'M JUST WANTED TO PUT THAT ON THE RECORD WHY I LIKE THE IDEA OF THE BILL I LIKE THE AMENDMENT THAT THE SPONSOR MADE TO THE BILL BUT I JUST DON'T THINK IT WENT ENOUGH TO COVER THE HUGE OBJECTION TO THE BILL BY GPA AND PUC AND THAT IS THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE PUTTING THIS BENEFIT TO SOLAR POWERED BUSINESSES ON THE BACKS OF EVERY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER INCLUDING THOSE WITH LOW INCOME FIXED INCOME OTHER AT RISK CONSUMERS I JUST DON'T THINK WE CAN AFFORD TO DO THAT AT THIS TIME *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR WHEN I INTRODUCED THIS BILL ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS ALWAYS KIND OF FLASHING IN THE BACK OF MY MIND WAS DURING TYPHOON MAWAR I DISTINCTLY REMEMBER THAT OUR OWN EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS WERE FUELING UP AT A GAS STATION POWERED BY SOLAR AND THIS WAS NOT A GOVERNMENT FACILITY THIS WAS A PRIVATE ENTITY ALLOWING US THE GOVERNMENT TO USE IT IN THEIR TIME OF NEED AND WE'VE HAD MANY EMERGENCIES NOT JUST IN MAWAR BUT WHENEVER WE'VE HAD LOAD SHEDDING GPA WOULD TELL US THAT PART OF THEIR MITIGATION PLAN IS THEY WILL ASK SOME OF OUR BIGGEST CUSTOMERS TO GET ON THEIR OWN POWER TO SAVE THE REST OF US ON THE GRID BUT WE GOT TO BE FAIR TO THEM AS WELL IF WE FIND OURSELVES ASKING THEM TO GET ON THEIR OWN POWER SOURCES TO DO US A FAVOR WE SHOULD NOT BE HAMSTRINGING THEM AND PREVENTING THEM FROM GETTING THE MOST COST EFFICIENT WAY OF PROV PROVIDING ELECTRICITY FOR THEMSELVES THEY SHOULD HAVE THE OPTION TO CUT THEIR COST TECHNOLOGY HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE ORIGINAL GUIDELINES AND LAWS AS TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES AND OUR OWN ENERGY DEMANDS INCREASE WE SHOULD EXPLORE EXPANDING THIS IDEA NOT JUST THE LIFTING OF THE CAP FOR BUSINESSES BUT FOR RESIDENTS AS WELL FOR ALL CUSTOMERS THAT CAN KEEP CAN DO SO IN A SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE WAY WE SHOULD BE PUTTING THESE SOLAR PANELS ON THE ROOF OF OUR SCHOOLS ON THE ROOF OF EVERY BUILDING HERE ON THE ISLAND BUT EVERY TIME SOME SORT OF SOLAR IDEA IS PUT FORTH THAT WILL SAVE PEOPLE BUSINESSES THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ITSELF MONEY GPA COMES HERE WITH THE EMOTIONAL BLACKMAIL OF HEY IF YOU DO THIS THING THAT SAVES YOU MONEY WE'RE GOING TO RAISE RATES ON EVERYBODY ELSE AND THAT EMOTIONAL BLACKMAIL TURNS MY STOMACH WE COME TO THIS PEOPLE'S HOUSE AND WE SAY WE WANT TO MAKE CHANGES AND WE ARE HERE WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE A CHANGE AND LET'S SAY LET'S DO NOTHING CAUSE IT'S WAY TOO COMPLICATED THEY MIGHT RAISE THE POWER RATES THEY SAY THAT EVERY SINGLE TIME AND EVERY SINGLE TIME THEY HAVE SAID IF YOU DO THIS THEY'RE GOING TO RAISE THE POWER RATE WE AS A BODY HAVE CAVED INTO GPA AND WHAT DO THEY DO THEY RAISE THE POWER RATES ANYWAY SO I DON'T BUY THAT BRAND FROM GPA WE TOOK OUT THE COMPENSATION TO OWNERS BECAUSE THEY SAID OH WE CAN'T AFFORD THIS IF WE'RE GOING TO COMPENSATE THE THE OWNERS WITH THE NET METERING SO WE PUT IN THE AMENDMENT TO TAKE THAT ARGUMENT AWAY WE MADE THE AMENDMENT SO THESE PEOPLE WOULD NOT BE COMPENSATED AND STILL GPA SAYS WELL IF YOU DO THAT WE WELL WE'RE STILL GOING TO RAISE YOUR RATES ANYWAY IT MAKES ME THINK IT'S NOT REALLY ABOUT THAT

THEY JUST DON'T WANT ANYTHING THAT REDUCES THEIR REVENUE AND THREATENS THEIR ABILITY TO PAY THE BOND IT'S NOT FAIR THAT AFTER 20 YEARS OF MISMANAGEMENT THAT WE HAVE TO COME TO ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS BECAUSE OUR ENERGY SYSTEMS HAVE FAILED US IF GPA CANNOT SERVE THE PEOPLE WE MUST SERVE OURSELVES WHILE I'VE INTRODUCED THIS BILL ALMOST AS A PROTOTYPE LETTING THE BUSINESSES AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY LEAD FIRST THIS IS NOT WHERE THIS ENDS SOLAR SHOULD BE ON THE ROOFS OF EVERY HOUSE OF EVERY SCHOOL AND I DO NOT WANT TO HEAR THIS NONSENSE FROM GPA IF WE SAVE MONEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THEY GOT TO RAISE RATES ON ALL THE RESIDENTS BECAUSE WE PUT SOLAR PANELS ON SCHOOLS WE PUT SOLAR PANELS ON PEOPLE'S BUSINESSES NOW WE'RE GOING TO RAISE EVERYBODY ELSE'S RATES JUST DON'T MAKE NO SENSE TO ME THE COST OF LIVING HERE ON GUAM IS VERY HIGH AND WE NEED TO EMBRACE THE SOLAR CHANGE BUT WE NEED TO EMBRACE ALL OF SOLAR NOT JUST THE BUFFET SOLAR OF GPA WHERE THEY PICK AND CHOOSE WHAT SOLAR WE DO WE NEED TO EMBRACE ALL OF IT WE CAN LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED FOR MY COLLEAGUES OUT THERE WHO ARE OUT THERE AGAINST THE IDEA OF NUCLEAR ENERGY LET'S EMBRACE THE SOLAR BECAUSE BY CONTINUING TO PUT OUR FOOT DOWN AND NOT DO ANYTHING NO MAKE NO POSITIVE CHANGES INTO THE FUTURE WE ARE BASICALLY INVITING NUCLEAR ENERGY TO OUR ISLAND SO WE CHOOSE I CHOOSE THE SUN WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

NOTE: SPEAKER TERLAJE AS SPEAKER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MOVE THIS BILL TO THE THIRD READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ONTO THE THIRD READING AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR SORRY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER THAT WAS MOVED TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA BECAUSE IT'S APPROPRIATION THAT'S THE ONE WITH THE \$500,000.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO THAT'S 107 THIS IS 170-37 COR

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OH

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS CAN WE GET A MOTION TO PASS THIS AND LET'S ADDRESS THE NEXT BILL.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PASS BILL NUMBER 170 ON FILE AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'LL JUST PASS IT DOWN ONE NOT TO THE BOTTOM ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION PASSES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 171-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: I MOVE TO PUT THIS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO PLACE BILL 171-37 ON THE BOTTOM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'M GOING TO OBJECT TO THAT BECAUSE WE WHEN WE GET TO THE APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE MAKE IT BE BEFORE THAT SO THAT IT'S NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA BUT BEFORE BILL 107 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF BILL 186-37 IT'S ON THE DRIVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A AN A BILL BEING PASSED OUT AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION

ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION SUBSTITUTE VERSION IS ACCEPTED MOTIONS CARRIED PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK I MOVE TO PLACE THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF BILL 186-37 ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: BILL 186-37 AIMS TO UPDATE THE CURRENT STATUTE IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT TOBACCO NICOTINE LICENSE FEES AND PENALTIES PURSUANT TO THE GUAM TOBACCO CONTROL ACT ARE DIRECTED TO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR REGULATORY EFFORTS PREVENTION EDUCATION OF TOBACCO NICOTINE USE ON GUAM AND EXPAND THE CAPACITY OF THEIR OPERATIONS WITHIN THESE AGENCIES NAMELY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES THE 2021 GUAM EPIDEMIOLOGICAL PROFILE SHOWS THE FOLLOWING ALARMING FINDINGS TOBACCO RELATED DISEASES ARE THE MAJOR CAUSE OF DEATH ON GUAM TODAY SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AMONG ADULTS IS NEARLY DOUBLE THE US AND SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AMONG GUAM'S YOUTH IS ALMOST TRIPLE THE US RATE WITH MICRONESIANS HAVING THE HIGHEST RATES ADDITIONALLY IN A SPAN OF TWO YEARS FROM 2017 TO 2019 THE YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY OR YRBS RELEASED IN 2023 SHOWED THAT THE ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM USED AMONGST YOUTH INCREASED FROM 1 IN 4 TO 1 IN 3 HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PERTAINING TO ENFORCEMENT BETWEEN 2018 AND 2022 APPROXIMATELY 106 CITATIONS ARE ISSUED FOR NON-COMPLIANCE AMONGST THE 329 LICENSED TOBACCO RETAILERS OF THE 13 BUSINESSES THAT WERE NON-COMPLIANT ONE RETAILER WAS CITED FOR ITS FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN A 5-YEAR PERIOD FOR SELLING TO A PERSON UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE THE STORE WILL SUBSEQUENTLY FINED \$10,000 AND THEIR LICENSE REVOKED AND WILL NOT BE ABLE TO APPLY UNTIL 2026 SINCE 2018 OVER A 100 CITATIONS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AND CLOSE TO \$100,000 COLLECTED BY ANNUALLY THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER'S PEACE PREVENTION AND TRAINING BRANCH IN COLLABORATION OF DRT DRT'S COMPLIANCE BRANCH PERFORMS COMPLIANCE CHECKS AMONGST LICENSED TOBACCO BUSINESSES ON GUAM THROUGH THE SIGN OUR PROGRAM IN 1992 THROUGH THE PUBLIC LAW 102-3321 CONGRESS ENACTED THE ANNUAL SIGNER PROGRAM WITH THE INTENT TO DECREASE YOUTH ACCESS TO TOBACCO IN THE US THE SIGNER PROGRAM IS A FEDERAL REGULATION ADMINISTERED BY THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY OR SAMHA SINCE 1999 SINCE 1999 THE PEACE PREVENTION AND TRAINING BRANCH RECEIVES UP TO ABOUT \$77,000 TO ADMINISTER THIS THESE COMPLIANCE CHECKS ACCORDING TO A RECENT SIGNER REPORT PUBLISHED IN DECEMBER OF 2023 THERE WAS A DECREASE IN COMPLIANCE FROM 97 TO 94.8% WITH THE ADDITION OF THE ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS OR ENDS BILL 186-37 PROPOSES TO UPDATE THE DISTRIBUTION TO WHERE THESE FEES AND FINES GO CURRENTLY IN LAW 30% OF THE FEES AND PENALTIES ASSESSED ARE TO BE DEPOSITED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECS OFF ISLAND SPORTS FUND WHICH IS BEEN REPEALED BY PUBLIC LAW 36-107 BILL 186 PROPOSES TO DISTRIBUTE THE FUNDS WITH 20% GOING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION'S BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE FUND TO ASSIST WITH COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO NICOTINE LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER 30% TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES HUMAN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUND WHICH IS CREATED TO RECEIVE FUNDS FROM THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING TOBACCO NICOTINE EDUCATION PREVENTION SERVICES COMPREHENSIVE CANCER BREAST CARE BREAST CANCER CERVICAL CANCER CANCER CARE AND THEN 50% TO THE YOUTH TOBACCO EDUCATION PREVENTION FUND FOR COMPLIANCE EDUCATION PREVENTION TO THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER PEACE OFFICE THE SHIFT IN FUNDING TO COMPLIANCE COULD ASSIST IN CURBING ACCESS TO TOBACCO NICOTINE PRODUCTS TO THOSE UNDER 21 YEARS OF AGE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTOR ARRIOLA STATED IN HER TESTIMONY THE BEST PRACTICES FOR COMPLIANCE WOULD INVOLVE TWO UNANNOUNCED VISITS PER RETAILER PER YEAR WHICH COULD BE ATTAINED WITH ADDED FUNDING BILL 186 ALSO INCREASES ACCOUNTABILITY THAT THE FUNDS ARE DEPOSITED PROMPTLY PROMPTLY INSTEAD OF QUARTERLY PARTICULARLY WITH THE DWINDLING AMOUNTS OF THE MASTER SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FUNDS ALTHOUGH MANY OF THESE PROGRAMS ARE PRIMARILY FEDERALLY FUNDED THE FUNDING IS NOT ENOUGH TO MEET EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS OF TOBACCO NICOTINE USE ON OUR ISLAND ESPECIALLY AMONGST OUR YOUTH THIS ADDITIONAL FUNDING CAN GO TOWARDS PREVENTION CESSATION COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT BILL 186 WILL BE OUR GOVERNMENT'S INVESTMENT INTO PREVENTION BY OFFERING A SUPPLEMENTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS TO ADMINISTER KEY ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES AND DIVERSIFYING FUNDING FOR ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES SUCH AS INCREASING COMPLIANCE

AT TWICE A YEAR VERSUS ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS OFFER COMMUNITY YOUTH ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS EXPAND EFFORTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND OFFER PREVENTION EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WITHIN GUAM SCHOOLS I WANT TO THANK MY CO-SPONSOR SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AND I HUMBL Y ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL 186 IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SEN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I I DON'T WANT TO ADDRESS THE BILL IN GENERAL YET BUT ON PAGE THREE LINE 11 I JUST BROUGHT THIS UP WITH LEGAL AND MAYBE THE AUTHOR CAN FIX IT IT SAYS PAGE THREE LINE IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER BY THE DIRECTOR DIRECTOR OF WHAT I'M JUST TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THAT AND IF I GO FURTHER DOWN AS I WAS TALKING TO LEGAL YOU HAVE DIFFERENT AGENCIES BUT YOU START OUT WITH SOMETHING IN THE BEGINNING BE SPECIFIC DIRECTOR OF WHATEVER APPROPRIATE AGENCY IT APPLIES THEN I CAN UNDERSTAND THAT OTHERWISE I'D HAVE TO LOOK INTO THE LAW I'M NOT TALKING IN GENERAL THE BILL YET I JUST WANTED TO COMMENT ABOUT THE BILL ON PAGE THREE AS I LOOK AT EVERYTHING ELSE I'M I'M JUST TRYING I JUST NEED TO DIGEST THIS A LITTLE BIT MORE BUT THAT THAT'S THE ONLY THING THAT CAUGHT MY EYE IS THE DIRECTOR OF WHAT BRING CLARITY THEN WE CAN MOVE ON THEN I MAY COMMENT ON THE BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MAYBE THE AUTHOR CAN SHE'S SPEAKING TO LEGAL RIGHT NOW THEY CAN FIX THIS THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: SORRY IF I CAN MAYBE SOUND WHAT HE WAS THE QUESTION WAS BASICALLY THE DIRECTOR IS THAT THE QUESTION WHAT IS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHICH DIRECTOR WHICH DIRECTOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: WHICH DIRECTOR SO IF YOU LOOK UP IN THE DEFINITION I THE DIRECTOR IS IDENTIFYING AS AS THE DIRECTOR OF A DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION SO WE'RE USING THAT AS THE AS A DEFINITION BUT IF WE CAN CLARIFY IT I'LL BE HAPPY TO ALL RIGHT MAKE SURE THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER WE CAN ALSO DO MAYBE SOME CLEAN UP TOO ON AISLE THREE LINE 21 I'M NOT SURE WHAT THAT PAGE THREE LINE 21 IS THAT B U R E A U P BUREAUP SO JUST CHANGE THAT TOO AS WELL SO WE JUST MAKE THAT CORRECTION THERE IS NO INTENTION FOR IT'S JUST A MISSPELLING CORRECT OKAY SO IT'S TECHNICAL IN NATURE THE OTHER THING I HAD A QUESTION ABOUT SO WE'LL MAKE THAT CORRECTION OKAY LINE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: LEGAL WILL MAKE THOSE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SO MUCH JUST A SPELLING YOUR TOBACCO YOUTH EDUCATION NOW THE BILL REQUIRE IT IS IT'S UTILIZING FEES AND FINES YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT FEES AND FINES IN FACT IF THIS BILL SHOULD PASS ANOTHER PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT UTILIZING ACTUALLY THE TAXES FROM TOBACCO TAXES SO WE CAN WE CAN KIND GAUGE WHERE MONEY IS NEEDED WE ALL KNOW THE HEALTHY FUTURE FUND IS REALLY DEPLETING SO MUCH THAT HOPEFULLY YOU KNOW WITH THE NOT ONLY WILL IT GENERATE MORE REVENUE BUT WILL STOP INDIVIDUALS FROM SMOKING VAPING BECAUSE OF THE COST BEING SO HIGH BUT WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO THE YOUTH TOBACCO EDUCATION PREVENTION FUND THIS IS IS THIS ADMINISTERED BY THIS IS ADMINISTERED BY GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS IS IT OH LET ME ASK THE AUTHOR IF SHE SHOULD YIELD TO A QUESTION THAT I HAVE MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SO THE QUESTION IS GUAM BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS CENTER IT'S THE MONEY IS PUT INTO AN ACCOUNT WHICH THEY WILL OVERSEE NON-TRANSFERABLE WHICH IS GOOD IS THIS MONEY USED DIRECTLY FOR GUAM BEHAVIORAL WELLNESS OR IS THE FUNDS USED USED FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO AND YOU KNOW IT'S INTERESTING WHEN WE WERE DOING RESEARCH ON THIS BILL BECAUSE THE LANGUAGE SAID THAT THE MONEY WAS GOING TO BE DEPOSITED QUARTERLY THERE WASN'T ANY INDICATION THAT MONEY WAS BEING RECEIVED SO I THINK WITH THIS CHANGE IN BILL IT REALLY HIGHLIGHTED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY YOU KNOW THAT THE LAW BASICALLY STATES THAT THE MONEY SHOULD BE PUT IN TO THIS FUND BUT IT YOU KNOW FROM OUR REVIEW THERE WASN'T MONEY BEING PUT IN AT THIS POINT SO YOU KNOW WHEN DIRECTOR ARRIOLA TESTIFIED THEY HAD TO PULL MONEY FROM OTHER PARTS OF THEIR AGENCY TO PAY FOR THIS PAY FOR THE SIGN OUR INSPECTIONS SO AS FAR AS GOING TO NONPROFITS HERE YOU KNOW THE PIECE IS IS A EMBEDDED WITHIN THE WITHIN THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AND THEY NEED EVERY DOLLAR TO GO TOWARDS INSPECTIONS EDUCATION THEY THEY QUOTED YOU KNOW THEY THEY NEEDED 77,000 FOR A BIENNIAL INSPECTION SO THIS IS ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS AND THAT'S NOT ENOUGH SO TO TO TO ENSURE THAT YOU KNOW COMPLIANCE TO THE TOBACCO CONTROL LAWS OF GUAM IS IS SUFFICIENT SO YEAH NONE OF THIS IS GOING TO NONPROFITS IT'S GOING TO THE AGENCY ITSELF.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE TIME ON THIS ONE YOU KNOW I HAVE I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS MEASURE I THINK EDUCATION IS SO IMPORTANT IN OUR COMMUNITY AND EVERYTHING ANY CHANCE WE CAN TO REACH OUT NOT ONLY TO THE CHILDREN BUT ALSO TO THE PARENTS MOST ESPECIALLY TO THE PARENTS THAT THE HARM THAT YOU KNOW SMOKING CAUSES TO THEIR CHILDREN SO I I APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D JUST LIKE TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE MEASURE I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR INCLUDING ME AS A CO-SPONSOR AND I THINK IT'S A IT'S A GREAT WAY TO REALLY TIGHTEN UP THE USAGE OF THESE FINES AND FEES AND I I AGAIN COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER HARD WORK ON THE BILL AND I ASK ALL MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT ITS PASSAGE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL VICE SORRY VICE SPEAKER WOULD YOU.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES AS SPEAKER

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MO ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER THERESE I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU M MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT I JUST WANTED TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION PARTICULARLY ON THE RECORD OF THE SPONSOR WOULD YIELD SO THAT EVERYBODY'S CLEAR WHEN WE'RE VOTING AND THE PUBLIC IS CLEAR ON ON EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GO AHEAD SPEAKER AND STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I'M IT'S REALLY IT LOOKS LIKE WE KEPT THE SAME PERCENTAGE AT THE YOUTH TOBACCO EDUCATION AND PREVENTION FUND WHICH IS MONITORED BY THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER AND ACCORDING TO THE BILL WILL BE USED FOR COMPLIANCE MONITORING PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS WHICH IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PREVIOUS USE WHICH WAS COMPLIANCE WELL SORRY IT'S IT'S SIMILAR IT'S YOUTH COMPLIANCE MONITORING AND PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAM SO THAT'S THE SAME AND THEN THIS BILL GIVES SOME MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES THE BUREAU OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING TOBACCO PREVENTION AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER BREAST CANCER AND CERVICAL CANCER CARE WHICH I'M VERY GRATEFUL WAS PUT INTO THE BILL AND SO MY QUESTION IS REALLY JUST SO THE PART THAT WE'RE GIVING TO REVAN TAX IS FOR COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO AND NICOTINE LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS AND WE'RE ALSO GIVING TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FOR COMPLIANCE MONITORING IF THEY IF THE SPONSOR COULD OF THE BILL COULD JUST EXPLAIN WHO'S GOING TO BE REALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR WHICH PART OF THE COMPLIANCE MONITORING OR THE ENFORCEMENT OF THESE FINES FOR THE PUBLIC.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THE SPEAKER'S INQUIRY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY YES IF I UNDERSTAND CORRECTLY SO THE WAY IT WORKS WITH THE SINEER INSPECTIONS IT'S A DUAL EFFORT BY GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AS WELL AS A DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION SO IT'S A A SHARED EFFORT IN IN REGARDS TO COMPLIANCE SO ENFORCEMENT IS WHEN THEY FIND THAT THEY'RE NOT IN COMPLIANCE AND THAT PROBABLY WOULD THEN GO TO DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION THAT WAS THEY WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE THE FEES I'M SORRY WITH THE FINES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR FOR YIELDING TO THAT QUESTION AND SO I JUST WANTED TO REITERATE MY SUPPORT FOR THIS BILL IN THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TESTIMONY I THINK IT WAS VERY TELLING WHAT WE ARE LOOKING AT ON GUAM SO THIS BILL IS TO INCREASE FINES PRETTY MUCH A LITTLE BIT OF DIFFERENT OF WHERE THEY'RE GOING TO GO BUT PRIMARILY IT'S TO INCREASE FINES TO RETAILERS OF WHO ARE SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS OR SORRY WAIT YES THE PENALTIES AND TO DISTRIBUTE THOSE PENALTIES TOWARDS THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO DO THE COMPLIANCE MONITORING WHICH IS I THINK VERY GREATLY NEEDED AND I WANT TO COMMEND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN PARTICIPATING OVER THE YEARS IN GETTING THIS DONE THEY POINTED TO THE CHANGE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH POINTED TO THE CHANGE IN RETAILER VIOLATIONS OVER THE PAST DECADE THAT THE VIOLATIONS HAVE ACTUALLY DOUBLED THEY SAID IN THE PAST DECADE SO THAT'S SIGNIFICANT AND I THINK THEIR PLANS OF HOW THEY'RE GOING TO USE THIS MONEY TO INCREASE THIS INSPECTIONS AND COMPLIANCE MONITORING IS GOING TO GO TO GREAT USE AND I'M I'M GLAD WE'RE DOING THIS AND AND THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE ABLE TO GIVE THEM ALL THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED TO REALLY DO THIS ON A FULL-TIME BASIS SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO THE SPONSOR OF THE BILL AND I SUPPORT THIS BILL THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER THERESE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK SENATOR FRANK BLAS MINORITY LEADER YOU'RE ACKNOWLEDGED AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER MA'AM I I THINK I NEED TO REFER TO THE RETIRING SPEAKER'S I GUESS STATEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE INTENT OF THE BILL HERE WHILE I SEE THAT THERE IS A REALLOCATION OF THE CURRENT FINES AND FEES THAT ARE BEING CEASED AND COLLECTED I IF EITHER THE AUTHOR OR THE RETIRING SPEAKER CAN POINT THIS OUT TO ME BUT WHERE HERE DOES IT INCREASE THE FINES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WOULD YIELD TO THAT MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER THERESE ON THE INQUIRY BY THE MAJORITY MINORITY LEADER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WANT TO THANK THE MINORITY LEADER FOR POINTING THAT OUT I MADE A BOO BOO AND I REALIZED THAT WHILE I WAS SPEAKING IT'S ANOTHER BILL THAT'S COMING UP THAT INCREASES THE FINES BUT THIS ONE JUST READDRESSES THE ALLOCATION SO MY APOLOGIES THANK YOU.

SENATOR BLAS: OOPS OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MINORITY LEADER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BLAS: A COUPLE OTHER THINGS YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER I I YOU KNOW YOU KNOW SOMETIMES WE GOT TO BE VERY CAREFUL AS TO HOW WE WORD THINGS AND WHAT WHAT OUR INTENT IS AND WHEN I TAKE A LOOK AT AT PAGE THREE LINE 11 AND THEY USE THE WORD THERE PROMPTLY UNFORTUNATELY THAT'S VERY AMBIGUOUS WHAT IS THE INTENT OF THAT USE OF THAT WORD ALL FINES AND FEES ASSESSED AND COLLECTED UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AND DEPOSIT PROMPTLY AS OPPOSED TO WHAT WE TAKE IT OUT ON THE FINAL WORKING DAY OF THE MONTHS OF MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR DOES THAT MEAN EVERY DAY IS THAT MEAN WHAT DOES THIS MEAN PROMPTLY WE GOT BE VERY CAREFUL AS TO HOW WE WHAT WE INTEND OR WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY AND THEN HOW WE SAY IT BECAUSE I THINK THE AMBIGUITY HERE CAN LEAD TO A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ISSUES YOU KNOW I'M LOOKING AT THE PREVIOUS YOU KNOW SPECIAL FUNDS REPORTS THAT WE RECEIVE AND ONE OF THE AREAS THAT I SEE THAT HAS BEEN DECREASING IN AS FAR AS COLLECTIONS OF FEES AND FINES IS IN THE AREA OF I GUESS THE THESE FEES AND FINES UNDER TOBACCO AND I DON'T KNOW WHETHER OR NOT FIRST OFF PROMPTLY I'M JUST CURIOUS IF THE AUTHOR CAN YIELD TO THAT TO MY QUESTION WHAT DO WE INTEND TO SAY HERE WHEN WE SAY PROMPTLY

AS OPPOSED TO THE FINAL WORKING DAY OF THE MONTH IS MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER WHICH OBVIOUSLY LOOKS LIKE THE FINAL WORKING DAY OF EACH QUARTER HELLO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO SENATOR SABINA WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD.

SENATOR BLAS: YES I DO YIELD YEAH I'M OPEN TO AMENDMENTS ON THIS ONE I KNOW THERE'S DIFFERENT TIME STAMPS FOR INSTANCE LIKE IF WE PAY OUR TAXES YOU KNOW I'M SURE THEY DEPOSIT THAT ON THE DAY OF OR YOU KNOW I'M OPEN TO ANY SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS.

SENATOR PEREZ: I MA'AM I'M NOT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: OH SORRY OPEN TO AMENDMENTS MAYBE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO SENATOR BLAS SHE HAS ANSWERED THE INQUIRY WILL THAT SUPPORT THE EFFORTS YOU HAVE.

SENATOR BLAS: NOT NECESSARILY BECAUSE NOW SHE'S OPENING UP TO AN AMENDMENT A POSSIBLE AMENDMENT OF THIS THING SO SO I DON'T KNOW IT'S YOU KNOW WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO DEFINE WHAT PROMPTLY MEANS OR WE JUST GOING TO GO AHEAD AND KEEP THE LANGUAGE AS IT WAS ON THE FINAL WORKING DAY OF THE MONTH IS MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER OF EACH YEAR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WOULD YOU LIKE A MOMENT TO CONFER WITH THE AUTHOR.

SENATOR BLAS: I MEAN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M JUST ASKING YOU HAVE THE FLOOR RIGHT NOW MINORITY LEADER.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU I APPRECIATE IT AND I'D LIKE TO BASICALLY WHAT WHAT DOES SHE INTEND HOW DOES SHE INTEND TO TO BE ABLE TO RECTIFY THIS RESOLVE THIS AND IF NOT I WOULD SUGGEST AND I'M GOING TO LEAVE IT TO THE AUTHOR STRIKE THE WORD PROMPTLY OUT OF THIS THING AND GO BACK TO ON THE FINAL WORKING DAY OF THE MONTH OF MARCH JUNE SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER WHY DO WE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL YIELD THAT SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT THAT STATEMENT OR INQUIRY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH SO ONE OF THE PROBLEMS WE FOUND WHEN WE WERE RESEARCHING THIS BILL IS THAT THE DEPARTMENT'S NEVER GOT THE MONEY AND SO I'M WONDERING MAYBE BECAUSE THERE WAS A DELAY IN THE DEPOSITING OF THE THE MONEY I MEAN WE WE DID RESEARCH WHERE THERE'S \$100,000 THAT WAS COLLECTED SINCE 2018 WHERE DID THE \$100,000 GO AND SO I DON'T THINK PUTTING IT AT AT EVERY QUARTER IS GOING TO NECESSARILY HELP WITH ENSURING THE FUNDS GET TO WHERE IT'S NEEDED WE'RE DEALING WITH AN EPIDEMIC SITUATION WHERE THERE'S IS HIGH USAGE AMONGST OUR YOUTH WE REALLY NEED TO ENSURE THAT THE MONEY IS GETTING TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO AND SO I CAN WORK ON AMENDMENT TO DEFINE WHAT PROMPTLY IS WHETHER IT'S THE DAY OF OR WITHIN FIVE DAYS OR JUST THE DAY OF YEAH I'LL WORK ON AN AMENDMENT TO KIND OF ADDRESS THIS ISSUE AS FAR AS DEFINING WHAT PROMPTLY MEANS.

SENATOR BLAS: I'M SATISFIED THAT BUT IN THE INTEREST OF TIME MA'AM SO WHILE SHE'S WORKING ON THAT AMENDMENT TO BE ABLE TO FIX THAT PORTION I WANT TO ALSO ADDRESS ALSO ON PAGE THREE LINE 25 WE STRIKE OUT 50% AND THEN WE PUT IN 50% IS THERE A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN 1 50% AND THE OTHER 50% HERE I'M JUST BEING FACTIOUS BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WAS NECESSARY SO THOSE ARE SOME OF THE OKAY AND I WOULD SUGGEST IN AS FAR AS THE AUTHOR YOU KNOW TO MAKE THAT TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO THE BILL BECAUSE IF THE STRIKE OUT WASN'T NECESSARY BECAUSE WE'RE STRIKING OUT ONE 50% AND REPLACING WITH ANOTHER 50% OKAY 0 PLUS 0 EQUALS ZERO SO SHE'S GOING TO BE WORKING ON THE AMENDMENT IF IT SATISFIED I THINK THAT MY CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO THE THE THE WORD PROMPTLY CAN BE RECTIFIED BEFORE THE BILL MOVES DOWN TO THE THIRD READING FILE THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BLAS ON THE AMEND ON THE BILL SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO RECESS UNTIL 9:00 AM TOMORROW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO RECESS TILL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ALL RIGHT NO OBJECTION SO WE WILL BE RECESSED UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE WILL BEGIN THIS MORNING RESUMING WITH A SECOND READING WHEN WE LEFT OFF YESTERDAY WE WERE ON BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS SPONSORED BY SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR BLAS CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS SO IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ON THE BILL ON THE MOTION TO PUT THE BILL IN THIRD READING ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES BEFORE I DO CLOSING I WOULD LIKE TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT I BELIEVE IT'S IN THE GOOGLE DRIVE IT READS ON LINE 9 TO 26 PAGE 3 AND IT AMENDS SECTION TWO OF THE BILL IT STATES SECTION 6505 USE OF COLLECTED FEES AND PENALTIES FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS ALL FINES AND FEES ASSESSED AND COLLECTED UNDER THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED AND DEPOSITED WITHIN 15 DAYS OF THE FOLLOWING MONTH IN WHICH FINES AND FEES WERE COLLECTED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER BY THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION 20% TO THE BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION TO ASSIST WITH COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT OF TOBACCO NICOTINE LAWS RULES AND REGULATIONS PURSUANT TO THIS CHAPTER 30% TO THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FUND FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUREAU OF NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING TOBACCO NICOTINE ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAMS COMPREHENSIVE CANCER BREAST CANCER AND CERVICAL CANCER CARE 50% TO THE YOUTH TOBACCO EDUCATION AND PREVENTION FUND AND TO ALLOW LEGAL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS SO THIS BASICALLY CLEANS UP THIS SECTION AND ADDRESSES SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT WERE BROUGHT UP EARLIER BY MY COLLEAGUES AND I ASKED FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT SHE'S WAIVING CLOSING ON THE AMENDMENT ON THIS PEREZ AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR PEREZ YOU MAY CONTINUE CLOSING ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALRIGHT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL 186-37 IS ONE MEASURE IN A SERIES OF MEASURES THAT AIMS TO ADDRESS THE EPIDEMIC OF NICOTINE USE AMONGST OUR YOUTH BY UPDATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEES AND FINES TO EXPAND COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS IN ADDITION TO FUNDING PREVENTION CESSATION AND TREATMENT THE STATISTICS OF NICOTINE USE AMONGST OUR YOUTH ARE ALARMING WITHIN A TWO YEAR SPAN FROM 2017 TO 2019 THE RATES OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEM USE AMONGST OUR YOUTH INCREASED FROM 1 IN 4 TO 1 IN THREE IN BOTH OUR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS IN HER TESTIMONY LILY VINCH SPEAKER OF THE 34TH GUAM YOUTH CONGRESS WHO STATED THAT THIS BILL IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION TO PROTECT OUR YOUTH SHARED THE STORY FROM HER MOTHER A FOURTH GRADE TEACHER AT MARSHALL SABLAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH HAS WEEKLY OCCURRENCES OF HER STUDENTS BEING SENT DOWN TO THEIR COUNSELORS THEIR PRINCIPAL'S OFFICES WERE BEING CAUGHT USING THESE NICOTINE DELIVERY DEVICES IN BATHROOMS OR DURING RECESS THESE STUDENTS ARE AREN'T EVEN ABLE TO COMPREHEND A CHAPTER IN THEIR BOOKS ARE USING THESE NICOTINE DELIVERY DEVICES BECAUSE OF THESE HIGH NICOTINE LEVELS E-CIGARETTES ARE EXTREMELY ADDICTIVE AND THE YOUTH ARE ALREADY MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO THIS ADDICTION NICOTINE DEVICES ARE DETERIORATING OUR YOUTH'S HEALTH AND THE FUTURE OF GUAM THIS IS A SAD REALITY THAT WE NOW FACE BUT THE FIRST PLACE IS TO END THIS PLAGUE IS THROUGH EDUCATION PREVENTION PROGRAMS AND THE AVAILABLE TREATMENT WHICH THIS BILL SUPPORTS BILL NUMBER 186-37 AIMS TO DIVERSIFY FUNDING TO

GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND EXPAND THE OPPORTUNITIES TO INCREASE COMPLIANCE TO TWICE A YEAR AMONG TOBACCO VENDORS OFFER THE COMMUNITY YOUTH ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS EXPAND THE EFFORTS OF SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND OFFER PREVENTION EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WITHIN OUR SCHOOLS I HUMBLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT FOR BILL 186-37 TO STRENGTHEN OUR RESPONSE AGAINST YOUTH NICOTINE USE WHICH HAS REACHED EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS AND TO HEED THE ADVICE OF OUR YOUTH *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE BILL 187-37 ONTO THE SESSION AGENDA IT IS CURRENTLY IN THE GOOGLE DRIVE AND I BELIEVE COPIES ALREADY BEEN CIRCULATED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO ACCEPT BILL NUMBER 187 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR TO ACCEPT THAT VERSION ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES PLEASE PROCEED SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO PLACE SUBSTITUTE VERSION BILL 187-37 ON THE THIRD READING FILE AND I WISH TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PEREZ: BILL 187-37 AIMS TO PROHIBIT THE SELL OF TOBACCO NICOTINE PRODUCTS AS DEFINED IN OUR TOBACCO CONTROL LAW THROUGH VENDING MACHINES IN 2009 THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION TOBACCO CONTROL ACT WAS SIGNED INTO LAW WHICH BANS A SELL OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS THROUGH VENDING MACHINES EXCEPT FOR ADULT ONLY FACILITIES IN 2016 THE FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION IN ITS FINAL ROLE DEEMED ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS OR ENDS AS PRODUCTS MEETING THE STATUTORY DEFINITION OF A TOBACCO PRODUCT TO BE SUBJECT TO THE FEDERAL FOOD DRUG AND COSMETIC ACT AS AMENDED BY THE FAMILY SMOKING PREVENTION AND TOBACCO CONTROL ACT THUS BANNING THE SALE OF ELECTRONIC NICOTINE DELIVERY SYSTEMS THROUGH VENDING MACHINES BY REGULATION THE IMPORTANCE OF BILL 187 IS THAT IT IS A PROACTIVE MEASURE BY ENSURING A LOCAL BAN ON THE SALE OF TOBACCO NICOTINE PRODUCTS THROUGH VENDING MACHINES AND THUS REMOVING A POTENTIAL LOOPHOLE OF EASY ACCESS TO TOBACCO NICOTINE PRODUCTS ESPECIALLY TO OUR YOUTH ALTHOUGH THE LAST TOBACCO VENDING MACHINE LICENSE EXPIRED IN 2018 AND NO NEW ONES HAVE BEEN ISSUED SINCE THE 2021 EPI PROFILE HAS ALARMING FINDINGS ROUGHLY A THIRD OF OUR YOUTH IN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ARE USERS OF NICOTINE PRODUCTS IS SPECIFICALLY ELECTRONIC DEVICES WITH WHAT'S EVEN MORE ALARMING IS THE AGE OF INITIATION NEARLY ONE IN FIVE GUAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TRIED CIGARETTE SMOKING FOR THE FIRST TIME AT THE AGE OF 13 11% OF OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS TRIED SMOKING BEFORE THE AGE OF 11 ABOUT 39% OF OUR STUDENTS WERE EXPOSED TO TOBACCO SMOKE AT HOME LESS THAN ONE IN FIVE EVER RECEIVED HELP OR ADVICE FROM A PROFESSIONAL TO STOP SMOKING THE STATE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL OUTCOMES WORK GROUP ARE SO IDENTIFIED THAT THE LEADING CAUSE OF UNDERAGE TOBACCO AND NICOTINE USE AMONGST OUR YOUTH IS THE ACCESSIBILITY TO TOBACCO AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ACCESSIBILITY CAN INCLUDE LICENSED RETAILERS FAILING TO VERIFY THE CUSTOMER AGES BY CHECKING IDENTIFICATION CARDS OR THROUGH THE PROCESS OF GIFTING TOBACCO ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES TO MINORS FURTHERMORE IN AUGUST 2023 SO REPORTED IN THE EPI PROFILE THAT TOBACCO CONSUMPTION TO DATE REMAINS HIGHER THAN IN THE US FOR BOTH ADULTS AND YOUTH ALTHOUGH SO INDICATES AN OVERALL DECLINE FROM 1998 TO 2018 GUAM STILL REMAINS ONE OF THE HIGHEST SMOKING PREVALENCE RATES ACROSS THE US STATES AND TERRITORIES THE SO STATES THAT A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO THE DECLINE OVER A 10-YEAR PERIOD IN TOBACCO NICOTINE USE IN GUAM IS A DIRECT RESULT OF STRONGER LOCAL POLICIES INCREASING ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AND HIGHER TAXATION BILL 80 187-37 IS ONE PRONG IN THIS MULTI-PRONG APPROACH TO CREATE SAFEGUARDS FOR GUAM'S YOUTH BY PROHIBITING THE SELL TOBACCO ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES AND THEIR RELATED PRODUCTS THROUGH VENDING MACHINES ON GUAM AND I HUMBLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL NUMBER 187-37 AS AMENDED ON THE MOTION TO PLACE ON THIRD READ MEETING IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER GOOD MORNING TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND GOOD MORNING TO MY COLLEAGUES AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MEASURE DEFINITELY RISE IN SUPPORT OF IT AND I AGAIN COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR HER FORWARD THINKING ALL IT TAKES IS A SIMPLE GOOGLE SEARCH OR BING FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO GO THAT WAY JUST TYPE BEEN VAPING VENDING MACHINES AND YOU'LL SEE THAT SELLING VAPE THROUGH VENDING MACHINES IS ALL THE RAGE IN MANY OTHER PLACES AND SO I'M PROUD TO BE PART OF THIS LEGISLATION THAT WILL PREVENT THIS PREDATORY PRACTICE FROM BEING ESTABLISHED ON GUAM AND I IMPORE MY COLLEAGUES TO DO THE SAME *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZE ON 18737 IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR PEREZ: MADAM SPEAKER I JUST PERHAPS WOULD LIKE TO OFFER A CO-SPONSORSHIP TO MY COLLEAGUES IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO JOIN OKAY SO IF THERE IS NO OBJECTION I WOULD LIKE TO ADD ALL SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS TO BILL 187.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO ADD ALL SENATORS AS CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM SPEAKER SO ACCORDING TO THE SIGN A REPORT CONDUCTED BY THE GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER PEACE PREVENTION AND TRAINING BRANCH AND DRT BETWEEN 2018 AND 2022 OVER 100 CITATIONS WERE ISSUED TO RETAILERS SELLING TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 AND A RECENT HANDFUL OF THE VIOLATING RETAILERS WERE ON THEIR SECOND AND THIRD VIOLATIONS WITHIN A 5-YEAR PERIOD GUAM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER THEIR TESTIMONY STATED THAT CODIFYING THIS PROHIBITION INTO LAW NOT ONLY ONLY ALIGNS OUR LOCAL POLICIES WITH FEDERAL REGULATIONS BUT IT CREATES SAFEGUARDS IN OUR COMMUNITY THAT CONTROL YOUTH'S ACCESS TO THESE HIGHLY ADDICTIVE AND CARCINOGENIC PRODUCTS REMOVING THE OPTION OF UNSUPERVISED POINTS OF SELL TOBACCO ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES WILL BE ANOTHER PRONG IN THIS MULTI-PRONG APPROACH TO ADDRESS THIS TOBACCO ENDS EPIDEMIC IMPACTING OUR ISLAND'S YOUTH I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND I MAKE THE MOTION TO MOVE BILL 187-37 AS SUBSTITUTED INTO THE VOTING FILE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 187-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR ONTO THIRD READING FILE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROP OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS SPONSORED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 81 TO DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LEASE OFFICES TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ADA COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2023 AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BILL 191-37 COR AIMS TO MAKE ALL GOVERNMENT LEASED OFFICES SPACE IN GUAM FULLY ADA COMPLIANT THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT A LANDMARK FEDERAL LEGISLATION ENACTED IN 1990 HAS PLAYED A PIVOTAL ROLE IN PROMOTING EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES HOWEVER IT IS DISHEARTENING TO KNOW THAT NOT ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OFFICES CURRENTLY MEET THESE ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE PROPOSED BILL EVERY GOVERNMENT OFFICE WILL BE MANDATED TO ADHERE TO THE GUIDELINES SET FORTH BY THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT THIS MEASURE DESIGNED TO GUARANTEE THAT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ENJOY EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FACILITIES AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES BY RENDERING THESE SPACES ADA COMPLIANT WE AIM TO CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT OR INDIVIDUALS WITH

DISABILITIES CAN ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC LIFE IN A PRODUCTIVE AND SATISFYING MANNER MADAM SPEAKER THIS LEGISLATION REPRESENTS A CRUCIAL STRIDE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO FOSTERING THIS SOCIETY WE ENVISION A GUAM WHERE EVERY CITIZEN REGARDLESS OF THEIR ABILITIES CAN ENGAGE FULLY AND SAVOR THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES AS THEIR FELLOW CITIZENS AS I INTRODUCED THIS BILL I WANT TO STRESS THAT IT NOT JUST A LEGAL REQUIREMENT BUT A MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR THE GOVERNMENT TO SET AN EXAMPLE BY ADHERING TO THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF ACCESSIBILITY UNDER THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES LEASED BY THE GOVERNMENT ARE EXPECTED TO MEET ADA COMPLIANCE STANDARDS BY OCTOBER 1ST 2024 THIS TIMELINE UNDERSCORES THE URGENCY OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT FREE FROM PHYSICAL BARRIERS THAT MIGHT HINDER INDIVIDUALS FROM ACCESSING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC SERVICES THIS IS THE SECOND PIECE OF LEGISLATION THAT I PROPOSE REGARDING ADA COMPLIANCE FOLLOWING BILL 98-37 WHICH AIMS TO MAKE ALL GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANT THE IMPETUS BEHIND THESE BILLS IS NOT MERELY ABOUT RAMPS FOR STUDENTS IN WHEELCHAIRS ITS ABOUT INCLUSIVITY FAIRNESS DIGNITY AND FINDING WAYS TO MAKE SURE WE ARE ALL PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS ON OUR ISLAND WE WITNESS SUPPORT FOR BILL 98 INDICATING A SHARED COMMITMENT TO ASSISTING OUR DISABLED YOUTH HOWEVER THE CHALLENGES FACED BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITY EXTEND BEYOND THE CLASSROOM THEY DO NOT STOP WHEN YOU BECOME 18 AND IT IMPACTS THEIR DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES WHEN OUR OUR BUILDINGS ARE NOT IN ADA COMPLIANCE TODAY I REITERATE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT MUST SET AN EXAMPLE THIS LEGISLATION UNDERSCORES OUR DEDICATION TO CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE SOCIETY WHERE EVERYONE CAN PARTICIPATE I'M GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND SUPPORT AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO BUILD A MORE ACCESSIBLE AND EQUITABLE FUTURE FOR ALL AND I LOOK FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION ON THE BILL TODAY MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO HAVE PROFFERED AN AMENDMENT IT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CLERKS AND UPLOADED INTO THE DRIVE ESSENTIALLY THE AMENDMENT REQUIRES DISID TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION TO FUND THIS ACT AND IT ALSO MOVES THE EFFECTIVE DATE TO OCTOBER 1ST 2024 SO THAT WE COULD DISCUSS THE BUDGET NEEDS WHERE IT'S MOST APPROPRIATE DURING THE BUDGET SEASON WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I I I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT YOU KNOW AS WITH EVERY MAJOR PROCESS YOU KNOW THERE ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED AND CERTAINLY WHY AT THIS STAGE WHEN ADA HAS BEEN IN YOU KNOW IT'S BEEN A LAW FOR MANY MANY YEARS WHY DO WE HAVE GOVERNMENT OFFICES OR OFFICES THAT ARE LEASED THAT ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ADA REQUIREMENTS CERTAINLY A NUMBER OF YEARS AGO MADAM SPEAKER PROBABLY IN ORDER TO EVEN GET THIS LEGISLATION ADOPTED YOU KNOW DECISIONS WERE MADE LAWS WERE PUT INTO PLACE TO GRANDFATHER REMEMBER THOSE WORDS GRANDFATHER A NUMBER OF BUILDINGS THAT WE SEE TODAY THAT ARE STILL HERE THAT ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANT WELL I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE BILL I DON'T THINK OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR IS GOING TO BE ADEQUATE ENOUGH LET'S JUST EVEN DEAL WITH ISSUES OF PROCUREMENT WHAT ABOUT EXISTING FACILITIES THAT ARE OWNED BY GOV GUAM YOU KNOW WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR DOE TO ADDRESS BASIC MOLD AND AIR CONDITIONING ISSUES HOW MANY YEARS LATER WITH OR WITHOUT THE LAST TYPHOON THAT WE HAD AND THEN ALSO FOR LEASED OFFICE SPACES IF THESE OFFICES ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANT IF THESE OFFICE SPACES WERE GRANDFATHERED IN IS THAT A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME FOR FOR AN OFFICE OWNER WHOEVER THE OWNER MAY BE OR THE LANDLORDS MAY BE OF THESE FACILITIES TO ADDRESS COMPLIANCE ISSUES DEPENDING ON WHAT THEY MAY BE I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S YOU KNOW INSTALLING AN ELEVATOR I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HAVING TO END A CONTRACT AND RELOCATE TO ANOTHER OFFICE SPACE WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE I DON'T THINK A FEW MONTHS IS GOING TO ADDRESS THAT YOU KNOW TALKING IS EASY THIS IS PROBABLY THE EASIEST THING I'M GOING TO DO TODAY IS GET UP HERE AND TALK ABOUT HOW I WANT THE WORLD ON GUAM TO BE BUT THE ACTUAL MECHANICS AND THE HEAVY LIFTING THAT'S INVOLVED IN EXECUTING IT WELL THAT'S ANOTHER SITUATION AND WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THE REAL DETAILS HERE OF HOW ARE WE GOING TO HAVE THIS IMPLEMENTED AND IS THE FUNDING GOING TO BE THERE I DON'T KNOW BUT YOU KNOW IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR DOE SCHOOLS BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF ROUND TABLES I'M SURE WE'LL HAVE A NUMBER OF THEM YOU KNOW EVEN THOUGH THERE'S SO FEW OF US SOMETIMES THAT ACTUALLY ATTEND THESE ROUND TABLES THAT DEAL WITH THE REAL DETAILS AND GETTING INTO THE WEEDS OF WHAT THE ISSUES ARE AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS THAT ARE NEEDED TO ACTUALLY ADDRESS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM

AND WE'RE NOT EVEN TALKING ABOUT THE ACADEMIC SIDE YEAH I ROLL MY EYES UP IN MY HEAD ONCE AGAIN SO WHILE I LAW THE BILL I WILL SUPPORT THE BILL I'M GOING TO HAVE TO PUT AN AMENDMENT TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THE TIMELINE IS REASONABLE I MEAN WE SIMPLY SAY IT AND IT SHOULD BE WOULDN'T THAT BE WONDERFUL WELL THAT'S NOT THE CASE AND NO MATTER HOW WE WANT TO PLAY THIS GAME THE REASON THESE BUILDINGS THE YOU KNOW MANY OF THEM ARE VERY OLD EVEN THOUGH WE ONLY TALK ABOUT ONE SCHOOL IN PARTICULAR A LOT OF THESE SCHOOLS HAVE BEEN AROUND SINCE THE 1960S PARTICULARLY A LOT OF OUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS ON GUAM I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT DEGREE I DON'T KNOW IF AN ASSESSMENT AT ALL HAS BEEN DONE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE TIMELINES ARE GOING TO BE I DON'T KNOW IF THE RESOURCES ARE THERE TO DO IT CERTAINLY WE WANT TO WORK TOWARDS COMPLIANCE BUT THOSE ARE ALL THE UNANSWERED QUESTIONS SIMPLY SAYING OH I WANT IT THIS WAY WELL THIS IS NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THAT IT'S NOT GOING TO ADDRESS THAT IN THE NEAR TERM FOR SOME SOME THINGS WILL BE EASY TO CORRECT OTHER THINGS ARE PROBABLY GOING TO REQUIRE PROBABLY SEVERAL YEARS OR MORE ASSUMING THAT THE FUNDING IS THERE BECAUSE AGAIN YOU KNOW IS THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE OR THE HORSE BEFORE THE CART OR SHALL WE SAY THE KARABAO WHICH IS IT WE WANT TO PUT THINGS IN PLACE BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE MECHANISMS AND WE DON'T HAVE THE FUNDING IDENTIFIED DO WE EVEN KNOW AND I'M GOING TO ASK THE SPONSOR DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THE FINANCIAL IMPACT IS GOING TO BE OR WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE TO ASSESS TO TAKE ALL THESE GOVERNMENT FACILITIES JUST THOSE OWNED BY GOV GUAM NOT EVEN THOSE THAT ARE CONTRACTED IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO GET THESE FACILITIES INTO COMPLIANCE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM I WOULD I THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FOR ALL OF HER POINTS SHE'S ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ON EVERYTHING SHE SAID I AGREE WITH HER THAT MAYBE THE TIMELINE MIGHT BE A LITTLE BIT TOO SHORT AND THERE STILL ARE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS AND SO I WOULD 100% SUPPORT REP AN EXTENSION OF THE TIMELINE IF THE GOOD SENATOR WOULD PROFFER IT AND I HAVE A LOT OF THE SAME QUESTIONS YOU DO AS LEGISLATORS THE WAY WE HAVE THESE CONVERSATIONS IN THE PUBLIC IS BY INTRODUCING LEGISLATION AND DEBATING THEM IN PUBLIC I WELCOME THE DEBATE ON THIS LEGISLATION BECAUSE BY PEOPLE CHALLENGING THIS LEGISLATION WE WILL GET THE BEST POSSIBLE VERSION OF IT AND IF THE BEST POSSIBLE VERSION OF THIS LEGISLATION REQUIRES A A LITTLE A LITTLE BIT OF A LONGER LEAD TIME I AM WILLING TO WORK WITH MY COLLEAGUES TO FIND WHAT IS THE BEST POSSIBLE PATH TO MAKE SURE OUR SCHOOLS AND OUR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS ARE ADA COMPLIANT WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES AND I WILL SAY THAT AS A JUNIOR SENATOR I DO NOT KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS BUT WITH ALL THE EXPERIENCE AND WISDOM WE HAVE IN THIS ROOM I THINK WE CAN FIND A SOLUTION TO MAKE THIS BILL PASSABLE AND WORKABLE AND PRACTICAL THAT WORK IS NOT EASY I AM NOT AN EXPERT IN ALL THINGS PROCUREMENT WE SEE IT'S KIND OF A MESS AND IT'S PROBABLY TRUE THAT IT IS GOING TO TAKE A LOT LONGER BUT I WELCOME THIS CHALLENGE AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE COMMITMENT BY THIS BODY TO SEE IT THROUGH BECAUSE I MYSELF RECOGNIZE THAT THIS WILL NOT BE TAKEN CARE OF IN ONE SEASON THIS WILL BE A MULTI-YEAR EFFORT WITH MULTIPLE STEPS I SEE THIS AS ONE STEP IN MANY STEPS SO I THANK THE GOOD SENATOR FOR HER COMMENTS AND I DON'T HAVE THE ANSWERS BECAUSE FRANKLY THOSE ARE VERY VERY TOUGH QUESTIONS AND YOU'RE RIGHT MAYBE THE TIMELINES ON THIS AREN'T QUITE AREN'T QUITE LONG ENOUGH AGAIN.

SENATOR BROWN: MADAM SPEAKER IF I CAN ASK DOES THE SPONSOR HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE POSSIBLE ESTIMATED COSTS MAY BE IN GOVERN YOU KNOW TO ADDRESS THE THE UPGRADES OR IMPROVEMENTS THAT ARE NEEDED IN GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES INCLUDING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO BRING THESE FACILITIES INTO ADA COMPLIANCE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: FOR FOR GOVERNMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PARKINSON: FOR YES I WILL MA'AM FOR THE GOVERNMENT OWNED BUILDINGS I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE IMPACT WOULD BE BUT FOR THE LEASED BUILDINGS I IMAGINE THE IMPACT WOULD BE ZERO BECAUSE IF THE BUILDINGS AREN'T ADA COMPLIANT THAT'S GOING TO BE ON THE BUILDING OWNERS THAT WE ARE LEASING FROM NOT ON THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT JUST MEANS WE CAN'T RELEASE AT THOSE BUILDINGS AND WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND NEW LOCATIONS BUT IN TERMS OF COST TO US THERE'S NO DIRECT COST TO US BECAUSE THAT IS ON THE OWNER OF THE BUILDING.

SENATOR BROWN: APPRECIATE THE RESPONSE MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I I DON'T THINK THERE'S GOING TO BE ZERO COST EVEN FOR LEASE FACILITIES BECAUSE YOU KNOW IN SOME DEPARTMENTS ARE LET'S TAKE PUBLIC HEALTH AS AN EXAMPLE JUST ONE EXAMPLE PUBLIC HEALTH YOU KNOW HOW MANY DIFFERENT LOCATIONS HAVE THEY RENTED OUT PERHAPS THEY'RE ALL ADA COMPLIANT THAT MAY BE THE CASE BUT DO WE KNOW NO WE DON'T HAVE AN ASSESSMENT IT IS GOING TO COST IF IT INVOLVES MOVING IF THESE DEPARTMENT OR AGENCIES HAVE TO MOVE RELOCATE RESET UP ELSEWHERE THERE IS COST INVOLVED IN THAT IS THAT GOING TO BE BUDGETED DO WE HAVE THE FUNDS FOR THAT DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE AGAIN I HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THE PURPOSE OF THIS LEGISLATION I JUST WANT TO ENSURE THAT IN IN THE IN THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF ALL THAT WE WANT TO DO AND BE YOU KNOW THE ACTUAL HEAVY LIFTING AND THE ACTUAL GROUNDWORK THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN PLACE WELL THAT'S WHERE THE REAL WORK COMES IN AND I JUST DON'T WANT TO SEE US PASS ANOTHER BILL AND THEN THREE FIVE YEARS FROM NOW HEAR THAT OH GEE NOTHING EVER HAPPENED BECAUSE NO ASSESSMENT WAS TAKEN WE ALREADY SEE THE CHALLENGES AND THE NIGHTMARE WITH DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RIGHT NOW JUST TO ADDRESS AIR CONDITIONING JUST TO ADDRESS MOLD MY GOODNESS LET'S TALK ABOUT MOLD AT GMH LET'S GO THERE SENATOR JESSE WE'LL GO THERE TOGETHER SO LET'S DEAL WITH THE REALITY OF WHERE WE'RE AT I THINK MAYBE YOU KNOW IT'S IMPORTANT TO GET AN ASSESSMENT IS THERE A DESIRED TIMELINE DOES A SPONSOR OF DESIRED TIMELINE ON AN ASSESSMENT SO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CAN GO YOU KNOW GO BACK AND AND DO A LITTLE MORE WORK AND GET MORE DATA AND MORE INFORMATION BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO END UP IN A SITUATION WHERE WE'RE PASSING AND MANDATING SOMETHING AND YET WE'RE NOT GOING TO PROVIDE THE TIMELINE OR THE RESOURCES TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO EXECUTE AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO COME BACK OF COURSE AND BASH THE REST OF THE DIRECTORS AND OF GOV GUAM BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONGOING CYCLE CAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT IT'S GOING TO COST AND HOW ARE WE GOING TO MEASURE THAT WITH EVERYTHING ELSE BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE PARTY WILL BE OVER SOON I'M ENGAGING THE PARTY YOU KNOW IT'S COMING TO AN END IT MUST BE SUNRISE NOW THIS THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE BEEN BASKING IN AN ONLY NO YOU KNOW IT'S NOT GOING TO LAST AND THE DEMANDS AND THE COST OF GOVERNMENT THIS LEGISLATURE IN THE LAST SINCE LAST YEAR SINCE LAST TERM HAS SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE THE COST OF GOVERNMENT ON THE BACKS OF OUR PEOPLE SO HOW ARE WE GOING TO ADDRESS FUNDING IT THIS TO ME IS WE'RE GOING TO PASS THIS WE HAVE NO ASSESSMENT WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE COST IS GOING TO BE AND IS THAT THE RESPONSIBLE THING TO DO AND IS THAT GOING TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS OF ALL THOSE THAT NEED THE SERVICE BECAUSE TRUST ME IF WE DON'T HAVE A DISABILITY IF WE LIVE LONG ENOUGH WE WILL HAVE ONE THAT'S A REALITY THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH SO AGAIN I SUPPORT THE LEGISLATION BUT I I THINK WE NEED TO ACKNOWLEDGE MOVING FORWARD THAT WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE TO ADDRESS IT I AM GOING TO MOVE FOR AN AMENDMENT AND I'LL PUT THAT TOGETHER WITH COUNCIL TO EXTEND THE TIMELINE SO THAT EVEN IN THE CASE OF PRIVATELY LEASED BUILDINGS THERE'S A TIMELINE ALSO THAT'S GOING TO BE NEEDED FOR YOU KNOW THESE PRIVATE LAND LAND OWNERS LANDLORDS TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS COMPLIANCE IF THERE IS NOT CURRENT COMPLIANCE OR IF A GOVERNMENT AGENCY HAS TO RELOCATE BECAUSE IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO DO SO THAT MAY BE THE CASE AS WELL LIKE I SAID THERE ARE A NUMBER OF THESE BUILDINGS BACK IN THE DAY THAT WERE GRANDFATHERED AND ALLOWED TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOU KNOW FOR PUBLIC ACCESS THAT DIDN'T MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS TO BEGIN WITH AT THE TIME BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSTRUCTED QUITE SOME TIME AGO SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I'LL WORK ON AN AMENDMENT AND PERHAPS YOU CAN ALLOW OTHER COLLEAGUES IF HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS AND I'LL WORK WITH COUNSEL ON THAT THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO ALLOW THE SENATOR TO COME BACK WITH HER AMENDMENT AND WHILE WE PROCEED WITH OTHERS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION NOT WE'LL PROCEED SENATOR PARKINSON THERE'S AN AMENDMENT PASSED OUT THOUGH CAN YOU BRING THAT TO HER ATTENTION THAT WE RECEIVED BUT NOT PROFFERED IT YET THAT MIGHT SAVE SOME TIME ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I I TOO RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF OF THE BILL AND LIKE LIKEWISE AS THE AMENDMENT IS BEING PROFFERED I WANT ALSO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE FACT THAT YOU KNOW THE ASSESSMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE GOVERNMENT WIDE ON WHAT EITHER GOVERNMENT OWNED FACILITIES OR GOVERNMENT LEASE FACILITIES AND WHAT ARE IN FULL COMPLIANT WHAT ARE IN HALF COMPLIANT OR NON-COMPLIANT AT ALL BECAUSE AS WE WE TRAVERSE DOWN THIS ROAD HERE WE HAVE TO ALSO TAKE IN CONSIDERATION NOT JUST MAYBE THE PROCUREMENT

CHALLENGES THAT MAY MAY ARISE AND THE COST BUT WE ALSO HAVE A LABOR SHORTAGE HERE IN GUAM AND WHETHER OR NOT I MEAN IT'D BE GREAT TO HAVE A GOVERNMENT-WIDE ONE CONTRACTOR MAYBE BE IN CHARGE OF OF AND AND MAKING SURE THAT ALL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS EITHER OWNED OR LEASED I MEAN GOVERNMENT BUILDING OWN BUILDINGS OR LEASE BUILDINGS ARE IN COMPLIANT AND THEY'RE GIVEN ONE CONTRACT TO MAKE SURE EVERYTHING IS DONE BUT THAT'S NOT THAT'S NOT THE REALITY AND SO MAYBE SOME GOVERNMENT-OWNED FACILITIES ARE GOING TO REQUIRE A BIGGER CONTRACTOR AND AGAIN THE CHALLENGES THAT MAY HAPPEN WITH WITH THE PROCUREMENT AND THE SMALLER OR A A SMALLER GOVERNMENT AGENCY THAT WILL WILL REQUIRE A SMALLER CONTRACTOR BUT AGAIN WE HAVE A LABOR SHORTAGE AND MOST OF OUR MOST OF OUR CONTRACTORS HAVE BEEN ABSORBED BY THE MILITARY CONTRACTS SO AS WE TRAVERSE AND GO DOWN THIS ROAD IN REGARDS TO TIMELINES WE HAVE TO TAKE THAT IN CONSIDERATION AND WHATEVER TIMELINE WE PUT ON IT MAY HAVE TO BE REVISITED AGAIN BECAUSE OF A EITHER A PROCUREMENT CHALLENGE OR IN THIS CASE THAT WE KNOW MOVING FORWARD WE HAVE A LABOR SHORTAGE AND THAT COULD AGAIN BE A BIG HINDRANCE IN IN IN AGAIN MOVING FORWARD SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT TIMELINE TIMELINE EXTENSION MAY BE BUT WHATEVER WE PUT IT AT IT MAY HAVE YOU KNOW IT MAY HAVE TO BE REVISITED LATER ON AGAIN BECAUSE OF THESE SITUATIONS THAT THAT MAY COME UP BUT AGAIN AS PREVIOUS SPEAKER SENATOR BROWN HAD MENTIONED WE'RE ALL IN SUPPORT OF THIS BUT A TIMELINE AND I WISH I COULD GIVE YOU A DEFINITE TIMELINE IN REGARDS TO THAT BUT ALL THESE FACTORS THAT WORK INTO THE POSSIBLE HINDRANCE IN MOVING FORWARD PROCUREMENT CHALLENGES LABOR SHORTAGES AGAIN THIS BODY MAY HAVE TO AGAIN ADDRESS THAT MOVING FOR AGAIN REVISIT THAT AND MOVING FORWARD AND MAY HAVE TO AMEND EVEN THAT DATE THAT HAS BEEN SET FORTH TO EXTEND IT EVEN MORE HOPEFULLY NOT BUT THERE IS A GREAT POSSIBILITY POSSIBILITY WITH THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS FOR THE AMENDMENT.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BROWN HAS CONCLUDED HER REMARKS IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BROWN DID YOU WANT TO PROFFER AN AMENDMENT.

SENATOR BROWN: MADAM SPEAKER I CONFERRED WITH SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WHO'S WORKING ON A VERY SIMILAR AMENDMENT AND SO I'VE AGREED TO WORK WITH HIM ON THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW AS WE WERE WORKING ON THAT ON THE ON THE AMENDMENT A COUPLE MY COLLEAGUES WERE ASKING IF WE CAN MAKE THE CHANGES SO WE'RE WORKING ON THAT BUT YOU KNOW I WANT TO SPEAK ABOUT THE BILL NUMBER ONE THE BILL SAYS IT'S IN REFERENCE TO ANYONE LEASING GOV GUAM FOLKS LEASING BUILDINGS IT'S NOT ABOUT GO GONE BUILDINGS IT'S AND I UNDERSTAND MY COLLEAGUES TALKING ABOUT DOE WELL THAT'S A MANAGEMENT THING I WAS THERE AND WE WERE TRYING TO PUSH THAT WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT OTHER AGENCIES THAT ARE ARE ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE TODAY WELL YOU KNOW WE NEED TO REMIND OURSELVES THAT I MAY BE WRONG BUT I I THINK I'M CORRECT IS THAT IF YOU LEASE A IF ANYONE THAT'S RENT DOING RENTAL OUT THERE THEY NEED TO BE THEY NEED TO HAVE THE ADA COMPLIANCE TO BEGIN WITH SO THAT'S AN EASY ONE NOW FOR SOME OF OUR FOLKS TODAY THAT ARE LEASING BUILDING THAT'S NOT ADA COMPLIANCE WELL THE AMENDMENT I KNOW I AM PROFING RIGHT NOW AND AND IT SHOULD BE COMING OUT VERY SOON SOON AS WE'RE LOOKING AT FY ACTUALLY OCTOBER 2026 WAY OUT SO THAT EVERYONE THAT GETS ELECTED CAN MAKE THE ADJUSTMENT ANY GOVERN AGENCY THAT'S IN A BUILDING RIGHT NOW THAT'S NOT ADA COMPLIANCE CAN GO BACK TO PROCUREMENT SO WHEN THEY DO THE RFP IT'S GOT TO MEET THAT ADA REQUIREMENTS IT ALLOWS ALL THE FLEXIBILITY BUT WE NEED TO REMIND IT VERY SIMPLE THE BILL IS NOT ABOUT GO IN GENERAL GOV GUAM BUILDINGS IT'S ABOUT ANYONE LEASING GOV GUAM AGENCY LEASING BEING COMPLIANCE AND I KNOW THAT THERE WAS NO FUNDING WRITTEN HERE THIS CAME FROM MY COMMITTEE BECAUSE THERE'S NO MONEY INVOLVED HERE IF AN AGENCY IS GOING TO MOVE INTO A BUILDING AND LEASE IT THEY NEED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND THAT'S WHY THE THE AMENDMENT I'M PROFFERING RIGHT NOW WE'RE TWEAKING IT RIGHT NOW IS TO CHANGE THE ENACTMENT TO OCTOBER 2026 AND THEN AS AS OTHER COLLEAGUES HAVE SPOKEN

AND WE'RE WORKING IT WE MAY CHANGE THAT BUT AT THIS POINT I JUST I ASK THE AUTHOR THAT ANY IS IS AMENDMENT THAT IS PROFFERING I'M TRYING TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE NEED TO ASK THE C TO ASK FOR MONEY TO DO THEIR JOB GO AND CHECK THE AGENCIES GET WITH PUBLIC WORKS WHEN THEY GIVE THE PERMITS TO BUILD THE THE BUILDINGS WHEN THEY LEASE THE BUILDINGS MAKE SURE THE ADA COMPLIANT THIS DISTRICT SHOULD HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THEIR JOB IF THEY NEED ADDITIONAL FUNDING WHEN WE GO TO THE BUDGET ASK FOR IT AND THEN WE'LL ASK THEM THE QUESTION WHAT HAVE YOUVE DONE WITH WHAT YOU GOT THAT'S THE THAT'S THE MAJOR QUESTION AND WHEN WE BROUGHT UP WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT UP ABOUT GMH WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN OVERSIGHT HEARING MONDAY AFTER AFTERNOON ASK THE QUESTION WHERE'S THE MONEY AT WHY IS THE MOLD STILL THERE AND THEN WE CAN GO THROUGH EVERY AGENCY WE FIGURE OUT NOW WHERE OR HOW ARE YOU SPENDING THE MONEY THAT YOU'RE GIVEN WE'RE WE'RE JUST ABOUT SIX MONTHS IN THE FISCAL YEAR WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THAT AND REMIND THEM THAT YOU HAVE 6 MONTHS TO DO WHAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO DO BE READY TO ANSWER IT BUT ON THIS BILL LIKE I MENTIONED WE'RE WE'RE TWEAKING RIGHT NOW THE AMENDMENT AND AS SOON AS THAT'S DONE I I I'LL PRESENT THE AMENDMENT MADAM SPEAKER IT'S IT'S IT WAS ALMOST DONE BUT THERE WERE COMMENTS FROM MY COLLEAGUES IF YOU GIVE ME ANOTHER MINUTE I CAN CHECK IF IT'S DONE ALREADY ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APOLOGIZE THE AMENDMENT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED IT'S JUST TO ADDRESS ON LINE 26 AND 27 PAGE THREE IF THE THIS ACT SHALL BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1ST 2026 THIS ALLOWS EVERYONE THAT'S LEASING TO GO TO THE PROCUREMENT IF YOU'RE A GOV GUAM AGENCY GO TO YOUR PROCUREMENT AND KICK OUT YOUR RFP NOW LET THEM KNOW THAT BY OCTOBER 26 YOU'RE GOING TO MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND IF ANY OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS HERE TODAY ARE IN A NON-COMPLIANT NON ADA COMPLIANT BUILDING YOU GET READY TO MOVE SOMEWHERE ELSE AND IF YOU MOVE TOMORROW IT'S EVEN BETTER BUT THIS IS NOT UNTIL UNTIL 2026 AND THEN AND THERE'S NO THERE'S NO APPROPRIATION REQUIREMENT FOR THIS AT THIS TIME UNLESS THE GOV GUAM AGENCY NEEDS TO GET ONE THEN WE'LL SEE IT THEN IN THE BUDGET PRIOR TO THE BUDGET HOPEFULLY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE SO ARE YOU PROFFER THIS AMENDMENT ALL RIGHT SO ON ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PARKINSON ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I THANK MY GOOD COLLEAGUE FOR HIS COLLABORATION ON THIS EFFORT AS WELL AS THE EXPERTISE AND WISDOM OF SENATOR JOANNE BROWN FOR BRINGING TO OUR ATTENTION THE NECESSITY FOR THIS CHANGE I SUPPORT THIS CHANGE I'VE ONLY EVER WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE TAKE THE FIRST STEP AND THIS IS THE FIRST STEP WE HAVE A LOT OF UNANSWERED QUESTIONS BECAUSE THESE AGENCIES WON'T BE ASKING THESE QUESTIONS UNTIL WE MAKE THEM ASK THESE QUESTIONS AND SO BY PASSING THIS LEGISLATION WE ARE TAKING THE FIRST STEP TO KNOWING THE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AND GOING THROUGH THE MANY MANY STEPS WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO TAKE TO ENSURE ADA COMPLIANCE NOT JUST WITH THE SCHOOLS BUT WITH ALL OF OUR GOVERNMENT LEASE BUILDINGS SO I SUPPORT THIS EFFORT IN IN THE SPIRIT OF COLLABORATION SO THAT WE COULD TAKE THIS IMPORTANT FIRST STEP AND START MOVING FORWARD IN TERMS OF GETTING ALL OF OUR BUILDINGS UP TO CODE LET'S BE THE EXAMPLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND ALL THE BUSINESSES THAT HAVE TO FOLLOW OUR EXAMPLE WITH THAT I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ ON THE AMENDMENT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I DO SUPPORT THE ABILITY FOR ACCESS FOR THOSE THAT ARE DISABLED BUT I'M JUST CONCERNED ABOUT THIS AMENDMENT BECAUSE YOU KNOW SIMILAR TO WHAT WE EXPERIENCED WITH THE SCHOOLS THEY DELAYED THE SANITATION RULES FOR FIVE YEARS AND YOU KNOW IT WASN'T UNTIL YOU KNOW RECENTLY TOWARDS THE END OF THAT 5YEAR PERIOD THAT THERE WAS A LOT OF ATTENTION BROUGHT TO MAKING SURE THAT OUR SCHOOLS COMPLY AND SO IF THIS WE'RE

DELAYING THE ENACTMENT FOR TWO YEARS BUT I THINK WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT IS THAT THERE SHOULD BE MOVEMENT NOW AS FAR AS PUTTING TOGETHER A COMPLIANCE PLAN OF SOME SO THAT THERE SHOULD BE STEPS TAKEN IN THE IN INTERMEDIATE TIME YOU KNOW PRIOR TO THE IMPLEMENTATION SO PERHAPS MAYBE IT'S ANOTHER AMENDMENT IN AS FAR AS THIS IS CONCERNED BUT MAYBE I COULD WORK WITH THE MY COLLEAGUES AND IF THEY SUPPORT THIS ENDEAVOR I COULD ALSO PROBABLY COULD SET ASIDE MY TIME IF I CAN WORK ON AN AMENDMENT TO ANOTHER ONE WHO WANTS TO SPEAK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO SENATOR PEREZ COMING BACK WITH AN AMENDMENT IF NOT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ IS THAT AN AMENDMENT TO THIS AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: I LET ME I THINK IT HAVE WOULD HAVE TO BE AMENDMENT TO THIS I THINK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO SETTING ASIDE SENATOR PEREZ'S TIME WHILE SHE WORKS ON AN AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR OH SENATOR PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR PEREZ: I SUPPORT THIS AMENDMENT AFTER DISCUSSION WITH THE SPONSOR THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT IT'S WAIVING CLOSING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THIS AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE BILL YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BILL WE CHANGED THE THE EFFECTIVE DATE WE'LL BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD AND EVERYBODY CAN START PLANNING NOW THAT ARE LEASING GOV GOV GUAM AGENCIES OR ENTITIES ELECTED OFFICIALS OR IF YOU'RE GOING TO LEASE BE PREPARED THAT YOU NEED BE YOU NEED TO WALK INTO AN AD COMPLIANT BUILDING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER GOOD AFTERNOON TO MY COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER MY CONCERN OF THE THE LEGISLATION WAS ACTUALLY EXPLAINED BY AND VERY WELL WELL DONE BY SENATOR BROWN AND TALKING WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION YOU KNOW REALIZING IT TOO THIS BODY SHOULD STOP THESE UNFUNDED MANDATES WE SHOULD NOT BE PUSHING BILLS THROUGH UNLESS WE CAN IDENTIFY FUNDING I THINK BY EXTENDING THE DEADLINE AS GOOD SENATOR AUSIN DID GIVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLOW THESE AGENCIES AND THESE PRIVATE COMPANIES TO ASSESS AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT THE BILL DOES IT DOESN'T SAY HOW MUCH IT'S GOING TO COST IT DOESN'T GIVE AN AMOUNT OR SAYS GENERAL FUND MONEY IT DOESN'T SAY ANYTHING LIKE THAT IT'S AN ASSESSMENT A BILL THAT REQUIRES THESE AGENCIES AS WELL AS THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO ASSESS AND I THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT FIRST ONCE THEY DO THAT AND THEY COME BACK AND I THINK IT WAS AUGUST OF 2026 TO TELL US HOW MUCH THIS WILL COST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THEN WE'LL KNOW AND THEN WE HAVE TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING THAT'S THE PROPER WAY THAT'S THE PROPER WAY OF DOING IT SO I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THIS THIS BILL THAT DOES THIS HOWEVER WE DO KNOW THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO BE OVERSEEN BY BY DISID ALL THIS INFORMATION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THEM AS THEY GO THROUGH THIS AND MAKE SURE THEY'RE CHECKING OFF WHAT AGENCIES HAS PROVIDED THIS PLAN OR OR THEIR THEIR ASSESSMENT IN THEIR AGENCY BUT AND AND IF I CAN AND IF MY COLLEAGUES CAN INDULGE ME SAVING A TREE AND JUST A SIMPLE AMENDMENT AND THAT IS ON PAGE THREE IT'S LINE 13 BEFORE THAT MADAM SPEAKER OF COURSE THIS IS SECTION 81105 IT TALKS ABOUT ANNUALLY TRANSMITTING A WRITTEN REPORT THIS WRITTEN REPORT IS ONLY FOR THE LEGISLATOR THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP DISID SINCE THEY'RE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO OVERSEE THIS PLAN SO MY AMENDMENT IS JUST SIMPLY INCORPORATING DISID SO IT WOULD BE ON LINE 13 PAGE THREE INCLUDED RIGHT

AFTER THE LEGISLATURE THE DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR DIS INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IT'S A SIMPLE AS THAT BECAUSE THEY NEED THIS INFORMATION NOT JUST THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE SO YOU KNOW I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS AMENDMENT WITHOUT YOU KNOW WRITING IT OUT AND IF MY COLLEAGUES ACCEPT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO ALLOW TO ADD THE WORD ON THE MOTION TO ADD THE WORDS DISID ON LINE 13 ON PAGE THREE OF THE BILL AFTER SPEAKER *I LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES ON THAT AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO SPEAK IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT SEEING NO OBJECTION AMENDMENT PASSES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THAT'S ALL I HAVE I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M SURE DISID WILL APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE NOW THEY'LL HAVE THE PLAN IN FRONT OF THEM TO SUBMIT TO US AS WELL THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MAIN MOTION SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE MAIN MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M RISING TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL BECAUSE I I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE RECORD VERY CLEAR FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AT LEAST YOU KNOW BECAUSE WE ARE PORTRAYING TO THE PUBLIC THAT WE ARE ALLOWING THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO LEASE BUILDINGS THAT ARE NOT ADA COMPLIANT IF THAT'S THE CASE THEN I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT WHAT THE BILL DOES IS NOT COME DOWN ON GSA OR ANYONE ELSE WHO'S LEASING THESE BUILDINGS BUT COMES DOWN ON WE THE GOVERNMENT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE TAXPAYERS OF GUAM ARE GOING TO PAY FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES TO RENOVATE THEIR SPACES TO MAKE THEM ADA COMPLIANT WHY WOULD WE DO THAT WHY AREN'T WE JUST HOLDING THE FEET TO THE FIRE ON THESE AGENCIES TO LEASE ADA COMPLIANT BUILDINGS I ASKED THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HE SAYS ALL THE LEAST GOVERNMENT LEAST BUILDINGS MUST BE ADA COMPLIANT SO SHOULD THE PARKING LOTS WE ALL KNOW THIS IN OUR OWN LEASES FOR THE LEGISLATURE WE REQUIRE ADA COMPLIANCE AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHOULD BE DOING THAT I I JUST REALLY WE DIDN'T SEE THIS IN THE TESTIMONY NO ONE FROM GSA CAME AND SAID OH WE CAN'T DO THAT WHEN WE ARE TRYING TO GO AND BID OUT FOR GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME WHY WHY DO WE NEED A BILL TO TELL US THAT WE NEED TO MAKE THE BUILDINGS THAT WE ARE GOING TO RENT OUT IN OTHER WORDS WE'RE GOING TO PAY MONEY FOR THOSE SPOTS THAT THEN WE'RE GOING TO GO HELP THEM AND GIVE THEM TIME TO MAKE THEM ADA COMPLIANT IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ANY 40-YEAR 50-YEAR LEASES OF ANY PRIVATE BUILDINGS NORMALLY THEY'RE RESTRICTED FOR VERY SHORT PERIODS OF TIME SO IF THERE WAS SOME KIND OF ERROR THAT SHOULD BE CORRECTED IN THE NEXT PROCUREMENT I ASKED DIRECTOR BIRN IS THERE SUCH A THING AS LEASING OUT NON-ADA COMPLIANT BUILDINGS HE'S IN DC SO I'M I DON'T WANT TO REALLY HOLD HIM TO HIS ANSWER WITHOUT GIVING HIM SOME TIME TO REALLY LOOK AT IT BUT HE SAYS TO HIS KNOWLEDGE THERE'S ONE BUT I'M NOT SURE WHETHER AND HE SAYS THAT WAS PROCURED DURING THE EMERGENCY AND THAT BECAUSE OF THE EMERGENCY THEY WERE ABLE TO WAVE ADA COMPLIANCE THE BILL REQUIRES DISID TO GO AND BE THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER FOR ADA COMPLIANCE FOR AGENCIES THAT ARE RENTING OUT FROM PRIVATE BUSINESSES DISID ALREADY RECEIVES COMPLAINTS AND THEY WILL DO WHAT THEY CAN TO ADVOCATE THEY ARE ADVOCATES AND THEY IN THEIR TESTIMONY VERY CLEARLY SAID THEY WERE TOLD YEARS AGO BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE IT IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S JOB TO COMPLY TO TO ENFORCE ADA COMPLIANCE SO WHY WOULD WE TAKE FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND PUT IT ON LAY PEOPLE LIKE DISID TO GO AND ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH LANDLORDS WHO DON'T WANT TO COMPLY AND AGENCIES THAT ARE LEASING CONTRARY TO LAW I SAY WE LEAVE THAT WITH THE AG WHERE IT BELONGS AND LET THEM DO THE ENFORCEMENT AND ANY COMPLAINTS THAT EXIST TODAY TAKE THEM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE WE DON'T NEED TO DO THIS RUNAROUND OF WE'RE GOING TO GIVE THEM UNTIL 2026 OR WHENEVER TO COMPLY WITH ADA IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THEY COMPLY THIS BILL DOES NOT MANDATE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUILDINGS COMPLY IT MANDATES THAT THE BUILDINGS WERE LE LEASING

OUT COMPLY I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY WE WOULDN'T START WITH OUR OWN HOUSE FIRST YOU WANT TO SPEND MONEY MAKING AGENCIES MAKE A PLAN FOR A PRIVATE BUSINESS AND THEN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN FOR THAT PRIVATE BUSINESS WHY NOT SPEND THAT MONEY AND MAKE OUR BUILDINGS COMPLIANT OUR OWN BUILDINGS AND PAGE THREE SUBSECTION C IT SAYS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS SHALL ALLOCATE NECESSARY FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGETS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE PLAN THAT THAT AGENCY ALSO HAD TO PAY FOR TO PREPARE NORMALLY YOU HAVE TO HIRE ENGINEERS TO TELL YOU WHETHER YOUR BUILDING IS ADA COMPLIANT OR NOT OR PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN VERY WELL TRAINED IN THAT AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT DISID SAID THEY WOULD NEED AN ENTIRE NEW DIVISION OF DISID SEVEN MORE STAFF AT LEAST VEHICLES COMPUTERS ALL OF IT I THINK BBMR SAID \$600,000 AND BBMR AND OFB OUR OWN OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET SAID THERE'S NO MONEY TO FUND WHAT WHAT THIS BILL IS SAYING MUST BE DONE AND I DON'T KNOW WHE WE KICK IT DOWN THE ROAD FOR TWO MORE YEARS WHETHER THAT MAKES IT A FUNDED MANDATE OR IS THAT SOME KIND OF TRICK TO GET AROUND THE LAW THAT SAYS YOU'RE GOING TO PUT THIS EXTRA BURDEN ON THESE AGENCIES FUND THEM BUT I DON'T WANT TO FUND THAT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE GOING TO ALLOCATE THEIR FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT COMPLIANCE PLANS FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES AND I DON'T WANT TO FOOL THE PEOPLE INTO THINKING THAT WE ARE NOT REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH ADA I JUST THINK I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF MESSAGE WE'RE TRYING TO SEND LIKE WE'RE GOING TO GIVE OURSELVES A BIG EXEMPTION FROM ADA IS THAT WHAT THIS BILL IS TRYING TO DO SOMEHOW THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO REQUIRE THESE BUILDINGS OR OUR OWN GOVERNMENT TO LEASE BUILDINGS THAT ARE ADA COMPLIANT FOR TWO MORE YEARS OFB SAID THE LEGISLATION DOES NOT IDENTIFY A FUND SOURCE TO ADEQUATELY FUND THE DIVISION THAT DISID WOULD NEED TO ESTABLISH OR THE STAFF TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS DETAILED IN THE BILL THE BILL REQUIRES APPLICABLE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS TO ALLOCATE FUNDING TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE WHICH WAS NOT BUD BUDGETED IN 2024 SO WE'RE PUTTING THIS MANDATE ON PROMISE THAT WE WILL BUDGET IT IN 2025 OR 2026 THIS IS ONE OF THE COSTS THAT SHOULD NOT BE BORNE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THIS COST SHOULD BE BORN BY THE LESSORS PRIVATE BUSINESS THIS IS LIKE THE SECOND BILL THAT WE'RE DISCUSSING THAT'S TRYING TO PUT ON THE BACKS OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE TAXPAYERS OF GUAM HOW WE'RE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF PRIVATE BUSINESSES JUST LIKE THE SOLAR POWER YOU CAN GET SOLAR POWER BUT WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT ON THE BACKS OF THE RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS TO PAY WHAT WE HAVE LOST SO I HOPE THERE'S NOT A PRESS RELEASE THAT SAYS OH NOW I'M AGAINST ADA COMPLIANCE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO PASS THIS BILL BUT NO I WANT US TO DO THINGS FIRST THINGS FIRST WHY NOT REQUIRE THE AGENCIES IT SAYS HERE I SEE IT IN THE BILL AS IF FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER WE ARE GOING TO ALL REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS ISSUED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM RELATIVE RELATIVE TO GOVERNMENT LEASE OFFICE SPACES OR CONSTRUCTION OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE ADA DID WE NEED THAT THIS IS A FEDERAL MANDATE OF COURSE THEY HAVE TO COMPLY SOMEBODY MENTIONED SOMETHING ABOUT OH THOSE BUILDINGS THAT ARE GRANDFATHERED WHATEVER THE ADA SAYS WE HAVEN'T TAKEN IT UPON OURSELVES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO REWRITE THE THE ADA WE'RE NOT DOING THAT IN THIS BILL EITHER IT'S A FEDERAL LAW EASILY ENFORCED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF GUAM I SAY IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS SEND THEM TO HIM DO NOT PUT AN ADDITIONAL BURDEN ON IT UNLESS YOU WANT TO FUND THEM AND YOU CAN DO THAT RIGHT NOW AND DO NOT ALLOW AGENCIES TO SPEND THEIR MONEY TO MAKE PRIVATE BUSINESSES BUILDINGS COMPLIANT PUT THAT BURDEN ON THE BUILDINGS THEMSELVES IT SHOULD IT IS ON THOSE BUILDINGS ALREADY THAT'S WHY I'M SAYING IF YOU HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS BRING THEM TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE GOING TO IGNORE DISID ITS TESTIMONY I DON'T KNOW WHY WE'RE GOING TO IGNORE BBMR TESTIMONY OR WHY WE'RE GOING TO IGNORE OFB'S TESTIMONY YES OUR BUILDING SHOULD BE ADA COMPLIANT SO LET'S NOT TRY TO FOOL THE PEOPLE AND SAYING BY THIS BILL WE'RE GOING TO MAKE OUR BUILDINGS ADA COMPLIANT BY THIS BILL WE'RE GOING TO PAY FOR PRIVATE BUSINESSES TO MAKE THEIR BUILDINGS ADA COMPLIANT WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUILDINGS SIT LACKING MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR AND I'M GOING TO TALK TO I THINK WE SHOULD TALK TO DIRECTOR BIRN AND GSA AS TO HOW IN THE WORLD DID THEY CREATE AN EXEMPTION IF THEY DID THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME ANYBODY ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYBODY ELSE SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO THANK THE RETIRING SPEAKER I WASN'T SURE THIS MORNING I WAS KIND OF SCRATCHING MY HEAD AS I LISTENED TO THE DEBATE AND THE DISCUSSION ABOUT THE ADA COMPLIANCE AND AGAIN ADA IS A FEDERAL LAW WHICH WE ARE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE

FOLLOWING WE ARE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLYING WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT ALREADY AND SO I'M NOT SURE IF IF IN INTRODUCING THIS BILL WE'RE THINKING OH WE'RE NOT GOING TO COMPLY WITH THE FEDERAL MAYBE WE CAN COMPLY WITH THE LOCAL BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS WE AREN'T ADA COMPLIANT AND THE BIGGEST OFFENDERS ARE NOT NECESSARILY THOSE THAT WE'RE LEASING OFFICES FROM IT'S OURSELVES IT'S THE ACTUAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM DO YOU GUYS KNOW AUNTIE EVELYN I KNOW AUNTIE EVELYN AUNTIE EVELYN IS ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS WRITERS OF THE MASS TRANSIT OR WHATEVER WE'RE CALLING IT NOWADAYS REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY OKAY AUNTIE EVELYN IS AN AMERICAN WITH A DISABILITY SHE'S IN A MOTORIZED CHAIR AND SHE COMES HERE TO THE LEGISLATURE TO SHARE HER CONCERNS AND HER MANY PROBLEMS THAT SHE HAS WITH WRITING THE GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BUSES WHY DOES SHE COME HERE WHY DOES SHE COME HERE TO TALK TO THE SPEAKER WHY DOES SHE COME HERE TO TALK TO MYSELF WHY DO SHE COME HERE TO TALK TO OUR STAFF I'LL TELL YOU WHY SHE COMES HERE BECAUSE SHE CANNOT ACCESS THE OFFICE OF THE GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY BECAUSE IT'S LOCATED ON THE SECOND FLOOR OVER AT THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS COMPOUND AND SO WHILE WE'RE IN HERE SHOWBOATING ABOUT HOW WE WANT TO FALL ALL OVER OURSELVES TO HELP THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE'RE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE HELPING THE TRUTH IS IT'S NOT THE LEASE OFFICES IT'S OURSELVES AND SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT TAKING FIRST STEPS THESE ARE NOT THE FIRST STEPS THIS IS AN EXISTING LAW WE'RE SUPPOSED TO COMPLY WITH AND I PRAY TO GOD THAT THIS IS NOT SOME SPECIAL INTEREST LEGISLATION WHERE SOMEBODY WANTS TO LEASE THEIR OFFICES TO GOV GUAM BUT THEY DON'T WANT TO PAY TO UPGRADE TO BECOME ADA COMPLIANT SO NOW WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT ON THE BACKS OF THE TAXPAYERS AND YOU HEAR THESE THINGS YOU HEAR THAT OH SO AND SO'S BUSINESS THAT NORMALLY DOES THIS NOW THEY'RE GETTING INTO REAL ESTATE NOW THEY'RE GOING TO BE RENTING FROM A GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND WHEN I SEE A BILL LIKE THIS AND IT READS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS SHALL ALLOCATE NECESSARY FUNDS IN THEIR BUDGETS TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCESSIBILITY COMPLIANCE PLAN THAT THE PRIVATE BUSINESSES ARE SUPPOSED TO PAY FOR IT'S WILD TO ME THAT WE'RE DOING THIS DANCE ABOUT COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW THAT WE'RE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE COMPLYING WITH AND LET'S TALK ABOUT THE SCHOOLS SO YES I CONDUCTED AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON SPECIAL EDUCATION AND YES THE SUBJECT OF ADA COMPLIANCE WAS BROUGHT UP AND I INSTRUCTED THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS THEY MAKE THEIR ROUNDS AS THEY TRY TO COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS WHICH ARE GOING INTO EFFECT AT THE START OF THIS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR I SAID HEY AS YOU GO AROUND DO YOUR CHECKLIST AND FIGURE OUT WHERE WE NEED TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS SO THAT WE COMPLY WITH ADA AND THEY'RE ALREADY DOING THAT AND YEAH I TOO I DON'T WANT TO BE ON A PRESS RELEASE SAYING THAT BECAUSE WE'RE CRITICAL OF THIS BILL BECAUSE WE ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT WE'RE SOMEHOW AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THAT'S RIDICULOUS SO BEFORE WE POINT THE FINGER AT THESE OFFICES WERE GOING TO BE LEASING AND ACCORDING TO WHAT THE RETIRING SPEAKER HAD SAID THEY'RE ALREADY REQUIRED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT LET'S TAKE A LONG HARD LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND LOOK AT OURSELVES IT'S LIKE MY GRANDMA USED TO SAY WHEN YOU POINT THE FINGER AT SOMEBODY YOU GOT THREE FINGERS POINTING BACK AT YOURSELF SO IF AN AGENCY LIKE THE GUAM REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY IS SUPPOSED TO BE SERVING PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BUT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES CANNOT EVEN ACCESS THEIR OFFICE THEN WE'RE MISSING SOMETHING WE'RE MISSING SOMETHING NOT ONLY HAVE I MET WITH AUNTIE EVELYN SEVERAL TIMES I'VE ALSO MET WITH DISID AND GUESS WHAT DISID IS HAVING A HARD ENOUGH TIME TRYING TO MEET THEIR MANDATES AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE THEM THE POLICE OF THE ADA THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN AN ENFORCEMENT AGENCY EVER THEY'RE STRUGGLING TO MEET THE MANDATES WITH LIMITED FUNDING AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THIS RESPONSIBILITY AWAY FROM THE TOUGHEST AG ON CRIME AND PUT IT ON THE HANDS OF OF ONE OF THE AGENCIES THAT AGAIN BECAUSE OUR GOVERNMENT DOESN'T MAKE SERVICES TO PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES A PRIORITY THIS IT IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HEAP WHEN IT COMES TO FUNDING THEY'RE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE HEAP WHEN IT COMES TO HOW WE SUPPORT THEM AND THEIR MANDATES SO ALL I ASK IS IF WE'RE GOING TO STAND UP HERE AND WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A BIG SHOW ABOUT HOW WE WANT TO SUPPORT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES THEN LET'S REALLY SUPPORT PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES FOR REAL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL OR IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE BILL YOU RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: GOOD MORNING MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD MORNING EVERYBODY I'M A PERSON WITH DISABILITY AND SENATOR PARKINSON'S MY LATEST HERO HE WANTS TO TRY TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR OUR STUDENTS AND HE ALSO WANTS TO MAKE IT BETTER FOR THOSE WHO ARE VISITING OUR PUBLIC OFFICES AS A PERSON WITH DISABILITY I CAN'T WALK FAR I I STRUGGLE UPSTAIRS AND IT'S VERY YOU KNOW DIFFICULT YOU KNOW AS ONE PROGRESSES THROUGH LIFE AND AND THEN THEY START TO LOSE THEIR ABILITIES AND THEIR FACULTIES AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR FOR FOR FOR DOING SUCH A THING AND YOU KNOW EVERYTHING IS A WORK IN PROGRESS EVERYTHING YOU KNOW WE WE WRITE LAWS WE DO THINGS YOU KNOW TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR US ALL AND IT'S IT'S FUNNY THAT WE YOU KNOW WE THAT I SEE SOME DISAGREEMENTS ON THE ON THE BILL BUT YOU KNOW THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE WE'RE HERE TO TRY TO MAKE THINGS BETTER AND THANK GOODNESS YOU ARE SHOWBOATING OR WHATEVER IT IS THAT YOU'RE DOING BECAUSE IT'S ACTUALLY DRAWING LIGHT TO AND AND IT'S NOT TO SAY THAT YOU ARE BUT IT'S IT'S DRAWING SOME LIGHT TO TO YOU KNOW WHAT WHAT WE'RE GOING THROUGH IN LIFE THE DIFFICULTIES WE'RE GOING THROUGH AND YES I I'VE MET MISS EVELYN I WE WE ALWAYS RUN INTO EACH OTHER AND THINK I THINK I PROMISED HER TO GET HER SOMETHING A BETTER MOBILITY SCOOTER CAUSE I UNDERSTAND WHAT SHE'S GOING THROUGH AND SO YOU KNOW WE DO COME IN CONTACT WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIFFICULTY MOBILITY WITH MOBILITY AND OTHERWISE BUT YOU KNOW AS AS WE'RE GOING THROUGH LIFE YOU KNOW WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE WE'RE WORKING TOWARD MAKING THINGS BETTER AND YES THE GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW IS NOT IN COMPLIANT WE'VE SEEN THAT AS A SCHOOL COUNSELOR AT DOE BUT YOU KNOW ANYTHING THAT WE PUT FORWARD ANYTHING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO YOU KNOW WHATEVER IT IS WE'RE TRYING TO I GUESS WORK TOWARD MAKING THINGS BETTER AND I APPLAUD THE AUTHOR I APPLAUD SENATOR PARKINSON FOR BRINGING THIS THIS CONCERN TO LIGHT AND AND HOPEFULLY YOU KNOW AS A GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE AS A SOCIETY AS A AS A AS A PEOPLE YOU KNOW THAT WE WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THINGS BETTER AND MAYBE NOT TRYING TO POINT FINGERS AT EACH OTHER AND TRY TO TEAR EACH OTHER DOWN BECAUSE I THINK IT'S IT'S QUITE IT'S VERY NECESSARY THAT WE TRY TO RES RESOLVE THIS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IT'S ONLY GOING TO BE A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE YOU KNOW IT'S MY TURN AND I WON'T BE ABLE TO TO DO THE THINGS AND I I I HOPE THAT WE AS A GOVERNMENT CAN WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE THINGS BETTER FOR FOR EVERYBODY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I SUPPORT THE THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO STAND AND RISE I'M GOING TO STAY IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW MY COLLEAGUES ARE SITTING HERE SAYING AND EVEN YOU IT WAS NOTED THAT THE COMMITTEE REPORT SAID THAT DISID IS NOT GETTING ANY SUPPORT AS AND I MUST SAY AS THE FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTEGRATED SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES I WANT TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT I AM HEARTENED THAT I CAN NOW COUNT ON THIS BODY TO FINALLY FIX THIS LONG-STANDING ISSUE I I I DO WANT TO SAY MADAM SPEAKER THAT I DO ECHO THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER THAT JUST BECAUSE WE HAVE NOT DONE THE RIGHT THING IN THE PAST WE HAVE NOT MADE GOVERNMENT ACCESSIBLE FOR A DISABLED POPULATION I DO WANT TO SAY THAT TODAY TODAY IS THE DAY WE CAN HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE AND YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER IN THE PAST THEY USED TO SAY THAT WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN GOOD BACK THEN IS NOT SO GOOD TODAY OR WHAT HAS BEEN BAD BACK THEN IS BETTER TODAY WE AS A GOVERNMENT BODY WHEN WHEN THE ADA CAME DOWN TO PLAY A LOT OF THE FACILITIES DID NOT HAVE THE WAYS AND MEANS TO WORK IT BUT IT WAS IMPLEMENTED OR INTEGRATED THAT IF ANY GOVERNMENT FACILITY WERE TO UPDATE REBUILD REFURNISH RENOVATE THEN THEY HAVE TO GO INTO COMPLIANCE AND FOR ME THE SAYING ALSO GOES THAT SOMETIMES YOU DON'T HAVE TO LEGISLATE COMMON SENSE IT SHOULD BE DONE BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND IT'S PROVIDING THAT ACCESSIBILITY SO SOMETIMES IT IS WE HAVE TO LEGISLATE THINGS SO IT CAN BE CLEARLY SPELLED OUT IT COULD BE CLEARLY DEFINED IT COULD BE CLEARLY DELINEATED OF WHAT WE CAN DO MOVING FORWARD TO WRITE THE WRONG TO MAKE THE DIFFERENCE TO MAKE THE CHANGES SO THE ACCOMMODATIONS CAN BE THERE SO MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT I DO APPRECIATE THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION AND AND I REALLY THINK THAT BY PASSING THIS MEASURE THAT WE WILL BE SHOWING OUR COMMUNITY THAT WE DO CARE FOR PERSONS

WITH DISABILITIES THAT WE DO WANT TO HELP HIM MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND IF WE HAVE TO DO IT ONE PIECE OF LEGISLATION AT A TIME TO HELP THEN LET US START TODAY WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I THANK THE AUTHOR FOR BRINGING THIS MEASURE TO THE FOREFRONT *SAINA MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÅSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION IN MY CLOSING I DO WANT TO ADDRESS A FEW POINTS THOUGH THIS BILL ABSOLUTELY IS A SPECIAL INTEREST BILL MAKE NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT AND MY ONLY SPECIAL INTEREST IS MAKING SURE PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GET THE HELP THEY NEED SO ON THAT CHARGE I AM GUILTY AS CHARGED LET THAT BE PUT DOWN FOR THE RECORD I WILL SAY ALSO FOR THE RECORD THERE WILL BE NO SCATHING PRESS RELEASE FOR THIS BECAUSE I COME TO THIS SUBJECT IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION JUST COLLABORATION I WAS ACTUALLY VERY PROUD THE LEGISLATURE TODAY I WELCOMED ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS ANYBODY WOULD PROFFER TO MAKE THIS BILL BETTER I WAS ABLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND LEVITY AND COOPERATION WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE CALLED ME SNOTTY AND NEW RUDE AND OBNOXIOUS AND BY GOD WE WERE ABLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND AND HASH OUT SOME REALLY GOOD WORK TOGETHER SO WIN LOSE OR DRAW ON THIS BILL I'M PROUD OF WHAT I SAW IN THIS CHAMBER TODAY THAT BEING SAID I HOPE IT PASSES I REALLY HOPE IT DOES THIS LEGISLATION IS PERSONAL TO ME BECAUSE YOU KNOW I I HAD A DESTINY BEYOND GUAM A GREAT AND GLORIOUS DESTINY LAID OUT AHEAD OF ME BUT I CAME HOME BECAUSE MY FAMILY NEEDED ME A DISABLED FAMILY MEMBER MY OWN FATHER RACKED BY YEARS OF ADVANCED PARKINSON'S DISEASE BUT THIS MAN KNEW HOW TO LIVE AND WE FLEW ALL ACROSS THE WORLD TOGETHER AND I KNOW WHAT IT WAS LIKE TO PUSH A WHEELCHAIR AROUND COUNTRIES THAT DO NOT HAVE ADA COMPLIANCE DO NOT CARE FOR THE CITIZENS THE WAY OUR CITIZENS DO IN AMERICA AND SO I AM VERY SENSITIVE TO THE PLIGHTS OF THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AND PROFFER THIS LEGISLATION IN AN EFFORT TO HELP THEM THIS IS THE SECOND OF LEGISLATION I HAVE PUT OUT I'VE HAD CRITICISMS ON ALL MY BILLS THAT THEY WE'RE JUST DOING THE SCHOOLS WHAT ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE SO I INTRODUCED THIS SECOND BILL TO ADDRESS THE BUILDINGS THAT ARE BEING LEASED AND NOW I'M GETTING CRITICISM AGAIN WHAT ABOUT ALL THE OTHER BUILDINGS YOU KNOW WHAT I HEAR YOU AND YOU'RE PROBABLY RIGHT GIVE ME SOME MORE TIME AND WATCH ME COOK WE'LL TRY TO GET THOSE OTHER BUILDINGS DONE TOO BUT AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER TOLD ME SAID SOMETIMES WE GOT TO LEGISLATE COMMON SENSE AND WE GOT TO DO THIS ONE BILL AT A TIME I AM NOT MAKING ANY PROMISES TO THE WORLD THAT THIS IS GOING TO SOLVE ALL OF OUR ADA WOES BUT IT'S ONE STEP AND I THINK IT'S ONE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION NOWHERE IN THIS BILL OR AM I TRYING TO SAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM IS GOING TO PAY FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF PRIVATE BUSINESSES THAT'S 110% NOT THE INTENT OF THIS BILL AT ALL IF THE BUILDING IS NOT ADA COMPLIANT WHEN YOUR LEASE IS UP YOU CAN'T LEASE THERE ANYMORE WE'RE NOT ASKING THESE PEOPLE TO IMPROVE THE BUILDINGS ON THE BEHALF OF PRIVATE OWNERS IF THE PRIVATE OWNERS DON'T IMPROVE THE BUILDINGS THEM'S WE'RE OUT OF THOSE BUILDINGS AS WE SHOULD BE AS WE SHOULD BE I'VE HEARD THIS WHY DO WE NEED THIS LAW WE'RE ALREADY SUPPOSED TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AREN'T WE BUT LOOK AROUND HAVE WE ANSWERED THAT MANDATE HAVE WE ANSWERED THAT MORAL OBLIGATION AND MADE SURE THAT THESE THINGS WERE DONE FOR OUR PEOPLE I LOOK AROUND AND I DON'T THINK SO AND SO WHILE THIS BILL MIGHT NOT BE THE PANACEA THAT SOLVES ALL OUR ADA COMPLIANCE ILLS IT'S ONE STEP AND IT'S A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS BEFORE US US WE'VE HEARD TWO SIDES TO THIS ARGUMENT TODAY ONE SIDE IS SPEAKING ABOUT COLLABORATION PUTTING OUR DIFFERENCES ASIDE AND WELCOMING ANY AND ALL AMENDMENTS TO IMPROVE THIS BILL TO MAKE IT A WORKABLE PRODUCT WE COULD ALL BE PROUD OF AND THEN THERE'S ANOTHER SIDE THAT SAYS IT'S WAY TOO COMPLICATED WE SHOULD DO NOTHING LET'S CAST ASPERSIONS ONTO THE CHARACTERS OF THOSE WHO WOULD PROFFER THIS BILL AND I WELCOME THOSE ASPERSION TO MY CHARACTER I DO BECAUSE IF YOU GOT TO ATTACK MY CHARACTER IT MEANS YOU HAVE NO GROUND TO STAND ON LOGICALLY ON YOUR POSITION AND YOU MUST RELY ON AD HOMINEM ATTACKS TO GET YOUR POINT THROUGH AND SO I WELCOME THAT WEAKNESS IN YOUR ARGUMENTS THE SPECIAL INTEREST HERE IS ABOUT THOSE WITH DISABILITIES BUT AS WE HEARD IN THE TESTIMONY FROM SOME OF THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS THESE RAMPS AND THESE BIGGER DOORS THEY ARE NOT JUST FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY NEEDS THEY'RE BETTER FOR ALL OF US WE ALL BENEFIT IT IS TARGETED TO HELP THESE PEOPLE BUT WE ALL BENEFIT VERY RARELY IN OUR LIVES DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROFIT AND DO THE RIGHT THING THIS PROFITS

THE WHOLE ISLAND AND IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO IT ANSWERS A MORAL IMPERATIVE THAT HAS BEEN THRUST UPON US THAT WE MUST ANSWER THE CALL TO THE ORIGINAL ADA WAS FROM THE 90S AND IT IS WITH GREAT SHAME THAT WE HAVE NOT FULLY IMPLEMENTED IT THAT BECAUSE OF THE LOOPHOLES OF GRANDFATHERED IN THINGS THAT WE HAVE NOT FULLY EMBRACED THAT CHANGE BUT AS WE START OUT OUR PROCUREMENT ISSUES AS WE ARE ABLE TO UNCLOG THE MONEY AND MAKE SURE THAT THEY FLOW TO WHERE THEY NEED TO GO LET'S NOT FORGET ABOUT THOSE WITH DISABILITIES AS WE DO THESE MAJOR RENOVATIONS AS WE REBUILD FOR SOMETHING BIGGER BETTER INTO THE FUTURE LET'S MAKE SURE WE BUILD FOR THEM TOO SO THAT THEY CAN SHARE IN THAT PROSPERITY WITH US SO THAT THEY DO NOT BECOME WARDS OF THE STATE AND BURDENS ON OUR COMMUNITY BUT THRIVING CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY PROUD IN THEIR PLACE IN OUR COMMUNITY I'M NOT SAYING THIS IS MY LAST BILL ON THE ADA IT PROBABLY WON'T BE I WILL PROBABLY TAKE A LOT OF THIS FEEDBACK AND REQUIRE OUR OWN BUILDINGS SO WE CAN LOOK IN THE MIRROR AND WE CAN BE PROUD THAT WE SET THE EXAMPLE SO I WELCOME THE CRITICISM AND THE FEEDBACK BECAUSE YOU TELL ME WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE AND IN THAT IMPROVEMENT AND IN THAT DAILY WORK WE CAN MAKE GUAM THE HEAVEN ON EARTH IT DESERVES TO BE WITH THAT MADAM CHAIR I ASK THE COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE AND I THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO MY SPIEL AND I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE THIRD READING AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 191-31 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE AND FURTHER AMEND IT ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES OH VICE SPEAKER.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON BILL 209-37 COR AS INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER THERESE M TERLAJE AND I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 209-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE IT'S AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 3803 3805 3806 07 08 09 3810 3811 3813 AND 3814 ALL OF CHAPTER 3 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL AND DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ON TO THE THIRD READING FILE I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MAY PROCEED SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO BILL 209-37 WAS INTRODUCED AT THE REQUEST OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL SO THESE ARE THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS THEY'RE GOVERNED BY AN ADVISORY COUNCIL AND CURRENTLY THE WAY THIS I'M GOING TO CALL THEM CHC FROM HERE ON THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS OR CHC'S ARE OPERATED IN TERMS OF COMPOSITION AND AUTHORITY CONFLICTS WITH THE HEALTH RESOURCE AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION OR HERSA GUIDELINES THIS IS A FEDERAL ORGANIZATION ENTITY AND DPHSS THROUGH ITS BUREAU OF PRIMARY CARE SERVICES APPLIED FOR AND RECEIVES GRANTS FROM HERSA TO PROVIDE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES TO THE MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES AND VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE TERRITORY OF GUAM SO IN OTHER WORDS THAT'S WHERE CHC OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS GETS THEIR FUNDING THAT'S FROM HERSA BUT OUR GUIDE OUR ADVISORY OR SOME OF OUR PROVISIONS IN OUR LAW ARE NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HERA'S GUIDELINES FIRST THE ADVISORY COUNCIL IS AN ADVISORY COUNCIL WHICH CONFLICTS WITH CHAPTER 19 OF THE HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM COMPLIANCE MANUAL WHICH STATES THAT THE HEALTH CENTER MUST ESTABLISH A GOVERNING BOARD THAT HAS SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSIGHT OF THE HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM PROJECT THUS A MAJOR ASPECT OF BILL 209 IS CHANGING THE ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE GUAM COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS IT'S ABBREVIATED IN THE BILL GCHCBD SO WE'RE CHANGING IT FROM AN ADVISORY COUNCIL TO A BOARD OF DIRECTORS WHICH RETAINS A GOVERNING CAPACITY AS OPPOSED TO AN ADVISORY ONE SECONDLY THE CURRENT COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD IS ALSO NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH HERSA GUIDELINES BECAUSE THE CURRENT NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE COUNCIL WHICH IS SEVEN IS LESS THAN THE RECOMMENDED RANGE STIPULATED IN CHAPTER 20 WHICH STATES THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD MUST CONSIST OF AT LEAST NINE AND NO MORE THAN 25 MEMBERS ADDITIONALLY CHAPTER 20 OF THE MANUAL STATES THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD QUOTE MUST BE PATIENTS SERVED BY THE HEALTH CENTER UNQUOTE AND THE REMAINING MEMBERS MUST BE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY AND SELECTED FOR THEIR EXPERTISE IN RELEVANT SUBJECT MATTERS AREAS THE AMENDED

VERSION OF THE BILL ADDRESSES THESE AREAS OF CONCERN AND ESSENTIALLY PUTS CHC IN COMPLIANCE WITH HERSA GUIDELINES AND ENSURES THAT THEY FOLLOW THE RULES TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT FUNDING WE WE BELIEVE THAT THIS IS TO THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITIES THAT THESE COMMUNITY HOUSE CENTERS ARE SERVING AT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THIS BILL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES AND THOSE MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WERE ALL IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THEY MADE SOME ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGES AND MANY OF THOSE WERE INCORPORATED IN THIS BILL AS WELL AND THOSE ARE OUTLINED IN THE FINDINGS ON THE BILL SO WE HAVE CHANGED A NUMBER OF BOARD MEMBERS TO 13 FROM 7 TO 13 THIS NUMBER FITS INTO THE RANGE RECOMMENDED BY THE DOCUMENTS AND THE INDIVIDUALS WHO TESTIFIED AND FURTHER THE LEGAL BUREAU OF THE LEGISLATURE SAID A RANGE IS NOT REALLY GOING TO BE VERY APPROPRIATE SO WE PUT IN AN ACTUAL NUMBER THAT WAS SOLID AND IT'S AN ODD NUMBER SO THEY WILL KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY NEED TO ESTABLISH QUORUM AND OTHER THINGS THE BBMR SUBMITTED A FISCAL NOTE STATING THAT THE BILL IS PRIMARILY ADMINISTRATIVE IN IN IN NATURE SO THERE WAS NO FUNDING IMPACT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EXCEPT THAT WE PAY QUARTERLY STIPENDS TO THESE BOARD MEMBERS FROM THE REVOLVING FUNDS OF THE CHC SO CHC IN ADDITION TO FEDERAL GRANTS IS ALSO FUNDED BY SOME OF THE SERVICES THEY ARE ABLE TO CHARGE AND SO THROUGH THOSE CHARGES THEY'RE ALSO ABLE TO FUND SO THEY YOU HAVE A REVOLVING FUND WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO TO BE SELF-SUFFICIENT SO WHAT I WOULD I WOULD ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT THE CHANGES THAT WE'RE MAKING TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AS YOU KNOW WE ALSO IN ADDITION TO THE HEARING ON THE BILL HAD A AN OVERSIGHT HEARING ON THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SO THAT WE COULD SEE WE HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS REGARD THE REGARDING THESE WE RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS REGARDING ISSUES THAT THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ADDRESSING WHEN WE WE WERE HEARING EVEN THE HOS THE NEW HOSPITAL BILLS AS IF THE NEW HOSPITAL WAS GOING TO SETTLE THOSE MATTERS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE COMMUNITY SO THE TESTIMONY PRETTY MUCH LINED UP THAT IF WE SHORE UP THESE THINGS AND THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SHORE UP ADDITIONAL SERVICES THAT WE COULD FURTHER SERVICE OUR PATIENTS AND AS YOU KNOW THESE ARE THOSE IN GREATEST NEED OF OUR IN OUR COMMUNITY SO WE ALSO HEARD AT ANOTHER OVERSIGHT HEARING ON PUBLIC HEALTH THAT PUBLIC HEALTH HAS HAD TO MOVE SOME OF ITS SERVICES SINCE IT WAS MOVED OUT OF THE BUILDING IN MANGILAO INTO SOME OF THESE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND THEY'RE QUITE CROWDED BUT THEY ARE DOING THE BEST THAT THEY CAN AND THEY ARE DOING MORE THEY JUST HAD A RECENT VISIT BY HERSA REPRESENTATIVES WHO WERE ABLE TO REVIEW WHAT THEY THEY ARE DOING AND SUGGESTED TO THEM YOU KNOW SOME AREAS WHERE THEY COULD SHORE UP ONE OF THEM WAS JUST COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND SO YOU MAY HAVE SEEN NOTICES RECENTLY THAT THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ARE DOING A LOT MORE SO THEY WORK VERY HARD AND I THINK THEY'RE STILL A LITTLE UNDERSTAFFED SO I'M HOPING THAT THIS GOVERNING BOARD WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM BEING ABLE TO HIRE ONCE AND FOR ALL LIKE CEO AND THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO HIRE AND AND IT WILL BE WITHIN THEIR DISCRETION TO HIRE STAFF AS WELL TO FULLY PERFORM THE SERVICES THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS WE DON'T WE STILL DO NOT HAVE ALL THE SERVICES THAT OUR COMMUNITY NEEDS WE'VE HEARD THAT THERE ARE X-RAY MACHINES AND STORAGE ROOMS THERE ARE DENTAL SERVICES NOT BEING PROVIDED THOSE ARE ALL BEING PROVIDED BY THE CENTRAL MANGILAO FACILITY SO WHAT HOWEVER WE CAN SHORE UP THESE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FACILITIES WILL HELP US TO ADDRESS ALL THE CAPACITY THAT THAT REALLY WENT DOWN BECAUSE OF COVID AND TO HELP THEM BOOST BACK UP SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO HELP ME IN SUPPORTING THIS BILL AND TO HELP THOSE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE ANY ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER YEAH MADAM VICE SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION IN THE QUEST TO BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH OUR HEALTH ISSUES ARE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM ISSUES YOU KNOW ONE OF THE AREAS THAT OBVIOUSLY THAT I TOOK FOCUS ON WAS ESTABLISHMENT OF URGENT CARE FACILITIES URGENT CARE CENTER WITHIN MORE SPECIFIC MOST AND SPECIFICALLY THE IN INARAJAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER AND SO I APPRECIATE AND I REC YOU KNOW THE INTENT OF THIS THIS LEGISLATION AND I SEE THAT IT WOULD BE ABLE TO I AS AS THE AUTHOR HAD STATED IT WOULD PUT THE I GUESS THE BODY THAT IS CHARGED WITH MANAGING THE HEALTH CENTER PROGRAMS MORE IN LINE WITH THE GRANTING AGENCY THAT PROVIDES THEM THE FUNDING TO BE ABLE TO CONDUCT THEIR

DUTIES HOWEVER IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS I GUESS IN IN IN IN AMENDING THE STATUTE WITH REGARD TO THE CENTER I NOTICE HERE WE HAVE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CEO AND I GUESS THE QUESTION A QUESTION THAT I WOULD LIKE TO POSE AND I HOPEFULLY THE AUTHOR WOULD YIELD TO THIS QUESTION IS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISPOSITION THE CEO IS THIS POSITION ACTUALLY IS THERE THE AUTHORITY TO BE ABLE TO FIRST OFF HIRE A CEO AND THEN WHAT ARE WE PAYING THIS PERSON SO I GUESS THAT IF THE AUTHOR CAN YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO MINORITY LEADER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES AND I THANK THE AUTHOR OF THE QUESTION IT'S AN EXCELLENT QUESTION AND THIS IS ACTUALLY ONE OF THE CORES I THINK OF THE IMPETUS BEHIND THE ADVISORY COUNCIL SEEKING OUR HELP THAT IS BECAUSE WITHOUT A CEO THEY HAVE HAD SO MANY CHALLENGES TRYING TO LIVE UP TO THE MANDATE WHICH INCLUDES URGENT CARE OF THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WHEN THEY FINALLY HIRED A CEO THE LAST CEO THAT WAS FOR THERE FOR A LONG TIME WAS LINDA DENORCEY I REMEMBER SHE WAS TAPPED OUT OF THERE TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES I THINK SHE WAS THE CEO FOR 10 YEARS AND THE HEALTH CENTERS WERE REALLY THRIVING BUT AFTER THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO HIRE A CEO AND WHEN THEY DID HIRE ONE IT WAS FIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR AFTER ONE MONTH SO THEY'VE BEEN IN THIS TYPE OF A SITUATION AND SO HERSA MADE IT VERY CLEAR YOUR BOARD IS SUPPOSED TO HIRE THE CEO AND THE STATUTE SAYS THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS HIRES THE CEO AND SO OUR BILL IS MAKING IT VERY CLEAR IN ANY CONFLICTING STATUTES THAT SOMETIMES HAVE DIRECTOR SOMETIMES HAVE THE BUREAU THAT IT IS THE GOVERNING BOARD THAT HIRES THE CEO AND THE CEO WHO HAS ALMOST ALL OF THE REST OF THE AUTHORITY OF THESE HEALTH CENTERS IT'S EITHER THE CEO OR THE OR THE GOVERNING BOARD NOW WHO WOULD HAVE ANY OF THE OTHER AUTHORITIES LISTED IN OUR STATUTES OR IN THE HERSA GUIDELINES I HOPE THAT ANSWERS THE QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MINORITY LEADER.

SENATOR BLAS: IT IT DOES IN WITH REGARD TO HISTORICALLY HOW IT'S BEEN DONE BEFORE HOWEVER THE POSITION OF WHETHER OR NOT HE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THIS THE ORGANIZATION THE CEO AT THAT POINT IN TIME WAS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ALREADY THIS PROVIDES THE OPPORTUNITY TO NOW HIRE SPECIFICALLY AN INDIVIDUAL NOT COLLATERAL DUTY BUT CEO AND IN THAT THERE ARE THE BILL YOU LEAVE VERY CAREFULLY THERE ARE SOME AREAS HERE WHERE IT WAS ONCE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER WHICH IS NOW GOING TO BE THE FALL UNDER THE CEO SO THERE'S A MESH OF OF NOW ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES DUAL OR OR OR OR EXISTING RESPONSIBILITIES IS DIFFERENT NOW UNDER A UNDER A DIFFERENT TITLE HOWEVER I DON'T SEE HERE WHILE WE'RE GOING TO SAY THAT THE BOARD HAS THE AUTHORITY TO HIRE THE CEO IT STILL APPEARS THAT THE CEO IS ANSWERABLE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SO HOW'S THAT WORK YOU'RE YOU YOU'RE HIRED BY THE BOARD BUT YOU BUT YOU'RE MANAGED BY A DIRECTOR AGAIN I I APPRECIATE AND THE THE THE THE INTENT OF THE BILL I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE' CROSS WE'RE CROSSING OUR TEES AND DOTTING OUR EYES WITH WHETHER OR NOT FIRST OFF THE BOARD HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO HIRE THIS INDIVIDUAL IS GOING TO BE THAT GOING TO BE HIRED YOU KNOW CAN TAKE ON THIS RULE AND YOU KNOW WITH NOW STILL BEING ANSWERABLE TO THE DIRECTOR WHAT ROLE DOES THE DIRECTOR HAVE IN THE HIRING OR IF HE'S ANSWERABLE TO THE DIRECTOR AND THE DIRECTOR IS NOT PLEASED CAN THE DIRECTOR FIRE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO IS THAT AN INQUIRY TO THE OFFICE.

SENATOR BLAS: THAT'S AN INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY WITH THAT BEING SAID BEFORE YOU ANSWER SPEAKER WE'RE GOING TO CALL A MOMENT RECESS THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO RESET THE MICS AND WE'RE GOING TO CALL FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS AND THEN SHE CAN ANSWER THE INQUIRY.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THE ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES I'D LIKE TO YIELD AND I THANK THE AUTHOR AGAIN FOR THE QUESTION THERE IS ONE PROVISION OF THE BILL THE BILL WAS CHANGED SO THAT EVERY REFERENCE TO THE DIRECTOR OR THE BUREAU IN REGARDS TO A POWER THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE UNDER THE CEO ACCORDING TO HERSA WAS CHANGED TO READ CEO THERE'S ONE PART THAT SAYS THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT BUDGETING CASH AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTING AND OPERATING OVERSITE OF ALL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTERS SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR BECAUSE THESE ARE STILL UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH HOWEVER IF YOU READ FURTHER THE DUTIES OF THE CEO AS AS IN THE STATUTE THAT WE DID NOT AMEND BECAUSE IT WAS ALREADY IN LAW SAYS THERE'S ESTABLISHED YOU KNOW WITHIN THE PROGRAM THE CEO RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE OVERALL OPERATIONS FINANCES PERSONNEL FACILITIES OF THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MISSION VISION VALUES OF THE COUNCIL SO YEAH AND AND AND THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AGREED AND SO WE WE WENT THROUGH THE BILL TOGETHER WITH THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL WHICH WAS MAYOR SAVARIS AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF AND THE DIRECTOR THEY ALL CONCURRED THAT THAT THESE CHANGES WOULD WOULD EFFECTUATE THE ACTUAL GOVERNANCE TO THE CEO BUT JUST BECAUSE IT STILL IS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH IT'S YOU KNOW THOSE THAT THAT PROVISION REMAINS IT JUST SHOWS THE ORGANIZATION YEAH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS YOU'RE STILL RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SPEAKER YOU KNOW MADAM VICE SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE THE EXPLANATION HOWEVER AGAIN YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THE POWER TO THE BOARD TO HIRE BUT BUT THEN LEAVE THE POWER OF THE TO TAKE ACTION TO THE DIRECTOR WHAT DOES THE DIRECTOR HAVE WITH THE HIRING IS THERE INVOLVEMENT IN THAT HIRING AND IF THE CEO REPORTS TO THE DIRECTOR YOU KNOW WHAT WHAT POWER DOES THE DIRECTOR HAVE OVER THE CEO YOU KNOW M AGAIN IT'S NOT MY INTENT I DON'T WANT I I LIKE THE BILL I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO BE ABLE TO FIX THIS AND THIS IS IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE WE CAN GO STANDING UP GOING BACK AND FORTH ON THIS RIGHT NOW AND MY UNDERSTANDING IS THERE'S OTHER COLLEAGUES THAT HAVE YOU KNOW OTHER CONCERNS AND OTHER QUESTIONS IF I CAN SUGGEST SO THAT WE DON'T BELABOR THIS CAN WE TAKE A RECESS UNTIL LUNCH FOR LUNCH AND THEN COME COME BACK RIGHT AFTER LUNCH AT 2 P.M. I GUESS THAT'S MY MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO RECESS TO 2 P.M. WE ARE IN MO MOTION CARRIES WE ARE IN RECESS TO 2 P.M.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS AND BEFORE WE LEFT COLLEAGUES WE HAD TO RESET THE MICS WE WERE WITH MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS WHO I THINK WANTED TO DO AN AMENDMENT AND I'M GOING TO ASK MINORITY LEADER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT SO YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAME CHAIR YOU MADAM CHAIR MY DISCUSSION WAS BASICALLY THE SUCCESSION OF THE LINE OF AUTHORITY FOR THE CEO THAT'S BEING ESTABLISHED BY THIS BY THIS LEGISLATION AND THE CONCERN THAT WITH REGARD TO IF THE CEO IS GOING TO BE HIRED BY THE BOARD BUT THEN HAS TO RE REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE DIRECTOR WHAT THEN IS THE ROLE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH I I THINK TO BE ABLE TO RESOLVE THAT I'M GOING TO REFER TO PAGE FIVE LINE 6 THROUGH 11 OKAY AND IT STARTS LINE SIX THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT BUDGETING CASH AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE MICS ARE OUT CAN WE WE'LL GET WE'LL TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS COLLEAGUES I DO APOLOGIZE WE WE ARE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES THE AUDIO TEAM HAVE SAID THAT THEY'VE RESET THE MICS AND EVERYTHING IS IS GOING GOOD NOW SO I WILL YIELD BACK TO MINORITY LEADER YOUR MIC IS STILL NOT WORKING.

SENATOR BLAS: TEST NOW IT IS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY YOU MAY PROCEED SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER SO WITH REGARD TO THE CONCERN THAT I HAD HERE WITH IS IS PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT FOUND ON PAGE 5 LINE 6 THROUGH 11 THAT BASICALLY READS THE OVERALL MANAGEMENT BUDGETING CASH AND PROPERTY ACCOUNTING AND OPERATING OVERSIGHT OF ALL REGIONAL HEALTH CENTERS SHALL BE EXERCISED BY THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES TO WHOM THE BUREAU HAD REPORTS TO NAMELY THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER OF THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SO BASICALLY THE AMENDMENT THAT THAT I PROPOSE HERE IS SO THAT THERE IS NO IT'S WHETHER OR NOT THE DIRECTOR HAS THE AUTHORITY AND IN THIS CASE IT DOESN'T THEN THE THE NECESSITY FOR THAT LINE FOR THAT SENTENCE IS NOT NECESSARY SO MY AMENDMENT IS TO STRIKE OUT THAT LANGUAGE FOUND IN PAGE 5 LINES 6 THROUGH 11.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MINORITY LEADER COLLEAGUES AGAIN THE AMENDMENT SHOULD BE IN FRONT OF YOU AND IT'S STRIKING OUT STARTING WITH THE WORD THE ALL THE WAY DOWN TO LINE 11 ON ON LINE 6 AND ALL THE WAY DOWN TO 11 AT PUBLIC HEALTH PERIOD CLOSE QUOTE THAT WAS A MOTION TO DELETE ANYONE ELSE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT ANYONE WANTING TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT IS THERE AN OBJECTION ARE THERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR JOE YOU YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER WITH THE AUTHOR AS WE STRIKE OUT THE DIRECTOR CAUSE THE UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS FUNCTION IS ALL FERALLY FUNDED WHEN THE GRANT WAS APPLIED FOR AND IS BEING USED WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GRANT WHEN THE AUTHORITY WAS WITH THE DIRECTOR THEN AND JUST JUST VERY CURIOUS BECAUSE IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD HAVE TO FUND MAYBE I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN ANSWER IT OR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL CAN ANSWER THIS WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH FEDERAL MONEY WHICH THIS WHOLE PROGRAM IS RUN BY FAIRLY FUNDED THAT MY UNDERSTANDING WHEN YOU STRIKE THE PERSON THAT APPLIED FOR THE GRANT WHAT HAPPENS TO THE GRANT AND HOW DO YOU I MEAN THERE'S A LOT OF COORDINATION WHEN YOU'RE DEALING IN MONEY ESPECIALLY FEDERAL MONEY HOW DOES IT GO BACKWARDS AND SAY HEY UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT YOU KNOW I APPLIED IT THEN BUT I'VE BEEN TAKEN OUT OF THE LOOP HOW CAN WE FIX IT THERE'S A LOT OF MECHANISM AND A LOT OF THESE THINGS NEED TO BE IN WRITING BECAUSE IF WE START MOVING INTO MONEY I WANT TO MAKE SURE WE PROTECT THE MONEY THAT WE HAVE TO TODAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I'M GOING TO YIELD THAT QUESTION TO EITHER OR WHOEVER WANTS TO SPEAK FIRST I YIELD TO YOU SPEAKER IF YOU WANT TO AND THEN YOU TO FRANK AS THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE YES THAT'S A VERY GOOD QUESTION SO THERE THERE WAS OVERLAP THE AMENDMENTS TO THE BILL ON PAGE FOUR ALSO HIGHLIGHT THAT ONE OF THE VERY SPECIFIC TESTIMONIES AND REQUEST FROM THIS NEW BOARD MEMBERS WAS THAT THEY BE GIVEN THAT THE AUTHORITY BE SQUARELY GRANTED TO THEM TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANTS AND BUT YOU'RE CORRECT IT WAS PUBLIC HEALTH THAT WAS MANAGING THE GRANTS THERE CONTINUES TO BE OVERLAP SO EVEN WITH THESE LAWS THESE THIS BOARD ENTERS INTO AN MOU WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND BECAUSE IT'S UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH THE HIRING IS STILL GOING TO BE DONE THROUGH DOA LIKE A LINE AGENCY DOES AND SO ALL OF THAT IS THAT IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE YOU KNOW CIVIL SERVICE REQUIREMENTS SO YES THERE'S A LITTLE OVERLAP BUT WE ARE NEWLY EXCLUSIVELY ALLOWING THE CEO I MEAN SORRY THE THE THE NEW GOVERNING BOARD TO BE THE ONE TO RECEIVE AND AND APPLY FOR THE GRANTS WITH WITH AN MOU WITH THE DIRECTOR REGARDING YOU KNOW ALL OTHER GOVERNMENT OF GUAM REQUIREMENTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER MINORITY LEADER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD ALSO TO THAT OR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MINE STILL WORKS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE ARE HAVING MIC MICROPHONE DIFFICULTIES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER BEFORE I THE THE AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT SPEAKS I LIKE TO JUST COMMENT BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND WHERE THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL IS COMING FROM THERE'S AN OVERLAPPING FINE THE KEY IS YOU HAVE A CURRENT GRANT HOW IS THAT PROTECTED BY CHANGING THE

LAW AND AS THERE BEEN OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YEAH WE TALKED ABOUT IT THEY SPOKE ABOUT IT SHOW ME THE PAPER SO WE KNOW HOW WE'RE TRACKING THE MONEY BECAUSE WHEN SOMETHING STARTS FALLING THROUGH THE CRACK ALL WE'RE GOING TO SAY WELL THIS BODY APPROVED IT I'LL LOOK AT YOU LIKE MHM DOESN'T WORK THAT WAY LET'S MAKE SURE WE'RE CLEAN WE WALK AWAY I I HAVE NO I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THE BILL I LIKE THAT CEO I LIKE THAT CHANGING THIS I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH IT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T LOSE OUT OR ANYTHING IF IT'S IN WRITING THE DIRECTOR SAYS YEAH WE HAVE AN MOU MOI OR WHATEVER YOU WANT TO CHOOSE TO NAME IT SHOW THE WRITING BECAUSE THIS BILL IS MOVING FORWARD WHEN WE VOTE FOR THIS THERE'S NOTHING IN PLACE I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE PROTECTED SO I SUPPORT THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU I WAS YIELDING TO THE MINORITY LEADER BUT UH I THINK THE SPEAKER HAD A POINT OF INFORMATION DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION AND THEN I'M GOING TO CALL A BREAK SO WE CAN HAVE THE MINORITY LEADERS SAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES THANK YOU SO I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT SO AS AN ADDITION TO THE BILL AND THE REGULATIONS OR YES THERE ARE RULES AND REGS THAT ALSO APPLY TO THIS LAW THERE IS AN IT'S CALLED A CO-APPLICANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES THIS CO-APPLICANT AGREEMENT GETS APPROVAL BY HERSA SO THAT EVERYBODY'S DUTIES ARE OUTLINED AND WHEN IT COMES TO FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT IT'S PRETTY MUCH DOA SO THEY HAVE A WHOLE PAGE OR MORE IN HERE ABOUT DOA'S RESPONSIBILITIES IN FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT THE DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND THE CEO AND THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITIES AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT BUT THE THE ACCOUNTING PROCUREMENT AUDITS INTERNAL CONTROL SYSTEMS AND YOU KNOW INCLUDING THE FEDERAL LOCAL AND PROGRAM INCOME FUNDS IS WITH DOA PRIMARILY YES WITH YOU KNOW OF COURSE THE CEO DETERMINES HOW THE MONEY SHOULD BE SPENT BUT ALL OF IT GOES THROUGH DOA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER WE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN HAD THE FLOOR YIELDING TO SENATOR BLAS I AM GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS TO MAKE SURE HIS MICROPHONE IS WORKING MOMENTS RECESS CAN WE.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE GOING TO TRY THIS AGAIN MINORITY LEADER YOU ARE STILL RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE DIALOGUE THAT WAS HAPPENING BUT IF WE CAN DISPENSE OF THE OF THE AMENDMENT I I KNOW THAT THERE IS THE CONCERN WITH REGARD TO THAT BUT AND I DO HAVE QUESTIONS IN IN LINE WITH YOU KNOW THE CONCERNS BROUGHT ON BY THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM YIGO HOWEVER IT IF WE CAN DISPENSE TO THE AMENDMENT FIRST AND THEN WE CAN BECAUSE I'M NOT DONE YET.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES MINORITY LEADER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER ALONG THOSE LINES IF YOU GO DOWN TO PAGE EIGHT LING NO HANG ON PAGE 11 LINE8 THIS WAS REFERENCE TO THE OFFICERS AND THE MEETING REQUIREMENTS AND LINE8 IT SAYS THE DIRECTOR OR OR THE DIVISION HEAD OR BOTH SHALL BE PRESENT ON ALL CONSUL GCHCBD MEETINGS DO WE WANT TO SAY THEM OR THE CEO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO TAKE THAT AS AN INQUIRY SPEAKER TERLAJE WOULD YOU LIKE TO ANSWER THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: NO THIS WASN'T YES I WILL AND I THIS WAS INTENDED TO BE THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH SO AGAIN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE A GOVERNING BOARD THEY STILL OPERATE UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH PUBLIC HEALTH IS SUPPOSED TO ASSIST THEM SO YEAH THIS IS TO MANDATE THAT THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIVISION HAD BE PRESENT THE THE CEO OF COURSE WILL BE THERE BECAUSE OF THEIR ROLE BUT THIS IS IN.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY WELL ALONG THOSE LINES MA'AM I CAN UNDERSTAND WE WE RECOGNIZE WHO THE DIRECTOR WILL BE BUT THEN WHEN YOU SAY OR DIVISION HEAD DIVISION HEAD WERE BECAUSE IF WE EFFECTIVELY TOOK THE THE DIVISION HAD OUT FROM THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER WHICH DIVISION HEAD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT HERE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER THERESE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU TRYING TO REMEMBER THE NAME OF THE DIVISION BUT THERE THIS IS A THERE THIS IS UNDER THE BUREAU OF PRIMARY CARE SERVICES WHERE THIS PROGRAM IS ESTABLISHED AND THAT BUREAU BELONGS TO A DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES I THINK IT'S THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH SO PUBLIC HEALTH IS DIVIDED INTO YEAH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND A SOMETHING ELSE MAYBE SOCIAL SERVICE SORRY I DON'T HAVE THE ORGANIZATION CHART BUT I BELIEVE IT'S A DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH BUT IT'S UNDER THE BUREAU OF PRIMARY CARE AND THAT BUREAU THERE ARE SEVERAL OTHER BUREAUS UNDERNEATH THAT DIVISION DIVISION'S HIGH UP SORRY IT'S NOT REFERRING TO THE BOARD AT ALL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH THANK YOU SPEAKER MINORITY LEADER THIS THAT HELP.

SENATOR BLAS: AND FOR THE PURPOSES OF TRYING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THE AMBIGUITY THAT IN SOME OF THE PLACES THAT'S WHY I SAY I YOU KNOW WE THE ASSUMPTION HERE IS THE DIRECTOR MEANS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH OR THE DIVISION HEAD YOU KNOW THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT DIVISION HEADS AND SO I I THINK THAT IT'S FOR PURPOSES OF CLARITY WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S CONSISTENT WITH THE REST OF THE STATUTE OR REST OF REST OF THE THE SECTION OF LAW THAT WE'RE TRYING TO WE'RE TRYING TO FIX YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER NOW GOING BACK TO THE CONCERN RAISED BY THE GOOD GENTLEMAN FROM YIGO WITH REGARDS TO THE CEO IT DOES MENTION HERE THAT IT IS THE BOARD'S RESPONSIBILITY TO BE ABLE TO HIRE FIRE AND EVALUATE THE PERFORMANCE OF THE CEO BUT WHERE HERE IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CRITERIA OR THE OR WHAT THEY SHOULD BE LOOKING FOR IN THE CEO AND WHAT IS THE SALARY OF THE CEO HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE ESTABLISHED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD SPEAKER.

SENATOR BLAS: YES PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE AND THESE POSITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED ALREADY UNDER DOA SO THE CRITERIA I'M SURE IS LISTED THERE IT'S IT'S NOT RANDOM THEY'RE NOT DOING IT RANDOMLY IN FACT THIS THE RECRUIT PROCESS I THINK THEY THEY KNOW THEY'RE LINE AGENCY SO THEY FOLLOW DOA IT'S JUST THAT DECISION AND THEY MAY EVEN GET THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF DOA BUT THE THE ULTIMATE DECISION IS UP TO THEM THE BOARD BUT THE RECRUITMENT PROCESS IS CIVIL SERVICE SO IT GOES THROUGH DOA AND IT IT'S SET BY POSITION SCALE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MINORITY LEADER.

SENATOR BLAS: SO MADAM CHAIR IF IF THE IF THE GOOD AUTHOR CAN YIELD TO ANOTHER QUESTION SO IT IS OUR THEN IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THERE IS ALREADY A SLOTTED THERE IS A POSITION WITH A SALARY THAT IS OKAY WITHIN THE STAFFING PATTERN I'M ASSUMABLY WITH DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SPEAKER THERESE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I DON'T WANT TO ASSUME OR GUESS AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY BUT EVEN IN THEIR CONTRACT THEY LIST OUT THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION AND THEY SAY THAT THE RECRUITMENT OF THE CEO SHALL BE THROUGH THE DOA HUMAN RESOURCES PROCESS AND THEN PUBLIC HEALTH PARTICIPATES IN THE INTERVIEW TO TOGETHER WITH THE BOARD BUT THAT THE ULTIMATE DECISION IS THE BOARD AND AND THEN THE BOARD DOES THE DISCIPLINE THIS IS ALL IN THEIR CONTRACT THAT THEY'VE MADE BETWEEN DOA PUBLIC HEALTH NOW AND THE BOARD.

SENATOR BLAS: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO THE PER SORRY THE PERSONNEL THEY FOLLOW THE PERSONNEL RULES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YEAH.

SENATOR BLAS: YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER CAN I BRING THESE QUESTIONS UP THESE CONCERN UP YOU KNOW JUST SO BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THE BOARD NOR PUBLIC HEALTH HANGING WITH REGARDS TO WHO'S GOT WHAT RESPONSIBILITY AND WHO'S GOING TO PAY FOR WHAT AND I APPRECIATE THAT YOU KNOW AND I RE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOOD AUTHOR HERE WITHOUT THERE'S NO CERTAINTY ON WHETHER OR NOT YOU KNOW THIS ISN'T EXIST NOR SALARY AGAIN I'M IF ONCE THIS BILL GOES OUT IT BECOMES LAW AND THEN WHEN IT BECOMES LAW OKAY WHAT WAS WHAT IS THE CRITERIA WHAT IS THE SALARY WHAT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OF THIS CEO WE GOT TO MAKE SURE WE CROSS OUR T'S AND DOT OUR I'S BEFORE THIS YOU KNOW THIS LEGISLATION LEAVES OUR HOUSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: POINT POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH LET ME JUST GO BACK SO THIS THE THERE IS NO AMBIGUITY IN THIS PROGRAM SO WE'RE AMENDING 3803 LET ME JUST SEE IF WE AMEND 3804 IN THIS STATUTE TOO WE DIDN'T AMEND 384 BECAUSE 384 STATES VERY VERY CLEARLY THAT THE CEO POSITION IS ESTABLISHED IT'S BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR YEARS THEY'VE BEEN HIRING FOR YEARS OR YOU KNOW THEY WERE ABLE TO DO IT FOR YEARS THE IT SAYS THE SALARY SHALL BE BASED UPON THE NATIONAL STANDARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS IN THE US SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND INCLUDED IN ALL SUBSEQUENT BUDGETS IT'S BUT IT'S IT'S A DOA PROCESS SO IT'S ESTABLISHED IT'S NOT IT'S NOT AT ALL IN QUESTION THERE'S NO QUESTION AS TO THEIR ABILITY TO HIRE THEY'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT IT'S JUST A QUESTION OF WHO GETS TO TERMINATE I THINK WAS REALLY THEIR DISPUTE SO IT'S IT'S IS EVEN ESTABLISHED BY LAW AND AND DOA PROCESS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER MINORITY LEADER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR MINORITY LEADER COULD YOU TRY.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU SORRY MY MIC'S NOT WORKING THANK YOU APPRECIATE AND AND AGAIN IT'S NOT MY INTENT TO BE ABLE TO POKE HOLES AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE HOLES ARE FILLED BEFORE WE MOVE FORWARD ON THIS AND I APPRECIATE THE YOU KNOW THE THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED BY THIS BY THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL I'M COMFORTABLE WITH THAT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE SURE THAT THAT THAT'S TAKEN CARE OF OKAY THERE IS ONE MORE HANG ON I GOT TO GO BACK TO MY YEAH AND I'M SURE THAT THIS NEXT ONE MAN IT'S JUST A MATTER OF IT'S A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IT'S FOUND ON PAGE 11 LINE 10 IT SAYS 7 AND THEN IN PARENTHESIS 47 SO AGAIN IT'S TYPE I'M SURE IT'S A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR BUT IT JUST NEEDS TO BE JUST YOU KNOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A MOTION TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IF I MAY YIELD MADAM SPEAKER THAT THE FOUR IS CROSSED OUT BUT IT'S JUST IT GOES STRAIGHT ACROSS THE LINE OF THE FOUR IT'S JUST IT'S HARD TO SEE SO THE FOUR IS CROSSED OFF EVEN THE NUMBER FOUR IS CROSSED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

SENATOR BLAS: DIDN'T LOOK LIKE THAT HERE IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS A FOUR JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE BUT YOU KNOW MADAM SPEAKER AGAIN I SUPPORT I STAND IN SUPPORT OF OF THE INTEND THE OF THIS LEGISLATION I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE THIS POWER AND THIS THIS RESPONSIBILITY TO THE BOARD MUCH LESS NOT TO THE CEO WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THERE'S NO AMBIGUITY AND THERE'S THERE'S THE CLEAR DISTINCTION THE LINE OF AUTHORITY BECAUSE PRIOR TO THE PROFIT OF THE AMENDMENT YOU HAD A CHAIRMAN CEO WHO WAS GOING TO BE HIRED BY THE BOARD BUT HAD TO REPORT ALL OF HIS ACTIONS AND THE MANAGEMENT CONTROL WAS STILL UNDER THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN IF YOU LOOK AT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BOARD THEY HAVE THAT RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL SO THERE WAS THERE WAS BASICALLY A A OVERLAP IN HIS WITH RESPONSIBILITY AND I WANT TO MAKE MAKE SURE THAT WAS CLEAR AGAIN I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE INTENT OF THE LEGISLATION AND I'M HOPING AS IT WAS POINTED OUT BY SENATOR FROM FROM YIGO IS THAT IN THIS PROCESS THAT THE GRANT PROGRAM IN ITSELF THERE IS THAT UNDERSTANDING NOW THAT OKAY THEY IN THAT IN THAT GRANT THEY

PAY FOR THIS POSITION BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT IT APPEARS LIKE HERE AND YOU KNOW UNLESS I'M GOING TO BE UNLESS I'M WRONG BUT THAT'S WHAT IT IT APPEARS LIKE AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MOVING FORWARD THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD AND BE ABLE TO BRING IN THEIR CEO AND AND AND MOVE THINGS THEN FINALLY GET THAT URGENT CARE FACILITY YOU KNOW DOWN IN INALÅHAN UP AND RUNNING SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MINORITY LEADER ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND THE PAGE THE I THINK LEGAL NEEDS TO MAKE THE CORRECTION THEY IDENTIFIED CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE THE REPORT GOES TO THAT'S BEEN LONG GONE CHAIRMAN OF FINANCE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF APPROPRIATION OPERATIONS GOT TO CHANGE THE TITLE MAYBE LEGAL CAN DO THAT CORRECTION AND IF THE AUTHOR WOULD.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO ASK LEGAL TO MAKE TECHNICAL CHANGES TO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT I JUST WANT TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTION THIS MOTION CARRIES THANK YOU SENATOR YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OTHER THAN THAT I'M I'M I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR BARNETT I WILL RECOGNIZE YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE BILL I THINK IT'S A IT'S A GREAT BILL AND IT WAS FRUSTRATING TO SIT IN ON THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS MEASURE AND TO HEAR THIS THE MEMBERS OF THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL TALK ABOUT HOW FRUSTRATED THEY WERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU KNOW AS AS YOU GUYS KNOW IN THIS HALL THE STATE OF OUR ISLANDS HEALTHCARE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MAIN CONVERSATIONS WE'VE BEEN HAVING SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM AND WHILE WE WERE ENGAGING IN OUR DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHERE TO BUILD THE NEW HOSPITAL ONE OF THE THINGS THAT BECAME A BIG PART OF THIS CONVERSATION WAS THE LACK OF SERVICES HEALTHCARE SERVICES FOR THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH AND AS SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN THE SOUTH AND I'M SURE MANY OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE HAVE CAN SHARE THE SAME EXPERIENCE THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS HAD THEIR HEYDAY I REMEMBER WE WOULD GO ON FIELD TRIPS THEY WOULD OFFER MANY SERVICES THAT QUITE SIMPLY THEY DON'T OFFER ANYMORE AND I'M NOT SURE WHERE THE DISCONNECT STARTED HAPPENING BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT WE'VE SEEN THE SERVICES OFFERED TO OUR PEOPLE AT THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS BEING WHITTLED DOWN OVER THE YEARS FOR WHATEVER REASON AND WHAT WAS FRUSTRATING WAS HEARING THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL TALK ABOUT HOW THEY WANTED TO DO THINGS THAT THEY USED TO DO TALK ABOUT HOW FRUSTRATED THEY WERE THAT WE WEREN'T DOING THE URGENT CARE ANYMORE AND THIS IS SOMETHING THAT OUR LEADERS WHO CAME BEFORE US THOUGHT ABOUT THEY THOUGHT ABOUT PUTTING IN THESE THESE PIECES OF OUR HEALTHCARE PUZZLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH YOU KNOW TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE IN THE NORTH WITH THE NORTHERN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BUT AGAIN OVER THE YEARS THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES HAVE WHITTLED DOWN AND SOME SERVICES HAVE BEEN OFFERED AT YOU KNOW OTHER LOCATIONS WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND AND SOME SERVICES HAVE NEVER BEEN OFFERED AGAIN AT ALL AND WE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM MEMBERS OF THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL WHO BECAUSE THEY ARE AN ADVISORY COUNSEL THEY'RE LIMITED TO BASICALLY DOING EXACTLY WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE GIVING ADVICE TO THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ABOUT WHAT THEY WANT TO SEE IN THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WHAT TYPES OF PROGRAMS THEY THINK ARE IMPORTANT TO THE PEOPLE BUT SADLY THAT ADVICE FOR WHATEVER REASON WAS GOING IN ONE EAR AND AND OUT THE OTHER AND SO I I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR GETTING TO THE ROOT OF EXACTLY WHAT THE ISSUE IS AND AND CUTTING THROUGH ALL THE BUREAUCRATIC POLITICAL RED TAPE TO REALLY ATTACK THE THE ESSENCE OF THIS PROBLEM AT ITS HEART AND AND THAT IS THAT WE NEED TO CHANGE WHAT THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL CAN DO MAKE THEM A GOVERNING COUNCIL AND THEN WATCH THEM RUN WITH IT YOU KNOW THE THERE'S A A BUNCH OF GREAT PEOPLE WHO PROVIDED TESTIMONY AND ONE THING THAT THAT REALLY STRUCK HOME FOR ME WAS THEY HAVE THE PASSION TO MAKE THE CHANGES THAT ARE NEEDED TO HELP SHORE UP OUR ISLAND'S MANY HEALTHCARE SHORTFALLS AND AND WE'RE NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT

THE YOU KNOW THE DENTAL OUTREACH OR OTHER SERVICES THAT THAT AREN'T AVAILABLE TO THE TUNE THAT THEY USED TO BE WE'RE WE'RE ALSO TALKING ABOUT IMPORTANT CRITICAL SERVICES THAT HAVE FALLEN SHORT SERVICES YOU KNOW PRENATAL CARE FOR EXPECTED MOTHERS WE ARE PART OF THIS FAMILY THE GREATEST DEMOCRACY IN ALL OF THE WORLD THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BUT SADLY OUR INFANT MORTALITY RATE COMPARATIVELY MEASURES UP WITH WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND TO HEAR SOME OF THE THE TESTIMONY YOU KNOW RELATIVE TO THIS BILL AND OTHER OTHER BILLS THAT DEAL WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO HEAR THAT WE OFFER THOSE SERVICES AND THEN WHEN WE CAST PUBLIC HEALTH A SUNDER TO RENT OFFICES HERE THERE AND EVERYWHERE ALL OVER THE ISLAND SADLY WE DIDN'T WE WEREN'T ABLE TO PICK UP THE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES AND THE PANDEMIC OF COURSE PLAYED ITS PART AND SO WHAT WE HAVE SEEN IS EXPECTANT MOTHERS WHO WHO AREN'T GETTING THE THE PRENATAL CARE THAT THEY NEED AND YOU ASK ANY ANYBODY IN HEALTHCARE THAT IS A CRUCIAL COMPONENT TO ENSURING OUR MOST VULNERABLE THE BABIES ON THIS ISLAND CAN SURVIVE YOU KNOW PAST 3 YEARS OLD AND THAT'S A HUGE PROBLEM THAT WE DON'T TALK ENOUGH ABOUT AND SO BY CHANGING THIS ADVISORY COUNCIL TO A TO A GOVERNING COUNCIL AND ALLOWING THEM TO TO WORK WITH THEIR CEO TO MAKE THE CHANGES THAT THEY THEY DEEM NECESSARY THAT OUR PEOPLE REALLY DESERVE YOU KNOW HERE IN 2024 I THINK IT'S A IT'S A GREAT IDEA AND I JUST AS MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORTED AND I KNOW THERE WAS A LOT OF DEBATE AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE THE TECHNICALITIES IN THE BILL AND I JUST WANTED TO GET UP AND SPEAK ABOUT WHAT I BELIEVE IS IS AT THE HEART OF THIS MEASURE AND THAT IS TO RESTORE SERVICES TO OUR PEOPLE WHERE THEY CAN ACCESS THEM WHERE THEY ARE NEEDED AND TO RESTORE THE KIND OF SERVICES THAT ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE IN THE SOUTH AND OBVIOUSLY IN THE NORTH SO AGAIN I I COMMEND THE AUTHOR I'D ASK TO BE INCLUDED AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE MEASURE AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT ANYONE ELSE OF THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR SABINA I'LL RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* MADAME SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS AMENDMENT AND I COMMEND THE AUTHOR FOR WORKING HARD TO ENSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS ARE FUNCTIONAL AND SPEAKING WITH MAYORS THERE WAS DEFINITELY A FRUSTRATION THAT THEY WERE UNABLE TO RECEIVE GRANTS TO BE FOR OUR FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS HEALTH CARE AND IN OUR COMMUNITY CENTER CENTERS IN THEIR VILLAGES I THINK THIS IS SO CRITICAL THAT WE NEED TO WORK VERY HARD TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND IF THIS IS ONE MEASURE THAT DOES THAT I AM FULL SUPPORT OF IT AND YOU KNOW IT ALSO FRUSTRATES ME TO SEE THE DYSFUNCTION WITHIN OUR GOVERNMENT AND CHANGING OUR LAWS IS ONE STEP THAT WE CAN DO THAT AND UN UN UNDO THAT THE OTHER THING THAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS BILL IS BEING HERA COMPLIANT HERA BRINGS A LOT OF BENEFITS ONE OF THOSE BENEFITS IS TO ALLOW DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES TO ATTRACT DOCTORS NURSES HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS BY HELPING TO SUBSIDIZE THEIR TUITION AND I I FULLY SUPPORT THIS MEASURE BECAUSE GUAM IS ONE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DISADVANTAGED AND WE NEED TO BECOME HERA COMPLIANT AND SO I THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR AND I ALSO ASK TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AS WELL *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'*.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SPEAKER CHARAY YOU MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'* AND I WANT TO THANK THE PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND AND THOSE WHO RAISED QUESTIONS DURING THIS DEBATE ON THIS BILL AND THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE THAT REALLY WE WERE LOOKING TO OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO REALLY MAKE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITIES THEY WERE BUILT IN THE VISION OF THOSE BEFORE US AND WITH HERA ASSISTANCE AND I BELIEVE THAT WE HAD A WE WERE THRIVING OF AT A CERTAIN PERIOD IN THESE HEALTH CENTERS VERY MUCH THRIVING WE WERE GETTING OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY AND DELIVERING THE PRIMARY CARE SERVICES AND THE URGENT CARE SERVICES AND THE MATERNAL CARE SERVICES PRENATAL SERVICES IS ALL OF THAT WE WERE DELIVERING IN THESE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS AND I I'M I'M SO GRATEFUL THAT THOSE BEFORE US DECIDED TO PLACE ONE IN *INALÅHAN DEDEDO* AND IN IN THEORY AND WE'VE SEEN IN PRACTICE THESE THESE WILL VERY MUCH SUPPLEMENT WHAT THE CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH COULD DO WHAT OUR HOSPITALS COULD DO OUR HOSPITALS ARE NOT ABLE TO BE AT THEIR PEAK IF WE CANNOT GET THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS TO FUNCTION AT THEIR PEAK AND SO THIS BILL IS INTENDED TO DO JUST THAT AND I JUST WANT TO REMIND EVERYBODY SO THEY WERE ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE QUALITY COMPREHENSIVE PRIMARY HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE SOUTHERN

VILLAGES OF GUAM AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE NORTHERN VILLAGES OF GUAM THEY ARE AUTHORIZED TO HIRE CEO CONTRACT TO GET DOCTORS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS THAT THEY NEED THEY WERE MANDATED BY LAW IN CREATING THE HEALTH CENTER TO PROVIDE URGENT CARE SERVICE AND AS MY PREVIOUS COLLEAGUE SAID WE HEARD SO MANY COMPLAINTS ABOUT LACK OF URGENT CARE WELL THAT'S A FAILURE FOR SURE BUT IT'S NOT A FAILURE IN THE LAW IT'S A FAILURE IN THE PRACTICE IN THE MANAGEMENT THE LAW SAYS THEY WILL TAKE CARE OF CONDITION THAT ARE NON-EMERGENCY IN NATURE EMERGENCY ARE THOSE ILLNESS THAT MAY RESULT IN THE LOSS OF LIFE OR LIMB IF NOT TREATED IMMEDIATELY THOSE SHOULD GO TO GMH EVERYTHING ELSE THIS THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WERE SUPPOSED TO BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THEY WERE SUPPOSED TO HAVE BASIC PHARMACY RADIOLOGY LABORATORY AND PATIENT TRANSPORT TO MOVE CASES THAT REQUIRE A HIGHER LEVEL OF PATIENT CARE MANAGEMENT AND WE HEARD ABOUT THE INCREDIBLE FAILURE LACK OF AMBULANCES IN THE SOUTHERN VILLAGES AND IN ACTUALLY MANY VILLAGES THAT WE CURRENTLY ARE EXPERIENCING THAT'S NOT A FAILURE OF THE LAW THAT'S A FAILURE AGAIN OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE OF THE OF THE PRIORITIES THE FACILITY WAS SUPPOSED TO OPERATE REGULAR HOURS OF COURSE BUT THE URGENT CARE WAS SUPPOSED TO OPERATE WEEKLY FROM 6 TO 11 P.M. AND EXTEND AS THE DEMAND ARISES WE KNOW FOR SURE I MEAN WE GAVE THEM A BIG BREAK AFTER COVID EVERYTHING WAS IN SHAMBLES BUT WE ARE NOT OPERATING AT OUR CAPACITY WE ARE NOT OPERATING EVEN TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE AND SO I'M VERY MUCH HOPING THAT PASSAGE OF THIS BILL WILL GIVE THIS BOARD THE TOOLS THAT THEY NEED AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT IT SEEMS IN THE PROCESS THAT WE HAVE PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN AND PUBLIC PUBLIC HEALTH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER BOARD AND DOA HAVE ALL BEEN LINED UP SIGNED OFF ON THE CONTRACT PURSUANT TO THESE AUTHORITIES TO MANAGE THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH HEALTH CENTERS AT THEIR PEAK THEY WERE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES ASKED ME ON THE IN THE BREAK ABOUT FEES THEY ARE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH FEES SO THEY GET GRANT MONEY THEY ALSO ARE ALLOWED TO ESTABLISH FEES FOR THEIR SERVICES THEY WERE ALSO AUTHORIZED BY PREVIOUS LEGISLATORS TO HAVE A REVOLVING FUND WHERE THE FEES YOU KNOW GET PAID INTO AND THEN THEY GET TO SPEND THEM TO PAY FOR THE SERVICES THAT THEY ARE PROVIDING THESE FEES ARE SET BY TRIPLE A THE FEES ACCORDING TO THE LAW IN PREVIOUS LEGISLATURE PASS MUST GIVE DISCOUNTS TO THE FEDERAL ACCORDINGLY TO THE FEDERAL INCOME POVERTY GUIDELINE AND IT IT SPECIFIES IF THOSE IF INDIVIDUALS FALL BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES THEY SHALL APPLY FOR MIP AND OTHER MEDICALLY SUBSIDIZED PROGRAMS AND SO THEY ARE ABLE AND THEY HAVE DONE A VERY GOOD JOB I THINK THAT'S ACTUALLY NOT ONE OF THEIR ISSUES LIKE IT WAS AT AT GMH FOR A WHILE AS THEY'RE BILLING SO THEY WORKING VERY HARD AT THESE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS WITH THE LE FEW RESOURCES THAT THEY HAVE BUT AFTER THE HERSA VISIT AFTER THIS LAWS PASS WITH THEIR NEW MOA IN PLACE I BELIEVE THAT I'M EXPECTING TO SEE ALL SERVICES RAMPED UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WITHOUT ANY INTERFERENCE SO THAT'S OUR HOPE AND I I WANT TO THANK THOSE AGAIN IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL I WANT TO THANK SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BROWN WHO ATTENDED THE HEARING THE ENTIRE TIME IT WAS QUITE LONG BECAUSE WE HAD I THINK EVERY MEMBER OF THAT ADVISORY COUNCIL THERE AND THEY HAD EVEN TOLD US STORIES THAT I WASN'T EVEN AWARE OF ABOUT HOW THEIR FUNDS WERE TAKEN FROM THEM AND SO THAT'S ANOTHER THING AND I HOPE WE NEVER SEE THAT AGAIN BECAUSE IT'S LIKE WE GET ON YOU KNOW OUR COMMUNITY TELLS US WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SERVICES AND THEN WE YOU KNOW MAKE THESE AGENCIES UNABLE TO DO THEIR JOBS BY TAKING AWAY FUNDS THAT ARE DEDICATED FOR THAT PURPOSE BUT I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BROWN SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR BLAS AND SENATOR TAITAGUE AND ALL OTHER SENATORS MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES SOUNDS GREAT ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES AND ON THE MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AGAIN TO MY COLLEAGUES AND I'D LIKE TO RENEW MY MOTION TO PLACE THIS BILL ON THE THIRD READING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SECOND'S RECESS SO I CAN CONFER WITH SPEAKER.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE ARE NOW IN BILL NUMBER 212-37 LS SENATOR LUJAN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND GOOD AFTERNOON COLLEAGUES MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE BILL 212-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE IN THIRD READING AND I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SPEAKER AND COLLEAGUES BILL 212-37 LS AGAIN AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE SPONSORED BY MYSELF AND SENATOR DUEÑAS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT 5173-NEW-3 FROM THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING IN 2017 M SPEAKER THE OFFICE OF THE TAMUNING MAYOR'S OFFICE DESIRED LOT 5173 NEW-2- R2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING WITH AN AREA APPROXIMATELY 24,000 688 PLUS OR MINUS SQUARE METERS OR 6.10 ACRES AND A 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT 7173-NEW-3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING AS SHOWN OF COURSE YOU MAY HAVE THAT ON SCHEME M1 9- S002 EXHIBIT C TO BE UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE MAYOR OF MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING TO CREATE AND IMPROVE RECREATIONAL PARKS AND FIELDS AND DILIGENTLY SOUGHT PRIVATE PARTNERS TO ASSIST AND FACILITATE IN THE CREATION AND INSTALLATION OF THESE RECREATIONAL FIELDS LOT 5173-NEW-2-R-2 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING WAS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSFERRED PURSUANT TO PUBLIC LAW 34 34-89 THE DESIRED 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT NUMBER 5173-NEW-3 IS STILL NOT UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING UPON RECEIVING THE TRANSFER REQUEST AND RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-003 FROM THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING AND THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF TAMUNING AND UPON DISCOVERING THAT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION APPROVED THE TRANSFER VIA RESOLUTION 2018-1 IT IS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION 2024-003 AND THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-01 THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OWNS LOT NUMBER 5173-NEW-3 AND HAS AGREED PURSUANT TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RESOLUTION NUMBER 2018-1 TO TRANSFER 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT NUMBER 7 5173-NEW-3 TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS THIS WILL ALLOW THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING TO CONSOLIDATE THE 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT NUMBER 5173-NEW-3 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING AS SHOWN IN SCHEME NUMBER M19-DS002 WITH LOT NUMBER 5173-NEW-2-R2 THE REMAINDER OF LOT 5173-NEW-3 IS USED BY LYNDON B JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MADAM SPEAKER AND AND COLLEAGUES THE THERE IS AN EXISTING BEING USED ACTUALLY HAVE BEEN BEING USED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OF TAMUNING THE MAYOR'S THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF TAMUNING THERE'S A SMALL CONCESSION THERE THAT USED TO USED TO HOUSE I THINK VEGETABLE A VEGETABLE STAND IT STILL STANDS THERE AS WELL THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL THE MAYOR'S OFFICE HAD APPLIED FOR GRANTS TO IMPROVE THE FACILITY HOWEVER THEY WERE DENIED NUMEROUS TIMES BECAUSE THEY DON'T HOLD TITLE TO THAT PARTICULAR PROPERTY TO THAT PARTICULAR PORTION OF PROPERTY THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT FOR THAT NEW FACILITY SO OF COURSE WITH THE CONDITIONS THE CONDITIONS WHERE THAT PROPERTY CANNOT BE USED FOR OTHER THAN RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND THAT'S WHAT THE MAYOR OF TAMUNING MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR TAMUNING AS WELL AS MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL HAVE HAVE IN THEIR PLANS IN AND IN AGAIN IMPLYING APPLYING FOR THEIR GRANTS SO THAT BEING SAID OF COURSE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING THE THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYOR OF TAMUNING AND PLANNING COUNCIL AS WELL AS THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION HAD COME OUT AND TESTIFIED IN FAVOR OF OF THE TRANSFER AS WAS DONE IN PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND THEN AGAIN IN A PUBLIC LAW BACK IN 34-89 BUT SOMEHOW WAS THAT PORTION OF PROPERTY WAS LEFT OUT OF THE TRANSFER SO THAT BEING SAID IN CONCLUSION AGAIN THIS ACT WILL REPRESENTS A CRITICAL STEP TOWARDS LAND OPTIMIZATION ENHANCE RECREATION FACILITIES AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE ALL RESIDENTS OF GUAM I HOPE TO GARNER ENOUGH THE SUPPORT INITIATIVE AS IT ALIGNS WITH OUR SHARED VISION FOR A VIBRANT AND ACCESSIBLE COMMUNITY FOR ALL MADAM SPEAKER SO I ASK FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY MY MY COLLEAGUES AND AGAIN ONCE AND FOR ALL TRANSFER THAT PIECE OF OF PROPERTY THAT WAS LEFT OUT ORIGINALLY AS THEY TRANSFERRED THE OTHER PIECES OF PROPERTY AND WE'LL BE ABLE TO HAVE THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL OF TAMUNING AND THE MAYOR SUCCESSFULLY AGAIN IN THEIR UH GRANT APPLICATION HOPEFULLY THIS TIME THEY'LL BE GRANTED BECAUSE THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO HAVE A A CLEAR TITLE WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AND THEN SENATOR SABINA.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL I ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING AND YOU KNOW FOR FULL DISCLOSURE I'M A RESIDENT OF *TAMUNING* SO OF COURSE I TAKE GREAT INTEREST IN IN THIS BILL I I KNOW THE THE AREA THAT IS REQUESTED FOR THIS TO BE TRANSFERRED OVER TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE AND MANY TIMES YOU SEE SOMETIMES VENDORS OUT THERE SELLING FOOD AND I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE THIS BILL JUST VERY RESTRICTIVE TO ONLY SPORTS ACTIVITIES BUT ANYTHING THAT WOULD RELATE TO IT SO I HAD ASKED THE MAYOR AS WELL AS YOU KNOW CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THAT IF THEY WOULD HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO YOU KNOW ALLOWING THE FLEXIBILITY FOR THE MAYOR TO TO HAVE VENDORS THERE AND UTILIZE THIS MONEY TO ENHANCE THE AREA OR EVEN TO HELP ASSIST THESE SPORTS ACTIVITIES AND AND HELPING THEM RAISE MONEY FOR THEIR UNIFORMS OR WHAT NOT AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO RESTRICT IT SO I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT THE AMENDED VERSION OF THE BILL ALLOWS THAT FLEXIBILITY IN THE VISIONARY CLAUSE AS WELL WAS PLACED IN THERE THAT ALLOWED IT TO ALSO GO BACK TO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST IN THE EVENT IT'S NOT USED AND THEN OF COURSE THAT'S WHEN IT EXTENDED OUT AND GAVE THE FLEXIBILITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON THAT SO I I'M THANK THE COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR MAKING THAT INCLUSION THANK YOU SO MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I HAD ALSO REQUESTED FROM FROM MR BIRCH TO PROVIDE A RESOLUTION AN UPDATED VERSION ONE IT SEEMED LIKE IT WAS MAYBE OVER 5 YEARS AGO THAT THE LAST RESOLUTION WAS A WHILE AGO I MEAN IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS ONE YEAR OR TWO YEARS AGO IT WAS IT WAS QUITE SOME TIME AGO AND OF COURSE YOU KNOW DIRECTORS HAVE CHANGED AND THOSE SITTING ON THE BOARD HAVE CHANGED SO I'VE ALSO REQUESTED FOR THAT TO BE PROVIDED TO US AND I'M GLAD TO SEE THAT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WENT AHEAD AND AND MADE THOSE CHANGES OR NOT CHANGES PROVIDED THAT NEW RESOLUTION AND I'M SURE ALL OF US HAVE THAT COPY OF THAT NEW RESOLUTION I BELIEVE IT'S RESOLUTION CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION RESOLUTION 2024-25 COUNCIL AS WELL AND THE REASON WHY FOR THIS IS BECAUSE THEY ARE TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY AS WELL AS THE RELI THE LIABILITY OF THAT AREA AND I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY REALIZE THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT THEY ARE WELL AWARE OF THAT THEY'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR SO I I HAVE TO ASK BECAUSE I I DIDN'T SEE IT HERE ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL I MEAN I DID SPEAK TO THE MAYOR BY THE WAY AND SHE SAID THAT ALL THE COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD AGREED TO IT AND AND THERE WAS NO OBJECTION TO IT BUT I WAS JUST WONDERING IF WE RECEIVED THAT RESOLUTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: WE RECEIVED A OH I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER I I'LL RESPOND TO THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SENATOR LUJAN WOULD YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES I'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION I MEAN YES WE DID RECEIVE A A RESOLUTION FROM THE FROM THE MUNICIPAL PLAN COUNCIL OF *TAMUNING* WAS THERE A SPECIFIC RESOLUTION THEY WERE ASKING ABOUT BECAUSE I I KNOW THE THE COUNCIL HAD GIVEN US ONE BUT WAS THERE A SPECIFIC CLAUSE THAT YOU WERE ASKING FOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO NOT AT ALL.

SENATOR LUJAN: JUST WE DID WE DID YEAH YES WE DID THEN AS A MATTER OF FACT IT'S LET ME SEE RESOLUTION NUMBER YEAH 2004-003.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL THANK YOU THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT TO THE AUTHOR AND STAYING ON TOP OF THAT THE INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AT THE PUBLIC HEARING TO ENSURE ACCOUNTABILITY AS WELL AS THE LIABILITY WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT THAT THIS COUNCIL REALIZED THEY ARE TAKING ON BY A BY INHERITING THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY SO THAT BEING SAID I DO ASK THAT THE AUTHOR ALLOW ME TO BE A A CO-SPONSOR NEXT IN LINE AS A RESIDENT OF *TAMUNING* SO OTHER THAN THAT I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR AND I CERTAINLY RISE IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 22-37 AND I THANK SENATOR LUJAN FOR OFFERING ME THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY TO BE A CO-SPONSOR ON THIS LEGISLATION MADAM SPEAKER I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF *TAMUNING* IT'S MY STOMPING GROUNDS AS A

CHILD AND THIS AREA IS VERY SPECIAL TO MANY MANY RESIDENTS AND MANY GENERATIONS OF INDIVIDUALS FROM *TAMUNING* IT IS ACTUALLY THE ORIGINAL HOME OF THE *TAMUNING* EAGLES WHICH LATER WAS RELOCATED THE YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM ACTUALLY MULTIPLE AGES IN TERMS OF PLAYING THE GAME OF FOOTBALL AS A SPORT ALSO BASEBALL BASKETBALL TENNIS COURTS YOU SEE EVERYTHING IN THIS IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA OF THE MUNICIPALITY MADAM SPEAKER BACK IN THOSE DAYS I REMEMBER A LOT OF THE BUSINESSES ACTUALLY SPONSORED BASEBALL TEAMS AND BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS I PLAYED UNDER THE COACH GREG CALVO FOR THE DUTY FREE SHOPPERS TEAM OF *TAMUNING* SO IT IS REALLY EVEN TILL TODAY MADAM SPEAKER ALL HOURS OF THE DAY BUT PARTICULARLY IN THE LATE AFTERNOONS IN THE EVENING AND ON THE WEEKENDS THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST VIBRANT AREAS OF *TAMUNING* YOU SEE EVERYBODY COMING TOGETHER AND LIKE I SAID THE EVENINGS MOSTLY IS FOR THE BASKETBALL COURT FOLKS GO OVER AND PLAY BASKETBALL MOST OF THE TIME BUT ON THE WEEKENDS OF COURSE IT'S THE DIFFERENT SPORTS PARTICULARLY SOFTBALL BASEBALL AND IT'S JUST ONE OF THOSE AREAS IN *TAMUNING* THAT REALLY HAS A DEEP HISTORY IN FACT FOR A WHILE THERE WAS CALLED *TAMUNING* LAKE BECAUSE IT WAS A LOW-LYING AREA IN IN IN A GOOD PORTION OF IT AND IT USED TO FLOOD BUT THEN IT HAD HAS THAT HAS BEEN MITIGATED NOW SO SOMETIMES DURING THE RAINY SEASON IT BECAME *TAMUNING* LAKE AND WE'D HAVE OLD TELEPHONE POLES IN THERE AND WE'D PLAY THAT GAME WHERE YOU STAND ON IT AND AND SEE WHO CAN STAND THE LONGEST BY ROLLING IT BACK AND FORTH ANYWAYS THAT'S A LONG STORY THAT PROBABLY DIDN'T NEED TO BE ADDED BUT I I LOVE THIS PLACE AND I'M GLAD THAT THE MAYOR HAS TAKEN IT TO THIS LEVEL TO BE ABLE TO TO INCORPORATE THIS SMALL PIECE OF PROPERTY TO COMPLETE THE OVERALL TRANSFER THAT HAD TAKEN PLACE AND I AND I AGREE WITH THE ISSUE OF MULTI-PURPOSE BECAUSE WE DO SEE IT WAS A A VERY VIBRANT VEGETABLE STAND AT ONE POINT A VENDOR WAS THERE DOING WELL BUT THERE'S OF COURSE JUST ALWAYS AN OPPORTAMUNINGTY BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH ACTIVITY IN FACT RIGHT NOW I BELIEVE THERE'S A SMALL RAMEN VAN THERE THAT BASICALLY SERVES FOLKS I GUESS TOURISTS AND AND LOCALS ALIKE WHO GO OVER AND MIGHT WANT TO GRAB A BOWL OF RAMEN FOR LUNCH OR OR FOR DINNER AND SO IT'S REALLY KIND OF A UNIQUE LITTLE SPOT THAT IN BETWEEN TWO WONDERFUL SCHOOLS LBJ AND *TAMUNING* ELEMENTARY THAT MANY I'M SURE THE COUNCIL AS WELL I KNOW SEVERAL OF THEM AS RELATIVES YOU KNOW THEY HAVE AN AFFECTION TO THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY SO IT'S RIGHTFUL I BELIEVE AND I THINK I KNOW THAT IT COMPLETES THE AREA I THINK OTHER MAYORS EITHER HAD TRIED OR THEY THOUGHT MAYBE THAT THE RESOLUTION WAS ENOUGH AND AND THE TRANSFER MAYBE DIDN'T REQUIRE A LAW BUT OF COURSE WE KNOW THAT NOT TO BE TRUE THAT THIS HAS TO BE CODIFIED AND AND SO AS WE GO FORWARD I JUST THINK THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF *TAMUNING* AND PARTICULARLY THOSE WHO USE THIS AREA VERY VERY VIBRANTLY EXERCISING PLAYING HAVING FUN AND IT'S A A REALLY GREAT TIME FOR THE COMMUNITY THAT COMES TOGETHER THAT WANTS TO UTILIZE THAT PROPERTY AND IT'S A VERY WELL UTILIZED AND WHERE YOU KNOW SOMETHING THAT ONCE AGAIN I SAID BRINGS THE COMMUNITY TOGETHER SO THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN FOR INVITING ME TO BE A CO-SPONSOR AND I HOPE WE GET THE FULL SUPPORT OF THE BODY TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR DUEÑAS ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY TO SPEAK AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL 212-37 COR AND I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR FROM *TAMUNING* FOR PROFFERING THIS LEGISLATION AGAIN AS AS PREVIOUSLY NOTED BY THE RETIRING SPEAKERS THIS PROPERTY WILL BE TRANSFERRED BACK TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF *TAMUNING* AND TRANS THE REASON FOR THE TRANSFERRING THE LOT TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MAKES IT POSSIBLE EVEN FOR THE MAYOR AND HER NPC GROUP TO PROBABLY LOOK AT FEDERAL GRANTS TO DEVELOP THE SPACE AND MADAM SPEAKER AS WE LOOK AT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AS WE LOOK AT BRINGING ALL THE RESIDENTS OF *TAMUNING* AND EVEN RESIDENTS FROM OUTSIDE WHO COME AND AND PLAY IN THAT AREA I THINK THAT THIS WOULD BE A A A WIN-WIN FOR NOT JUST THE MAYOR AND AND IT'S FAC AND THE MAYOR AND THE MPC AND ALL THAT BUT LITERALLY FOR ALL THE RESIDENTS OF *TAMUNING* AND AND EVEN THE ISLAND I KNOW THAT THERE'S A RE VERSIONARY CLAUSE THAT IF IT'S NOT UTILIZED THEN IT REVERTS BACK TO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO IT JUST GIVES IT TEETH IF NOTHING IS MATERIALIZES BUT I KNOW THAT WITH ALL THE DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES THAT THE MAYOR OF *TAMUNING* HAS DONE AND HAS CREATED WE DON'T EVEN HAVE TO LOOK FAR SEVERAL WEEKS AGO YOU AND I WERE IN THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* CELEBRATING UM A REALLY BIG FESTIVITY AND WE SAW THE THE GYM EQUIPMENT OUTSIDE IN THE OPEN AIR AND PEOPLE DURING THE

CEREMONY WERE STILL UTILIZING THE THE GYM EQUIPMENT AND SEEING THE COMMUNITY WALK AROUND THE PREMISES NEAR THE MAYOR'S OFFICE YOU HAVE THE TENNIS COURT YOU HAVE THE BASKETBALL COURT YOU HAVE YOU HAVE THE GYM YOU JUST HAVE SO MANY THINGS BUT WHEN YOU WHEN YOU LOOK AT AT AT AT THIS PORTION OF PROPERTY AND GIVING IT BACK TO THE MAYOR'S OFFICE SO THAT THEY CAN FURTHER DEVELOPMENT I I LITERALLY THINK TO TRY AND ACCESS EVEN FEDERAL FRONTS AND GRANTS OUT THERE THAT COULD BE SUITABLE FOR FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SPORTS AND COMMUNITY NETWORKING I I THINK IT'S A WIN-WIN SO I STAND AND RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND I'M HOPING THE THE GOOD SENATOR FROM *TAMUNING* WHO'S YOU KNOW RELATED TO ME THAT MAYBE HE CAN CONSIDER ME TO BE A PART OF THIS SPONSORSHIP SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO TO SUPPORT THE SAME EFFORT *SAINA MA'ASE*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ASE* VICE SPEAKER IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE BILL SENATOR BROWN ON THE BILL YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL I DID WANT TO ASK THE MAIN SPONSOR BECAUSE AGAIN RECOGNIZING THAT THIS IS LAND THAT'S ACTUALLY BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST INVENTORY EVEN THOUGH SOME MAY SAY 707 SQUARE METERS IS NOT A LOT OF LAND I CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND WHERE IT'S AT AND CERTAINLY THE BENEFITS THAT THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING* WILL HAVE IN HAVING THIS PROPERTY INCLUDED IN THEIR EXISTING PROPERTY INVENTORY SO THEY CAN EXPAND ON THE ACTIVITIES THAT ARE HAPPENING IN THAT PART OF THE VILLAGE BUT I'M ALSO MINDFUL AND UNDERSTANDING THE IMPERFECTIONS OF COURSE OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND IT'S VERY COLORFUL HISTORY THAT WE'RE STILL DEALING WITH TODAY BUT I JUST THINK WE SHOULD ALSO BE MINDFUL IN MOVING FORWARD AND I SEE THAT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST CERTAINLY DID NOT OBJECT TO THE TRANSFER OF THIS PROPERTY BUT I JUST THINK MOVING FORWARD WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL WITH THE CREATION OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THAT THE INTENT WAS NEVER TO HAVE THE ABILITY OR WE SHOULD NOT HAVE THE ABILITY IF WE TRULY RECOGNIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE LAND TRUST ITSELF OF SIMPLY USING IT AS A LAND BANK FOR US WHENEVER IT'S CONVENIENT WITH OUR AUTHORITIES TO GO IN AND TAKE OUT LAND FROM THE INVENTORY WITHOUT ADDRESSING COMPENSATION I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS NO COMPENSATION BEING PAID BACK TO THE LAND TRUST BUT I JUST WANTED TO ASK CLARIFICATION OF THE SPONSOR WITH REGARDS TO THIS THIS LAND BECAUSE IT IS LAND TRUST PROPERTY CERTAINLY UNTIL WE PASS THIS LEGISLATION THAT IT BECOMES LAW BUT AGAIN I JUST WANT TO RAISE THAT CONCERN AND GET FEEDBACK FROM HIM WHAT THE ACTUAL POSITION OF THE COMMISSION IS OR WAS WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL QUITE SIMPLY BECAUSE MOVING FORWARD I WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE LAND TRUST LAND SIMPLY SOMETHING THAT WE CAN WHENEVER IT'S CONVENIENT BE ABLE TO GO IN EVEN THOUGH WE HAVE THE POWER TO DO IT BECAUSE WE CREATED THE LAND TRUST TO GO BACK AND SIMPLY DIMINISH THE THE AMOUNT OF PROPERTY THERE WITH NO FAIR COMPENSATION TO THE LAND TRUST SO IF I COULD ASK SENATOR LUJAN AS A MAIN SPONSOR OF THIS BILL TO RESPOND AND CLARIFY TO THOSE CONCERNS THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR LUJAN WOULD YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES I YES I YIELD YES THANK THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN YES SENATOR BROWN YES THE ACTUALLY DIRECTOR UM JOHN BURCH AND I THINK SOME OF HIS MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL MEMBERS HAD TESTIFIED IN THE PUBLIC HEARING AS WELL THEY'RE THEY'RE IN FULL SUPPORT AND EVEN PRIOR TO THAT PRIOR IN 2018 THEY HAD PASSED A RESOLUTION AS WELL AGAIN GRANTING THE THE THE TRANSFER THE HOLISTIC TRANSFER AS I MENTIONED EARLIER BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE THE PUBLIC LAW THAT WAS PASSED TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTIES FOR SOME REASON LEFT OUT THAT THAT 707 SQUARE METER PROPERTY SO BACK THEN THEY AGREED IN TOTALITY THAT WAS INCLUDED BUT SOMEHOW IT WAS LEFT OUT SO WHEN THEY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING THEY THEY CAME OUT AND TESTIFIED AS WELL THAT THEY ARE IN SUPPORT OF OF OF THE TRANSFER LIKEWISE AGAIN REITERATING WHAT THEIR PREVIOUS RESOLUTION HAD READ IN THE TOTALITY OF THE OF THE TRANSFER SO YES THEY WERE IN TOTAL AGREEMENT.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE CLARIFICATION AND AGAIN IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO BE MINDFUL OF BECAUSE CERTAINLY AS TIME GOES ON AND WE WE UNDERSTAND AND KNOW HOW THE ORIGINAL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LANDS GOT TRANSFERRED TO THE LAND TRUST BUT IT'S IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: POINT OF INFORMATION WHEN WE WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PREVIOUS LAW IT'S BILL 161-34 I'M THE AUTHOR OF THAT BILL AND IT WAS IT BECAME PUBLIC LAW NUMBER 34-89 WE DIDN'T MISS OUT ON ANYTHING THIS IS WHAT THE MAYOR IS ASKED FOR SO WHEN YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT THE PROPERTY THAT WE WE TOOK OUT OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WHAT THEY GOT IN THAT LAW IS WHAT THEY ASKED FOR LATER ON THEY FIGURED OUT THEY NEEDED THE THE BUILDING IN THE FRONT THAT WAS A STORE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT WAS UNDERSTOOD I HAVE A COPY OF THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU FOR INFORMATION SENATOR SENATOR BROWN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I I APPRECIATE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN'S POINT OF INFORMATION BUT AGAIN I I JUST SIMPLY THINK WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF THAT AND AGAIN I UNDERSTAND I PROBABLY SPENT MORE TIME DEALING WITH THE RECORDS OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THAN ANYONE ELSE HERE BUT AGAIN I THINK WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL I MEAN WE ALL WANT A LOT OF THINGS I'M SURE THE MAYOR'S OFFICE WANTED A LOT OF THINGS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO PUT IN PLACE FOR THEIR COMMUNITY IN TAMUNING AND I I THINK THERE'S NO FAULT WITH REGARDS TO THAT BUT AGAIN EVEN THOUGH IT'S A SMALL SLIVER OF LAND IT'S IT'S STILL 707 SQUARE METERS THAT FOR WHATEVER REASON REMAIN WITHIN THE LAND TRUST INVENTORY AND BY THE ACTION OF THIS BILL WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO TRANSFER THAT TO THE *TAMUNING* MAYOR'S OFFICE SO I JUST THINK MOVING FORWARD WE NEED TO COLLECTIVELY COLLEAGUES BE MINDFUL THAT THE LAND TRUST IS NOT SIMPLY SOMETHING WHENEVER WE CHOOSE TO BECAUSE IT'S VERY EASY TO PASS LAWS VERY EASY TO PASS BILLS THAT BECOME LEGISLATION BUT AT SOME POINT THERE'S SOME THINGS THAT WE NEED TO VALUE AND WE UNDERSTAND BECAUSE WE KNOW THE CHALLENGE IS THE LAND AND TRUST ME I I IT'S HARD TO STAND UP AND YOU KNOW SAY IM PRO LAND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WHEN YOU SEE THE HISTORY AND THE ABUSE THAT HAS HAPPENED BUT NEVERTHELESS IN PRINCIPLE IF WE BELIEVE THAT THIS LAND IS BEING SET ASIDE FOR THE INTEREST AND THE BENEFIT OF THE CHORAL PEOPLE AND THEN OF COURSE WITH THE RECENT COURT DECISION WE WE KNOW IT ALL HAS TO DO WITH THE THE TIMING OF THE 1950 AND ALL THAT STUFF THAT MAYBE THOSE THAT ARE ALSO ELIGIBLE OR NOT ENTIRELY CHAMORRO I I CAN APPRECIATE ALL THAT BUT NEVERTHELESS IT'S JUST SOMETHING TO BE MINDFUL THAT WE SHOULD NOT DO ANYTHING TO DIMINISH THE VALUE OF THE PROPERTIES THAT WERE PUT IN THE LAND TRUST AND MOVING FORWARD CERTAINLY THE NEED AND WE ALL KNOW THE NEED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR FUNDING FOR OPPORTAMUNINGTIES FOR FOR THOSE FAMILIES THAT ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE ABLE TO BUILD THEIR HOMES OR TO DO THEIR ED YOU KNOW AGRICULTURAL INITIATIVES THAT THEY MAY DESIRE FOR EITHER THEIR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION OR FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES TO EARN REVENUE FOR THEIR FAMILIES IT'S JUST SOMETHING COLLEAGUES WE NEED TO BE MINDFUL OF AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTAMUNINGTY TO COMMENT AND CERTAINLY THANK YOU TO SENATOR LUJAN FOR PROVIDING HIS RESPONSE AND I GUESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN'S POINT OF INFORMATION WITH THAT I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS WITH REGARDS TO THIS BILL.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN ON THE MAIN MOTION ON 212 I'LL ADDRESS SPEAKER TERLAJE AT THIS TIME YOU MAY PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I WAS ANXIOUS TO SPEAK ON THIS BILL ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF THE LAST MY PREVIOUS SPEAKERS COMMENTS AND I TOO AM VERY WARY OF LAND BEING TRANSFERRED OUT OF THE LAND TRUST AND WAS VERY CAUTIOUS IN REPORTING THIS BILL OUT OF MY COMMITTEE AND I WANT TO COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL FOR HIS COOPERATION AND ANY QUESTIONS THAT CAME UP HE WAS ABLE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THE *TAMUNING* MAYOR IMMEDIATELY AND WE ALSO WORKED WITH THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST VERY CLOSELY ON THIS WHAT HAPPENED WAS IN 2018 WHEN THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECEIVED THIS REQUEST FROM THE MAYOR OF *TAMUNING* AND THE PREVIOUS LAW THAT WAS PASSED BY MY COLLEAGUE FROM *YIGO* TO GIVE THEM THE BASEBALL FIELDS THE FIELDS BACK THERE THEY HAD ACTUALLY ALSO ASKED FOR THIS AND I'M NOT SURE WELL I'M NOT SURE WHAT THEY ASKED FOR BUT THAT'S NOT THE POINT THE POINT IS THAT WHEN THEY ASKED THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST FOR THE PROPERTY IN THEIR RESEARCH THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST HAD DECIDED THAT THIS PROPERTY THIS ENTIRE

LOT WHERE WE ARE TRYING TO TRANSFER 707 SQUARE METERS OUT OF WAS IN THEIR OPINION OR ACCORDING TO THEIR RESOLUTION USED BY LYNDON B JOHNSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WAS MISTAKENLY TRANSFERRED TO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST INVENTORY AND THE GOVERNOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSFER OF GOVERNMENT LAND TO THIS COMMISSION ON FEBRUARY 18 1994 PURSUANT TO 21 GCA 75104 THE LOT HAS BEEN EXCLUSIVELY USED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL RESTS ON THE ENTIRE PROPERTY AND SHOULD BE FULLY ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SO IF YOU LOOK AT THE MAPS THIS 707 SQUARE METERS IS BEING TAKEN OUT OF THE DOE PROP WELL NOT THE DOE PROPERTY TECHNICALLY THE CLTC PROPERTY BUT WHERE THE SCHOOLS ARE SO I WAS CONCERNED THEN NOT SO MUCH ABOUT THE LAND TRUST BUT ABOUT THE SCHOOLS AND I HAVE TRIED REPEATEDLY TO GET A CONFIRMATION FROM THE SCHOOLS THEY DID NOT ATTEND THE HEARING WE INVITED THEM THEY DID NOT AND I AFTER THE HEARING SAID LETTER A COUPLE LETTERS AT LEAST TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO GET CONFIRMATION THAT THEY DID NOT NEED THIS PROPERTY FOR ACCESS ACCESS TO THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS SO THEY'VE NOT RESPONDED SO WE FOUND THAT THEY DID NOT OBJECT AND OF AND THE CLTC IS VERY MUCH IN FAVOR BECAUSE THESE LOTS ARE BEING USED BY THE SCHOOLS OR WERE BEING USED AS BASEBALL FIELDS AND THEY DID NOT WANT TO USE IT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE THEY DID ASK FOR THE REVERSIONARY CLAUSE WE PUT IN WHICH WE DID AND WE ALSO ASKED ADDED IN THE RESTRICTIONS THAT WERE PLACED IN THE PRIOR LAW FOR THE LARGER PARTS OF THE SPORTS FIELDS AND THAT INCLUDES RESTRICTIONS THAT YOU KNOW THAT'S THE PURPOSE THAT THEY'RE BEING TRANSFERRED FOR WAS FOR RECREATION AND THAT THE MAYOR AND *TAMUNING* WAS GOING TO COME UP WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT GOVERN THE USE AND ACCESS TO THESE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES SO THAT WE DON'T GET ANY COMPLAINTS LATER THAT YOU KNOW THEY'RE BEING DISCRIMINATED OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT SO THEY WILL COME UP WITH RULES AND REGS AND AND APPLY THOSE FAIRLY ACROSS THE BOARD AND THE MAYOR AND SPONSOR OF THE BILL IN THEIR INTRODUCTION OF THE BILL DID SAY THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO GET ACCESS TO FEDERAL FUNDING OR FEDERAL GRANTS TO ENHANCE THIS FACILITY NOT ONLY FOR THE *TAMUNING* TUMON AND HARMON RESIDENTS BUT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO I'M WE'RE NOT MANDATING THAT OF COURSE BUT THAT'S THE INTENT OF THIS LAW IT'S LIKE IT'S BEING TRANSFERRED FROM ONE ENTITY TO ANOTHER FOR PURPOSES OF YOU KNOW SHORING UP THESE FACILITIES FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES BUT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BE USED FAIRLY ACROSS THE BOARD FOR ALL OF OUR ISLAND UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF THE *TAMUNING* MAYOR AND SO I JUST WANTED TO MAKE PUT THAT ON THE RECORD AS WELL AND I SHARE THE SENTIMENTS OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER REGARDING TRANSFERS OUT OF THE TRUST SO YEAH I BUT I BELIEVE IN THIS SITUATION IF THEY ARE GOING TO BE USED AS RECREATIONAL FIELDS THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE USE BY THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AT THIS POINT AS LONG AS ACCESS IS NOT IMPEDED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHO* SPEAKER TERLAJE ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION SENATOR JOE SAN AUSTIN I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AT THIS TIME PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR IF HE YIELD TO A QUESTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON ON ON THE 707 METERS OF LAND IS THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE BUILDING IN THE FRONT THAT WAS USED AS A STORE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR LUJAN WOULD YOU LIKE TO YOU YIELD.

SENATOR LUJAN: I'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION YES I'M SORRY CAN YOU REPEAT THE QUESTION AGAIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS IS THE FRONT OF THE WHERE THE PROPERTY IS AT IS IS THAT WHERE THE STORE WAS AT.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS IT STILL A STORE.

SENATOR LUJAN: NO IT BUT NO ACTUALLY IT WAS A STORE IT'S NO LONGER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE ADDRESS THE PODIUM.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR JESSE IF YOU'D LIKE TO YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES I'LL YIELD TO THE QUESTION YES IT WAS A STORE THIS IS CLOSED DOWN IT HAS BEING USED NOW FOR THE MAYOR'S USING IT FOR STORAGE AT THIS POINT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR DOES THAT ADDRESS YOUR INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: A LITTLE BIT I JUST LIKE TO REMIND OUR COLLEAGUES THAT THERE WAS ONLY THERE'S ONLY TWO OF US THE SPEAKER AND I WERE THE ONLY TWO THAT ARE STILL LISTED AS CO-SPONSOR OF THE ORIGINAL BILL OF PUBLIC 34-89 THAT WAS PASSED IN 2017 AND I I I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT THAT'S WHERE THE BUILDING'S AT AND AT ONE POINT I THINK MY STAFF TOLD ME THAT IT'S USED LIKE A LEARNING CENTER OR SOMETHING AND I'M LIKE OKAY WE'RE GOING TO USE IT FOR TO HELP OTHER THE SPORTS I'M ONLY CONCERNED IS THAT I'M IN SUPPORT OF USING IT FOR SPORTS THAT'S WHY WE FIRST INTRODUCED PUBLIC LAW 34-89 I'M CONCERNED ABOUT THAT IT'S JUST TO ADD THEN SO BE IT HOPEFULLY THEY'RE SUCCESSFUL BUT MY CONCERN IS THAT WHERE WE AT TODAY WITH WHAT WE HAD ON PUBLIC LAW 34-89 HAVE THEY ADOPTED THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT THE THE SPEAKER MENTIONED EARLIER BECAUSE I WOULD EXPECT THAT AND MAYBE I'LL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT TO ADD TO THIS BILL THAT THEY CONTINUE TO ADOPT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS HOW THEY'RE GOING TO MANAGE THAT BECAUSE BACK THEN I KNOW THAT THE THE SPORTS FOLKS I SPOKE TO THEY WERE USING THAT AND THEN AT A CERTAIN POINT THEY WERE DENIED ACCESS THERE WAS A DELAY ALL THE REASONS FOR WHY IT DIDN'T MOVE NOW IT'S IT'S GETTING BACK ON TRACK GREAT I JUST SPOKE TO THEM THEY SAID NO NOW WE GOT ACCESS WE'RE USING IT FOR WHAT IT WAS INTENDED SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN THEY DO GET IT THERE ARE RULES AND REGULATIONS ON HOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO IT BECAUSE WHEN THEY DO APPLY FOR GRANT MADAM SPEAKER IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANY RULES AND REGULATIONS IT'S PRETTY MUCH IMPLYING BECAUSE I WANT TO GET A THE SOCCER FIELD LIKE IN DO UP IN MORNING DO YOU KNOW THERE'S MANY WAYS TO DO THIS BUT CREATE THE RULES AND REGULATION AS INTENDED FROM THE BIGGER PORTION SO THAT IT JUST BLENDS IN WITH THE REST OF THE PROPERTY SO THAT BECAUSE IF IF IF IF WE GO BACK TO PUBLIC LAW 34-89 UNFORTUNATELY ONE PART WE MISSED OUT WE SHOULD HAVE PUT A NUMBER OF YEARS OF THE REVERSIONARY CLAUSE BECAUSE WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO GET THEIR GRANT WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO BUILD THEIR FACILITY WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO DO WHAT THEY SAID THEY WERE GOING TO DO IS THAT 5 YEARS OR WAIT 2017 2024 THE 7 YEARS SO BLOODY NOW GRANT TIME I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WHATEVER IS GOING TO HAPPEN IN *TAMUNING* IS SUCCESSFUL MANY SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE FROM *TAMUNING* GREAT I HAVE PLENTY OF FAMILY IN *TAMUNING* AND THAT'S WHAT THEY PURSUED THEN THAT'S WHAT I SUPPORTED THEN AND I STILL SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THIS BILL I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE IN FACT GOING TO DO WHAT THEY SAY THEY'RE GOING TO DO PUT IT IN W BEING IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC LAW 34-89 BECAUSE I WAS SUPPORT THIS BILL GIVE YOU ADDITIONAL PROPERTY BUT I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S DONE RIGHT THAT WE'RE JUST NOT GIVING IT AND THERE'S GOING TO SIT THEN WHAT IS USED AS STORES BECOMES A STORE TO FUND WHAT THEY'RE DOING LET'S MAKE SURE WE GOT THIS RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BUT I AM IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL GO AHEAD AND ADDRESS YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION AND THEN I'LL GO BACK TO THE QUESTION YES SENATOR DUEÑAS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I JUST WANTED TO INTERJECT HERE AS HAVING ABOUT 51 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE ACCESS TO THE FIELD AND A AND A AND A CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY IT HAS NEVER BEEN IF YOU KNOW THE LBJ PARKING LOT PAVED AREA EVERYTHING ELSE IS ALL A STANDALONE IN TERMS OF SERVICING LBJ IN FACT THE LBJ KIDS AND THE *TAMUNING* ELEMENTARY CHILDREN USED THOSE FIELDS THERE WAS A SINCE SINCE I'M THE CO-SPONSOR I'LL GO NEXT TO JESSE LUJAN BUT I JUST WANTED TO TO PUT IT ON THE RECORD THAT THEN BE VERY CLEAR THERE IS CURRENTLY ALSO A RIGHTS OF WAY RIGHT NEXT TO WHERE THIS THE THE VEGETABLE STAND THAT'S NOT STORE ANYMORE THAT IS NOW STORAGE FOR THE MAYOR THAT ALL HAS LAID OUT CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY PROPERTIES THAT ARE ACCESS FULL ACCESS TO

THE BACK AND TO THE MAIN FIELDS LIKE I SAID THAT USED TO BE EAGLES LAKE THAT HAS BEEN FILLED IN NOW AND SO THIS THIS THIS REALLY IS TO COMPLETE THAT SO THAT THEY CAN CREATE A MASTER PLAN TO UPGRADE THE ENTIRE AREA AND WITHOUT HAVING FULL TITLE TO THAT CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY THEY WILL HAVE THEY WILL PROBABLY LOSE THE ACCESS BECAUSE THAT'S A MAIN ACCESS POINT AND THAT'S THE REASON WHY THE MAYOR NEEDS THIS TO COMPLETE THE INVENTORY THERE REALLY WOULD BE NO OTHER USE FOR THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY BECAUSE IT SERVICES THE THE CONTIGUOUS PROPERTIES IF YOU WERE TO USE IT FOR ANOTHER USE AND AND IT WILL BE NON-COMPATIBLE THEN YOU YOU REALLY WOULD BE ACTUALLY ALMOST CREATING POSSIBLY A LANDLOCK IN THE BACK BECAUSE IF YOU THE TO THE LEFT OF WHERE THAT BUILDING IS IS THE MAIN ACCESS GOING INTO EAGLES FIELD TO THE RIGHT IS WHERE THE RAMEN SHOP IS THE BASKETBALL COURTS AND EVERYTHING ELSE WHICH HAS ITS OTHER ACCESS TO THE SOFTBALL FIELDS AND EVERYTHING ELSE SO JUST WANTED TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR FOR MY COLLEAGUES THAT JUST GIVING SOME AGE-OLD EXPERIENCE AND HAVING USED THAT FIELD FOR YEARS AND YEARS AND YEARS THAT THIS THE THE REQUIREMENT HERE IS TO MAKE THIS TRANSFER WHOLE FOR ACCESS AS WELL AS COMPLETING THE THE FULL SIZE OF THE PARCEL LOT SO THAT YOU DON'T HAVE MIXED USE THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS I DID WANT TO SEE IF SENATOR OF THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF HE WANTED TO YEILD TO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN'S QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO THE APPLICATION OF THE RULES AND REGS IF THAT'S STILL IN ORDER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU DID HAVE THE FLOOR DID YOU WANT TO A ASK THE AUTHOR ANSWER THAT INQUIRY THAT YOU STATED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO I JUST MADE A CLEAR STATEMENT BECAUSE I'M THE AUTHOR OF BILL OF PUBLIC LAW 30489 WE WILL BE LOOKING IN INTO THAT IF THERE'S RULES AND REGULATIONS IF THERE'S NOT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THEN WE'RE GOING TO START ADDRESSING THIS BECAUSE WE WANT THE *TAMUNING* AREA TO BE A SPORTS FACILITY THAT'S WHAT IT WAS DRIVEN BACK IN 2017 LET'S GET IT DONE AND LET'S MOVE ON NOT BLAME ANYBODY FOR ANYTHING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WITH THAT BEING SAID ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION IF NOT SENATOR LUJAN YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU M VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER THANK TO ALL MY COLLEAGUES AS WELL AND THANK YOU FOR THE CONCERN PUT OF COURSE BY SENATOR SAN AUSTINE AND YOU KNOW LET ME JUST SAY THAT THE THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL *TAMUNING* THEY'RE THEY'RE THEY'RE VERY ACTIVE AND I'M SURE THEY'RE LISTENING AND WATCHING RIGHT NOW SO YOU YOU CAN REST ASSURE THAT THE RULES AND REGS WOULD BE ADHERE TO AS AS WELL YOU KNOW AS DISCLOSURE AS WELL PARDON ME FOR NOT DISCLOSING THAT THE VERY BEGINNING BUT YEAH I'M I'M FROM *TAMUNING* AND GREW UP THERE AND AS OF COURSE MY CO-SPONSOR OF COURSE SENATOR DUEÑAS HAD SAID GROWING UP GROWING UP THERE AND ACTUALLY EVEN PRIOR TO BEING THE HOME OF THE *TAMUNING* EAGLES IT WAS EVEN PRIOR TO TO THAT THAT IT WAS THE THE HOME OF THE *TAMUNING* GREENS AND *TAMUNING* BLUES BASE LITTLE LEAGUE LITTLE LEAGUE TEAM THAT'S WHEN THE QUARRY THAT'S RIGHT BEHIND IT WAS STILL VERY ACTIVE AND EVEN PRIOR TO LBJ BE BEING BEING BUILT AND THEN ACROSS THE STREET PRIOR TO TO GREYHOUND DOG RACING FACILITY BEING BUILT THAT WAS A PLACE WHERE WHERE THE QUARRY THE QUARRY WHAT THEY WERE QUARRYING BEHIND THAT FIELD WAS PLACING THEIR THEIR AGGREGATES AND SO THAT'S A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY OVER THERE AND IT WAS THE OLD *TAMUNING* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRIOR TO THIS NEW ERECTION OF THE SCHOOL AND EVEN PRIOR TO THAT THE PRIOR TO THE ST ANTHONY SCHOOL BEING BUILT AS AS WELL AND IT WAS AS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SAID YOU KNOW AT ONE POINT KIND OF LIKE THE CENTER OF OF OF SPORTS YEARS YEARS BACK AND SO THAT THAT IS THE THE VISION OF THE THE MAYOR VICE MAYOR AND THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COUNCIL AGAIN TO TO HAVE THAT TO AGAIN ENHANCE THE FACILITIES HOPEFULLY THEY'LL BE ABLE TO TO GET UH GRANT MONEY AS AGAIN IN THE PAST THEY'VE HAD UH APPLIED BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE TITLE ON THE THE THE THE THE THE PROPERTY BECAUSE OF THE THEY HAD INCLUDED IN IN THE SKETCH THIS PROPERTY BUT THEY DIDN'T HAVE CLEAR TITLE TO THAT SO HOPEFULLY MOVING FORWARD THEY'LL BE ABLE TO DO SO AND AND BE GRANTED THE GRANT MONEY THAT THEY'RE THEY'RE GOING TO BE APPLYING FOR AND HOPEFULLY THEY HAVE THEY'LL HAVE LIGHTS THERE AND THERE'S ALREADY A BASKETBALL UH COURT OVER THERE THE OUTDOOR BASKETBALL COURT THAT HAS LIGHTS AT NIGHT BUT WE LIKE THAT AGAIN TO BECOME THE CENTER OF OF OF OF SPORTS BEING THAT IS BEING IN THE CENTER OF THE ISLAND SO HOPEFULLY THEY RETURN UH REAL QUICK

AS WELL AND I KNOW THAT THAT THE *TAMUNING* GYM THAT'S GETTING READY TO OPEN I THINK THEY WERE JUST HAVING TO ADDRESS THE THE PIGEON FACILITY THAT'S THAT THAT'S THAT'S HAPPENING OVER THERE BECAUSE THE THE YOU KNOW THEY HAVE THESE ROLL UP DOORS AND EVERYTHING LIKE THAT RIGHT I THINK MORE PIGEONS ARE USING IT THAN THAN THAN ATHLETES AT THIS POINT SO I THINK THEY'RE GOING TO THEY'RE GOING TO HAVE TO TRY TO ADDRESS THAT AS WELL BUT THAT BEING SAID MADAM SPEAKER I ONE A MOTION TO TO ADD ON SENATOR TELO AND SENATOR TINA TO THE AS AUTHORS AND SENATOR BARNETT AND SENATOR DWAYNE AND SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS AND ALL OTHER SENATORS ON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR LUJAN ON THAT MOTION ARE THERE ANY OB OBJECTION SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES AND ON A MOTION TO PUT IT TO THE THIRD READING.

SENATOR LUJAN: MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE THIS IN THE VOTING FILE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TO MOVE THIS BILL TO.

SENATOR LUJAN: TO MOVE IT THE THIRD THIRD READING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIRD READING VOTING FILE.

SENATOR LUJAN: VOTING FILE THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THAT MOTION TO MOVE BILL 212-37 TO THE VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES COLLEAGUES.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WE WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SENATOR DWAYNE DO YOU HAVE A WE WERE GONNA.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM CAN I MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MY MY BILL 170.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR DWAYNE WILL ENTERTAIN SO WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS THE THERE'S SOME COMPLICATIONS WITH THE MICROPHONE AND IT'S NOT FAIR SO WE'RE JUST A MOMENT'S RECESS PLEASE THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR BARNETT YOU RECOGNIZE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU M MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MY MY BILL THAT WAS NOT PLACED ON THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 170.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: 170 YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE DID CALL THAT YOU WEREN'T HERE AT THE TIME BUT THERE'S A MOTION TO GO BACK TO BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEE NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'RE ON BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MA'AM I'D LIKE TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 170-37 ON THE THIRD READING FILE FOR DISCUSSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I ALSO LIKE TO THANK SENATOR BARNETT SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO JUMP IN FRONT OF YOU NORMALLY IT'S NOT MY NATURE TO DO THAT BUT I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR BEING COURTEOUS ENOUGH TO HAVE MY BILL BILL HEARD FIRST THANK YOU SIR MADAM SPEAKER BILL NUMBER 170-37 INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AMANDA

L SHELTON WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY A B QUINATA AND ACT TO ADD A NEW SUBSECTION 79607 TO ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 79 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE INDEPENDENT VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF GUAM TO USE A PORTION OF THE SKINNER PLAZA TO ESTABLISH THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT HONORING THE 77 SONS OF GUAM WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND ALL VIETNAM VETERANS IN SERVICE TO OUR ISLAND AND OUR COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THE THE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION INDEPENDENT VIETNAM'S VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF GUAM WISHES TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF THE SKINNER PLAZA TO ESTABLISH A MEMORIAL MONUM MONUMENT ON HONORING THE 77 SONS OF GUAM WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ALL ALL OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS IN SERVICE TO OUR ISLAND AND OUR COUNTRY THE PORTION OF THIS OF THE THE MONUMENT WILL BE OR THE THE MONUMENT WILL BE ON SKINNER PLAZA AND IT'S IDENTIFIED AS AS LOT NUMBER FIVE AND SIX IT'S LOCATED IF YOU'RE IN LOOKING OUT FROM LOOKING IN FROM MARINE DRIVE IT'S RIGHT BEHIND THE KOREAN WAR MONUMENT THE INDEPENDENT VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION AND GUAM WITH THE AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL WITHIN THE SKINNER PLAZA IS IN HONOR OF THE 77 SONS OF GUAM WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND ALL OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS IN SERVICE TO OUR ISLAND AND OUR COUNTRY I ASKED MY MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT FOR THIS MEASURE I HAD I THINK THE MEASURE HAD NO OPPOSITION BUT I DID GET ONE EMAIL FROM A A STUDENT FROM THE ACADEMY OF OUR LADY WHO SUPPORTED THE BILL SHE SENT IN HER TESTIMONY AND I'D LIKE TO THANK HER AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS THIS MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER FOR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF BILL NUMBER 17037 C AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE GOOD SPONSOR WHO'S ALSO A VETERAN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MAKING ME A PART OF THE CO-SPONSORSHIP I WANT TO SAY THE INTENT MADAM SPEAKER OF THIS BILL GRANTS THE NONPROFIT INDEPENDENT VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF GUAM THE AUTHORITY TO USE A PORTION OF OF SKINNER'S PLAZA TO ERECT THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT MADAM SPEAKER I KNOW A LOT OF US HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS WHO DID SERVE IN THE VIETNAM ERA AND A LOT OF THEM DID HAVE THE LUCKY ONES CAME HOME BUT THERE WERE 70 S OF OUR ISLAND RESIDENTS WHO DIED IN SERVICE OF OF OF OF THE FREEDOM OR AND AND AND HONORING AND PROTECTING THE VALUES OF WHO WE ARE AS A FREE COUNTRY AND HAVING 77 OF OUR OWN SOLDIERS NOT MAKE IT HOME IS IS IS A REALLY YOU KNOW A BIG TRAGEDY AND FOR MANY MANY YEARS A LOT OF THESE SOLDIERS AND A LOT OF THESE VETERANS LITERALLY HAD A HARD TIME FOR THE SERVICE THAT THEY' DONE FOR FOR OUR ISLAND AND FOR OUR COUNTRY AND NONE OF THEM WERE RECOGNIZED IT'S IT'S AMAZING NOW FAST FORWARD TO 2022 WHEN WE SEE A LOT OF NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE OUT THERE SPONSORING AND HELPING VETERANS WHO HAVEN'T GOTTEN THEIR BENEFITS VETERANS WHO HAVE GONE THROUGH ALL THE DIFFERENT WARS WITHIN WITHIN OUR LIFETIME AND ARE FINALLY JUST TRYING TO SEE AND TO SEE IF THEY STILL QUALIFY AND SEE IF THEY CAN STILL GET BENEFITS AND A LOT OF THESE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS HAVE TAKEN IT UPON THEMSELVES TO PERSONALLY WORK WITH FAMILIES WITH VETERANS THAT ARE STILL ALIVE FROM THE VIETNAM ERA AND ALL THE OTHER WARS THAT ARE OUT THERE AND WHEN THIS BILL WAS ASKED I KNOW THAT IT WAS BROUGHT UP BEFORE I SAID THAT I WOULD SUPPORT THIS EFFORT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT I HAD AN ADOPTED BROTHER WHO SERVED IN VIETNAM NOT ONE TERM TWO TERMS BUT THREE TIMES AND GOD BLESSES SO I KNOW HE'S IN HEAVEN LOOKING DOWN SAYING FINALLY TINA BUT EDDIE BOY I KNOW YOU'RE UP THERE LISTENING AND I KNOW THAT THIS RECOGNITION AND THIS MONUMENT WILL MADE WOULD AT LEAST BRING A REFLECTION FOR ALL THOSE WHO SUFFERED AND DIED THE ATROCITIES OF WAR FOR THE FREEDOMS THAT WE LIVE TODAY AND BEING A PART OF THIS SPONSORSHIP JUST MAKES ME FEEL EVEN MORE HUMBLLED THAT THE AUTHOR WHO'S A VETERAN HIMSELF AND WE MADAM SPEAKER HAVE SEVERAL MORE THAN SEVERAL VETERANS IN THIS IN THIS AUGUST BODY NO I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF THEM SERVED IN I KNOW THE PREVIOUS OUR PREVIOUS COLLEAGUE WHO WHO JUST PASSED AWAY RECENTLY SENATOR PEDO DID SERVE IN THE VIETNAM WAR AND I KNOW THAT HE WOULD HAVE BEEN ONE OF THOSE PROUD SPONSORS TOO AND I'D LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HIM FOR ALL THE EFFORTS AND HIS SERVICE TO TO COUNTRY AND TO OUR ISLAND AND AND KNOWING THAT THAT HE DID GUAM WELL AND IF WE'RE GOING TO PAY HOMAGE IN HONOR TO THESE 77

PEOPLE WHO DIED IN SERVICE FOR THE FREEDOMS THAT WE LIVE TODAY THEN EVEN MORE FITTING THAT WE WE ADVOCATE AND PROMOTE THIS BILL SO MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN RISE OF THIS BILL 170-37 COR I WANT TO THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION FOR DOING HIS DUE DILIGENCE WORKING WITH THE NON PROFIT BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY KNOWING THAT THAT THAT THEY WILL EVEN LOOK FOR THE FUNDS TO HELP BUILD THIS MONUMENT SO IT JUST TAKES THE THE BURDEN OFF OF THE GOVERNMENT SO I TRULY APPRECIATE BEING A PART OF THIS LEGISLATION AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE TO PLEASE SUPPORT THIS EFFORT *UN DANGKALO NA SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'.*

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL SENATOR FISHER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I HOPE I HOPE MOST OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN THIS CHAMBER HAVE BEEN RECENTLY TO THE VILLAGE OF *UMATAC* IF YOU GO THERE ON THE LEFT SIDE THE OVERL OVERLOOK OF THAT BEAUTIFUL VILLAGE YOU WILL SEE THE VIETNAM MEMORIAL AND IT'S HEARTBREAKING ACTUALLY WHEN YOU GO THERE AND YOU LOOK AT THE NAMES AND YOU SEE SANCHEZ QUINATA SANCHEZ SANCHEZ QUINATA QUINATA QUINATA AND IT BECOMES IMMEDIATELY APPARENT THAT SO MANY BROTHERS AND COUSINS IN THAT VILLAGE DIED DEFENDING THE COUNTRY I DON'T THINK THERE IS A PERSON AND *UMATAC* THAT WASN'T PERSONALLY AFFECTED BY THE VIETNAM WAR AND THE TREMENDOUS ACHING VOID THAT WAS LEFT BY THE ABSENCE OF THESE CHILDREN WHO SACRIFICED THEMSELVES FOR THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES SO THAT WE COULD ASSEMBLE HERE IN THIS ROOM TO DISCUSS THE BUSINESS OF GUAM IF IT WASN'T FOR THE COURAGE OF YOUNG MEN AND YOUNG LADIES ON THIS ISLAND TO GO OUT AND SERVE SERVE US ALL WE MIGHT NOT HAVE THAT PRIVILEGE SO WE OWE AN A DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO THESE MEN AND WOMEN THAT CAN NEVER ADEQUATELY BE REPAID I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT MEMORIALS LIKE THIS BE ERECTED AND I I THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR DWAYNE BECAUSE IT MUST HAVE SWAGED SOME OF THE UNENDING GRIEF FOR SOME OF THE PARENTS AND CHILDREN AND BROTHERS AND SISTERS ON THESE ABSENCE TO KNOW THAT THE ISLAND SHARES IN THAT GRIEF AND SHARES IN A REMEMBRANCE OF THE ABSENCE OF THESE YOUNG BOYS AND YOUNG WOMEN IT CAN ALSO BE SAID OF THE ENTIRE ISLAND I DON'T THINK THERE'S A FAMILY ON THIS ISLAND THAT HASN'T BEEN TOUCHED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER BY WAR YOU KNOW THE THE PAIN OF LOSING A CHILD I THINK THE PAIN OF LOSING A BROTHER A LOVED ONE NEVER GOES AWAY BUT AT LEAST WE CAN LET THEM KNOW THAT WE SHARE IN THAT PAIN AND SHARE IN THE REMEMBRANCE ALWAYS OF THE SACRIFICE THAT WAS MADE WE SHARE IN THE VALOR THAT THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN EXHIBITED THEY WILL NOT BE FORGOTTEN WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL AND FOREVER UNABLE TO ADEQUATELY EXPRESS THAT GRATITUDE BUT FOR ALL OF THESE PEOPLE FOR YOUR ETERNAL SACRIFICE THAT YOU HAVE MADE FOR US PLEASE KNOW AND THE FAMILIES PLEASE KNOW THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THEY EVER EVER BE FORGOTTEN WHETHER THERE'S A MEMORIAL OR NOT THESE VETERANS THESE PEOPLE WHO FOUGHT FOR US ARE EXTRAORDINARY ABSOLUTELY EXTRAORDINARY AGAIN I'LL JUST WRAP UP I SAY THEY SUPPORTED IT THE CONSTITUTION THEY DEFENDED THE CONSTITUTION THEY SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION I HOPE I HOPE I IF I COULD JUST BE HALF THE PERSON THAT WOULD WOULD DO THAT I WOULD I THINK THAT WOULD BE ENOUGH FOR ME THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR LUJAN YOU'RE RECOGNIZE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER DITTO THE RETIRING SPEAKER I ECHO HIS SENTIMENTS AS WELL AND I JUST KUDOS TO THE OF COURSE THE AUTHOR OF OF THE BILL THERE'S JUST ONE ONE CONCERN I HAVE MADAM SPEAKER AND I WONDERING IF THE THE AUTHOR WILL YIELD TO THE TO THE QUESTION OF WHAT PART OF SKINNER PLAZA WOULD THIS BE ERECTED AND THE REASON WHY I'M ASKING IS BECAUSE IF WE CAN LOOK OUT HERE IMMEDIATELY PASS BEHIND THE THE MUSEUM THERE AND A HARD RAIN IT BECOMES LIKE A PONDING BASIN THERE AND IT TAKES A WHILE FOR THAT WATER TO TO PERCOLATE SO I'M I'M JUST WONDERING WHERE IT'S GOING TO BE BUILT CAUSE IF IT'S GOING TO BE IN THAT AREA THERE IT WOULD BE REALLY DISRESPECTFUL FOR FOR I MEAN FOR A AN ERECTION OF TO HONOR OUR FALLEN IN THAT AREA IF IT'S IF THE PERCOLATION OR THE THE WATER SITUATION IS NOT TAKEN CAREED OF SO I'M JUST I'M JUST WONDERING BECAUSE IT LOOKED LIKE A SWIMMING POOL THERE AFTER A HARD RAIN SO I'M JUST WONDERING WHERE IT'S AT FROM OUR WERE ABOUT IT'S GOING TO BE UM ERECTED IF IF THE SPEAKER WILL YIELD TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN FOR THE THE QUESTION RIGHT NOW WE'RE HAVING THE STAFF PASS OUT THE THE MAP AND YOU CAN SEE IN THE ILLUSTRATION AS YOU'RE LOOKING IN FROM MARINE DRIVE IT'S RIGHT RIGHT BEHIND THE IT'S ON THE LEFT SIDE RIGHT BEHIND THE KOREAN KOREAN WAR VET MEMORIAL.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NO YEAH THANK YOU BECAUSE I I WAS JUST WONDERING BECAUSE I'M LIKE WHOA I I HOPE IT WON'T BE RIGHT OVER HERE BECAUSE THAT WOULD HAVE I MEAN IT WOULD BE EVEN COSTLIER TO TO TO ERECT IT BECAUSE THEN THEY WOULD HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THE OF THE PERCOLATION OR THE THE THE WATER THAT THAT STANDS THERE FOR FEW DAYS AND IT WON'T BE A I MEAN ONCE THAT HAPPENS PEOPLE WON'T BE ABLE TO VISIT THAT UNTIL THE WATER PERCOLATES SO YEAH IT'S NO IT'S IT'S NOT EVEN CLOSE TO THAT AREA IT'S TOWARDS THE MARINE DRIVE MORE SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN AND I AGAIN I'M FULL SUPPORT OF THIS IT'S YOU KNOW OUR THE MEN THAT WE LOST AGAIN THEY WOULD NEVER NEVER BE FORGOTTEN AND AS THE RETIRING SPEAKER SENATOR FISHER HAD SAID YOU GO UP TO *UMATAC* AND THE OVERLOOK OVER THERE IT IT'S A SOMBER PLACE BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE OF ALL THOSE THAT HAVE GIVEN GIVEN THEIR LIVES AND SO I INVITE AGAIN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND EVERY TIME WE GO DOWN DOWN SOUTH JUST STOP BY THERE AND U COUNT OUR BLESSINGS ON A DAILY BASIS WE DO THAT BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A QUESTION FOR THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF HE SHOULD YIELD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE STATE YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WHO CURRENTLY HAS JURISDICTION OVER THE PROPERTY AT SKINNER PLAZA.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE BEING BEING THE FORMER UH SPEAKER AND AND THE STEWARD OR THE GUARDIAN OF THE PROPERTY PARTS OF SKINNER STILL HAS IS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF OF THE LEGISLATURE AND THE OTHER PARTS ARE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WITH THE OH WITH THE SPONSOR YELD.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I I I DON'T THINK I I IN THE BILL IS NOT IT'S NOT RECOGNIZED BUT JUST GIVE ME A MOMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER IF I MAY IF THE IF THE AUTHOR WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A MINUTE TO TRY AND FIND OUT THIS INFORMATION I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE TO KNOW ESPECIALLY THOSE LISTENING AUDIENCES YOU KNOW WHERE THE LAND IS ACTUALLY BEING TAKEN FROM WHICH DEPARTMENT OR OR AGENCY SO IF HE WANTS TO TAKE A MINUTE TO FIND OUT I I HAVE NO PROBLEM.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM CAN I TAKE A A BRIEF RECESS PLEASE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU WERE ASKED IF YOU WOULD.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM I'LL YIELD TO THE TO THE QUESTION AND THANK YOU TO VICE SPEAKER UH TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND SENATOR TOM FISHER AND SENATOR ROY QUINATA FOR HELPING ME CLEAR VERIFY THIS AND LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS TRY TO DERAILED A BILL THAT'S HONORING 77 OF OUR VETERANS THAT WE LOST IN VIETNAM SO IT'S PUBLIC LAW 31-232 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR CALVO IT'S TRANSFERRING THE PROPERTY OF SKINNER SKINNER PLAZA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHAMORRO AFFAIRS DOES THAT SUFFICE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR NICHOLAS COULD YOU PLEASE REPEAT YOUR CITATION PUBLIC LAW.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: PUBLIC LAW YES MADAM SPEAKER PUBLIC LAW 31-232.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ACCORDING TO THE COUNCIL IT'S TRANSFERRED SKINNERS WAS TRANSFERRED IN THAT PUBLIC LOT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SEN SENATOR TELO YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THERE'S NO OTHER THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU TO THE AUTHOR AND THERE'S NO OTHER LEGISLATION AFTER THAT PUBLIC LAW IN PLACE TO DO ANY OTHER KIND OF TRANSFER SO WE'RE WE'RE WE'RE RELYING ON A PUBLIC LAW THAT WAS ALMOST NINE YEARS AGO AND NOTHING ELSE HAS OKAY SO SO WE'RE SAYING THAT SKINNER PLAZA BELONGS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PERIOD IT'S NO IT'S NOT PARKS IT'S NOT THE GUAM MUSEUM IT'S NOT THE LEGISLATURE IT BELONGS TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM PERIOD I THINK I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THIS CLEAR BECAUSE I THINK WE NEED TO KNOW I MEAN WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ANY OTHER AGENCIES OR DEPARTMENTS ABOUT TAKING AWAY THIS PIECE OF PROPERTY TO BE UTILIZED AND THERE'S NOTHING IN IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT YOU KNOW MENTIONING IN MENTIONING THAT SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IF IT IS PARKS AND REC THAT PARKS AND REC IF WE ASK THEM IF IT'S OKAY WITH THEM OR BUT IF IT'S THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AS A WHOLE THEN HOW CAN THAT BE WHEN IT'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COUNCIL REPRESENTS SENATOR THAT THAT'S WHAT THE PUBLIC LAW SAYS THAT IT'S TRANSFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SHE'S NOT REPRESENTING WHAT HAPPENED SUBSEQUENT TO THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IF ANYTHING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO NOW WE HAVE IT UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OKAY THE SECOND QUESTION I HAVE FOR THE AUTHOR IF HE SHOULD YELD WE ALSO GAVE A PORTION OF THE LAND TO GOLD STARRED RECIPIENTS AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN OR OR MAYBE IT COULD BE I MEAN MY FATHER WAS RETIRED AIR FORCE MY CHILDREN'S FATHER RETIRED AS WELL IN THE MILITARY I MEAN LIKE EVERYONE WE HAVE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE PART OF THE MILITARY AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICE AND WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THEM RETURNING SOME HAVE NOT BUT AND WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THEM AND REMEMBER THEM HOWEVER THERE WAS A GOLD STAR MONUMENT THAT WAS PUT UP AND ON THAT GOLD STAR IT REPRESENTED THOSE WHO ALSO I GUESS THE GOLD STAR MEANS YOU YOU HAVE SACRIFICED OR THAT INDIVIDUAL HAD DIED AND THEY GET A GOLD STAR AND THEIR NAMES ARE PUT UP SO I WAS JUST WONDERING WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THESE 77 INDIVIDUALS VERSUS THOSE WHO ARE MENTIONED ON THE GOLD STAR RECIPIENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM GOLD STAR IS ACTUALLY A NEW REFERENCE TO MEMBERS OF OUR OF OUR OF OUR CITIZENRY WHO GIVEN THEIR LIVES IT'S KIND OF LIKE A RECENT THING I THINK IT WAS AN ACT PROBABLY RIGHT AFTER DESERT STORM OR ONE OF OUR DESERT CONFLICTS THAT WE'VE WE'VE ENTERED IN AND GOLD STAR IS FOR EVERYONE WHO DIED IN ALL THESE IN OTHER CONFLICTS RECENT CONFLICTS AND THIS VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL WE IS HONORING THE SACRIFICE OF THE 77 MEN WHO PERISHED IN A IN THE VIETNAM CONFLICT WHICH IS YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S IT'S DEFINED AND YOU KNOW IT'S IT'S A SACRIFICE THAT WAS A A DIFFERENT TIME IN OUR HISTORY AND IT'S IT'S IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE GOLD STAR THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO TO JUST TO REITERATE THANK YOU FOR THAT SO I WOULD ASSUME THAT THOSE 77 WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR OUR FREEDOM WILL ALSO BE ARE ALSO ON THE GOLD STAR MONUMENT AS WELL OR THEY ARE ARE NOT I I WASN'T QUITE SURE BECAUSE IT IT SOUND.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: NO THEY'RE NOT MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I'M SORRY ARE THEY ARE THEY MADAM SPEAKER THE QUESTION WOULD BE TO THE AUTHOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WITH THE AUTHOR YIELD.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MADAM SPEAKER THE GOLD STAR IS A IS A VERY RECENT HONOR THAT GIVEN TO THE FALLEN OF OUR JUST VERY RECENT CONFLICTS SO THE NAMES OF THESE 77 INDIVIDUALS WILL NOT APPEAR THERE OKAY THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH THANK YOU SENATOR SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTION AND AND UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN THEM AND APPRECIATE THE THE TIME PUT INTO THAT SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE NO MORE QUESTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN THE SPONSOR MAKE SORRY SENATOR BROWN YOU ON THE BILL YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I CERTAINLY DID WANT TO RISE AND SUPPORTED THIS BILL I WAS ASKED BY MY GODFATHER'S DAUGHTER TO PROVIDE HER TESTIMONY SHE WASN'T ABLE TO BE HERE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTAINLY I WANTED TO INCLUDE AND SHE CERTAINLY ALSO WANTED TO INCLUDE HER TESTIMONY FOR THE RECORD AND IT'S CERTAINLY GOING TO SAY AND IF YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF NOT EXPERIENCED IT'LL CERTAINLY GIVE YOU A FEELING OF WHAT MANY MANY FAMILIES HAVE HAVE EXPERIENCED IN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE ESPECIALLY IN CONFLICT ESPECIALLY THE LOSS OF SOMEONE YOU VERY MUCH CARED ABOUT WHO DIED AT A VERY YOUNG AGE AND IN OUR FAMILY NOT JUST MY GODFATHER BUT THE VERY FIRST CASUALTY WE HAD IN VIETNAM SEUS MARIANO WAS A COUSIN OF OURS AND THE INTERESTING THING IS THESE TWO YOUNG MEN LITERALLY GREW UP WITHIN 300 FEET OF EACH OTHER IN MAGOT MANGILAO JESUS BEING THE FIRST CASUALTY AND MY GODFATHER MARK BIAGINI BEING THE LAST SO I'M GOING TO DO MY VERY BEST BECAUSE THIS IS PROBABLY THE ONE TOPIC IN ALL THE TIME I'VE BEEN IN THE LEGISLATURE THAT PROBABLY HAS EVER GIVEN ME THE MOST EMOTION IN SPEAKING ON THIS FLOOR BUT I'M VERY HONORED TO READ THIS AND I THINK WHEN YOU HEAR WHAT MY GODFATHER'S DAUGHTER HAS TO SAY I THINK YOU'LL UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT A LOSS AND I KNOW THERE ARE MANY IN OUR COMMUNITY IN THIS GUAM COMMUNITY THAT KNOW WHAT THIS FEELS LIKE OF THOSE FAMILIES THAT HAVE LOST A LOVED ONE IN CONFLICT *HÅFA ADAI* MY NAME IS MICHELLE PEREZ AND I'M THE ONLY CHILD OF MARK SALAS BIAGINI ONE OF THE LAST SONS OF GUAM KILLED IN THE VIETNAM WAR HE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE ON JUNE 13TH 1972 JUST ONE DAY BEFORE HIS 22ND BIRTHDAY LEAVING BEHIND NOT ONLY A GRIEVING COMMUNITY BUT ALSO HIS PARENTS SIMPLICIA SALAS BIAGINI AND TOMAS GARCIA BLAS MY FATHER WAS THEIR ONLY CHILD AND HIS LOSS LEFT A VOID THAT COULD NEVER BE TRULY FILLED ALTHOUGH I WAS JUST FOUR MONTHS OLD WHEN MY FATHER DIED IS ABSENCE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SHADOW OVER MY LIFE I NEVER GOT TO EXPERIENCE HIS PRESENCE BUT HIS MEMORY HAS BEEN KEPT ALIVE BY MY GRANDMOTHER AND MY MOTHER AGNES ATTALIG CRUZ WHO TRULY NEVER RECOVERED FROM THE LOSS I BECAME THEIR ONLY CONNECTION TO HIM A LIVING REMINDER OF THE SON AND THE LOVE THAT THEY SO CHERISHED DEEP DEEPLY ONE OF MY MOST CHERISHED MEMORIES IS SITTING BESIDE MY GRANDMOTHER LOOKING OVER PHOTOS AND READING ALOUD THE LETTERS MY FATHER WROTE WHILE ON TOUR IN VIETNAM HER SMILE SPARKLED WITH PRIDE AS I RECITED HIS WORDS YET TEARS WELLED UP IN HER EYES REFLECTING THE PAIN THAT NEVER TRULY SUBSIDED THESE LETTERS PROVIDED A GLIMPSE INTO THE KIND OF MAN HE WAS A MAN OF INTEGRITY HUMILITY AND FIERCE PROTECTIVENESS JUST AS MY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS DESCRIBED HIM EVERY MEMORIAL DAY WE GATHER TO HONOR HIS SACRIFICE A TRADITION I CONTINUE TO THIS DAY NEARLY 52 YEARS LATER THE PAIN OF HIS LOSS IS STILL FRESH WITNESSING MY FAMILY'S EMOTIONS THEIR GRIEF ETCHED EVEN AFTER DECADES REMINDS ME OF THE PROFOUND IMPACT OF HIS SACRIFICE HAS HAD IT UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF NEVER FORGETTING OUR FALLEN HEROES NOT JUST THEIR FAMILIES BUT FOR OUR ISLAND COMMUNITY AND NATION WHILE NO NUMBER OF CEREMONIES MONUMENTS OR GESTURES CAN TRULY REPAY THE DEBT WE OWE THESE BRAVE SOULS INITIATIVES LIKE BILL 170 ARE CRUCIAL TO ENSURING THEIR MEMORIES ARE PRESERVED AND THEIR SACRIFICES ACKNOWLEDGED THIS REPRESENTS A STEP TOWARDS HONORING THEIR LEGACY AND REMINDING FUTURE GENERATIONS OF THE PRICE PAID FOR OUR FREEDOM THEREFORE I URGE YOU TO PASS BILL 170 AND SHOW OUR DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE FALLEN HEROES LIKE MY FATHER MARK SALAS BIAGINI AND ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR OUR ISLAND AND OUR NATION I THINK THESE COMMENTS AND WORDS THAT MICHELLE HAS WRITTEN DEFINITELY HIT HOME AND THEY HIT HOME HERE AT THE LEGISLATURE BECAUSE WE ALL KNOW WHO AGNES CRUZ IS YOU KNOW YOU CAN GO THROUGH LIFE AND MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED AND INDEED IT'S BEEN 52 YEARS SINCE MY GODFATHER WAS KILLED IN ACTION YOU

KNOW IT'S NOT SOMETHING WE'RE PRIDEFUL OF BEEN RECOGNIZING THAT HE WAS THE LAST CHAMORRO SON TO BE KILLED IN ACTION IN VIETNAM BECAUSE WE THOUGHT OH MY GOODNESS IF HE HAD SURVIVED WHAT A DIFFERENCE IN OUR LIVES HE WOULD HAVE MADE TODAY HAD HE STILL BEEN HERE AND I KNOW THAT'S A PAIN THAT MANY FAMILIES FEEL IT'S A PAIN THAT NEVER LEAVES YOU NO MATTER HOW MUCH TIME PASSES IT'S ALMOST AS IF IT WAS YESTERDAY IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE ALL THOSE THAT CAME HOME MY DAD WAS ONE OF THEM HE WAS IN THE RIVER REINFORCE IN VIETNAM AND I'M GRATEFUL COULDN'T IMAGINE LIFE WITHOUT HIM COLLEAGUES WHEN WE LOOK AT THESE MONUMENTS YES YOU KNOW THEY MAY BE CONCRETE THEY MAY BE GRANITE SOMETHING THAT WE SEE AND LOOK AT AND THINK OH MY GOODNESS THERE MUST HAVE BEEN SOMETHING IMPORTANT AS TO WHY THIS MONUMENT WAS BUILT BUT THERE'S A HUMAN SIDE OF IT THERE'S A SIDE THAT LIVES ON IN US EVERY DAY THAT CARRY THESE MEMORIES FOR ME I HAD SUCH WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF MY GODFATHER HE WAS SMART HE WAS HANDSOME HE DROVE AROUND A 1962 CORVETTE THAT WAS RED AND WHITE AND HE WAS SUCH A LIGHT IN OUR FAMILY EVEN TO TODAY WE STILL FEEL THAT SENSE OF LOSS BECAUSE HE WAS SOMETHING AND SOMEONE INCREDIBLY SPECIAL TO US AND I KNOW EVERY FAMILY THAT HAS LOST A LOVED ONE IN CONFLICT SHARES AND FEELS THAT VERY SAME FEELING THAT PAIN THAT NEVER LEAVES YOU YES IT'S ANOTHER MONUMENT BUT IT'S SOMETHING EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IT'S SOMETHING TO RECOGNIZE WHO THESE MEN WERE WHAT THEY DID AND WHAT THEY SACRIFICED ESPECIALLY AT A TIME IN THEIR LIFE WHEN EVERYONE WOULD THINK OH WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG EVERYTHING'S AHEAD OF YOU AND FOR THEM THERE WAS NO TIME AHEAD FOR ANY ONE OF THEM SO I HOPE WE KEEP THAT IN MIND AND THINK OF MICHELLE AND ALL THE MANY OTHERS BECAUSE THERE ARE MANY OTHER CHILDREN IN THIS COMMUNITY THAT GREW UP WITHOUT THEIR PARENT WITHOUT THEIR FATHER TO BE THERE TO GUIDE THEM TO HOLD THEM TO TELL THEM THAT THEY LOVE THEM TO TELL THEM THAT THEY'D BE THERE FOR EVERY CHALLENGE IN THEIR LIFE WE NEED TO REMEMBER THEM AND CERTAINLY THE CONSTRUCTION OF THIS MONUMENT THAT'S VERY MUCH BEEN INITIATED BY THE VERY VETERANS THAT SERVED ARM IN-ARM WITH THOSE THAT PASSED AWAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO TO REMEMBER AND HONOR THEIR NOT JUST THEIR SACRIFICE BUT THE FACT THAT THEY LIVED AND THEY LIVED IN THIS COMMUNITY AND THEY MADE A DIFFERENCE FOR WHO AND WHAT WE ARE TODAY SO WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL WELL I'LL SAY IT AGAIN MARK SALAS BIAGINI WE WE KNEW HIM AS FREDERICK AND AND CERTAINLY TO ALL THE OTHERS THAT WE'VE LOST AND I DO WANT TO ADD MADAM SPEAKER I THINK THE FACT THAT WE TAKE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE FALLEN MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY BEFORE EVERY SESSION CERTAINLY SOMETHING TO BE APPRECIATED I'M SURE THE FAMILY WHEN THEY HEAR THE NAME OF THEIR LOVED ONE IT BRINGS THEM BACK FOR A MOMENT AND AND THEY KNOW THAT THEIR LOVED ONE IS IS REMEMBERED AND I THINK THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO WITH SOMEONE WHO PAST PARTICULARLY THOSE THAT WERE TAKEN SO EARLY ON IN THEIR LIVES SO WITH THAT AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL IF NOT THEN SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WHEN I WAS DEPLOYED A CONVOY OF OF FRIENDLY FORCES GOT INTO A REALLY BAD SITUATION AND I WAS ONE OF THE QUICK RESPONSE GUYS SUPPOSED TO GO OUT THERE AND AND IT JUST SO HAPPENED THAT THE NEXT DAY I WAS SUPPOSED TO GO ON RNR AND GO HOME AND SO AS I GOT ONTO THE THE HANVEY MY COMMANDER STARTS RUNNING OUT AND HE SAYS SAINT NICK GET OUT FROM THAT CONVOY AND I SAID WHY BECAUSE YOU'RE YOU'RE GOING ON RNR TOMORROW AND YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE THEY DON'T WANT YOU TO GET GO OUT THERE AND YOU KNOW MISSED THAT VERY IMPORTANT DAY THE NEXT DAY SO HE SWITCHED ME OUT WITH ONE OF MY BATTLE BUDDIES AND THE LOOK IN HIS EYES WAS SCOTT WRENCHING AND I TOLD HIM I'LL BE HERE WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU COME HOME WHEN YOU COME BACK I DON'T REALLY TELL THIS TO MANY PEOPLE BUT TOOK TWO YEARS OF COUNSELING WHEN I CAME HOME BECAUSE OF THAT ONE VERY INCIDENT BUT IT'S IS STRONG AND IT STILL REMAINS IN ME AND I'VE BEEN PRAYING TO THE LORD EVERY TIME I SAID PLEASE YOU KNOW THIS IS ONE SKILL THAT I DON'T WANT TO EVER YOU KNOW DO ON ONE ON ANYBODY THAT'S THE ONLY SKILL I HAVEN'T USED I'VE BEEN A SCHOOL COUNSELOR A CUSTOMS OFFICER AN INFANTRYMAN AND THAT'S ONE OF THE SKILLS I'VE NEVER GOT TO USE AND THANK GOD I'VE ALWAYS PRAYED EVERY DAY AND I SAID YOU KNOW LORD IF IF YOU LET ME GO HOME I'LL I'LL TRY TO DO GOOD THINGS YOU KNOW AND SO THANK YOU THANK YOU AND SO IT'S A GREAT HONOR FOR ME TO INTRODUCE THIS BECAUSE I KIND OF FEEL THE THE THE EXPERIENCE OF WHAT A VIETNAM SOLDIER WOULD WOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED AND SEE THEY DIDN'T COME HOME WITH THE SAME FAN FAIR OR

DISABILITY BENEFITS THAT WE CAME HOME TO THEY WENT OUT TO THE FIELD THEY DIDN'T WEAR FLAK VESTS YOU KNOW THEY DIDN'T WEAR BODY BODY ARMOR LIKE WE DID SO IT WAS A DIFFERENT TIME DIFFERENT PLACE TOTALLY DIFFERENT TIME TOTALLY DIFFERENT PLACE AND AND IT WAS BEFITTING THAT MR BENEVENTE BROUGHT THIS TO MY TO MY ATTENTION AND YOU KNOW ASK ME FOR THE TO INTRODUCE THIS THIS MEASURE IT ABSOLUTELY COST NO MONEY TO THE GOVERNMENT BECAUSE THEY WILL BE THE ONES TO RAISE THE FUNDS AND BUILD THE MONUMENT AND THE ONLY COST I GUESS TO THE GOVERNMENT IS THE UTILIZATION OF THE LAND AS WE WILL GIVE THEM THAT HERE TODAY BUT MY UNCLE PASSED AWAY IN THIS IN THIS CONFLICT IN THE VIETNAM WAR AND I NEVER THOUGHT I'D MAKE IT THIS FAR AND IT IT'S SUCH AN HONOR TO TO INTRODUCE THIS BILL AND I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND I THANK SENATOR JOANNE BROWN FOR THAT WONDERFUL HER WONDERFUL TESTIMONY SENATOR JESSE LUJAN SENATOR TOM FISHER UH SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES FOR HELPING ME FIND THE INFORMATION AND SENATOR ROY AND SENATOR JOE HERE FOR THEIR SUPPORT I'M STILL A FRESHMAN SENATOR I'M STILL LEARNING ALL THIS ALL THIS LINGO BUT I REALLY REALLY REALLY LIKE TO THANK THEM AND IF IT PLEASES I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THEM AS A CO-SPONSOR EVERYBODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD YOU PLEASE RESTATE THE ORDER SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: I'D LIKE TO ADD SENATOR TOM FISHER SENATOR JESSE LUJAN MISS SENATOR JOANNE BROWN AND ALL OTHERS IF IT PLEASES PLEASES THEM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO SEND IT A THIRD READING FOR VOTING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 170-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* WE'LL CONTINUE ON SECOND READING BILL 226 SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D FIRST LIKE TO MOTION THAT WE ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO PLACE A BILL NUMBER 226-37 COR INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT AN ACT TO ADD AN ACT TO AMEND SUBSECTION 21103 OF CHAPTER 21 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING SANITARY PERMITS TO BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF ISSUE AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THE MEASURE MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AS I KNOW YOU ALL KNOW IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG AND CHALLENGING ROAD RELATIVE TO OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND THE COMPLIANCE WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR SCHOOL SAFETY AND SANITATION AND I AM ENCOURAGED BY THE FACT THAT TODAY NOW MORE THAN ANY OTHER TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR ISLAND THE CONVERSATION ABOUT THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONVERSATIONS WE'RE HAVING EVERY SINGLE DAY AND SO I'M THANKFUL TO MY COLLEAGUES I KNOW IT'S A LITTLE BIT OF A ROUGH RIDE AND WE HAD INTRODUCED MANY MANY MEASURES RELATIVE TO THE SCHOOLS AND THE SAFETY AND SANITATION GUIDELINES AND SO WHILE WE HAD PASSED MEASURES IN HERE THAT WERE SUBSEQUENTLY SIGNED INTO LAW BY THE GOVERNOR THAT ALLOWED THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO OPEN IN SCHOOLS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN INSPECTED BY PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO ALSO CONTINUE TO OPERATE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE FAILED PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION THAT EVEN THOUGH WE WE PASSED THOSE BILLS WE ALSO PASSED ANOTHER BILL THAT WAS SIGNED AT A LAW THAT MOVED THE COMPLIANCE TIMELINE THAT WE HAD ORIGINALLY MOVED UP TO THE START OF LAST SCHOOL YEAR BACK TO THE START OF THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR AND SO ALL OF THOSE THINGS HAVE HAPPENED AND THE ONE CONSTANT HAS BEEN ALTHOUGH MAYBE NOT AS AS QUICK AS WE WANT THE WORK HAS CONTINUED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM YOU KNOW WORK TO BRING THE SCHOOLS INTO COMPLIANCE AND

I'M VERY ENCOURAGED AND GRATEFUL THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EVEN THOUGH HE HAD THE AUTHORITY TO OPEN SCHOOLS THAT HAVE FAILED INSPECTION AND TO OPERATE SCHOOLS THAT HAVEN'T BEEN INSPECTED HE REALLY IS LEADING THE DEPARTMENT WITH WITH THE THOUGHT PROCESS THAT IN ORDER FOR OUR KIDS TO ATTEND THESE SCHOOLS THAT THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PASS A PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION SO THAT'S ENCOURAGING THAT WE'RE MAKING THESE LITTLE IMPROVEMENTS AND AGAIN I'M THANKFUL TO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE IN THE BODY FOR HELPING US PUSH THAT THAT AGENDA AND THAT NARRATIVE ABOUT GIVING OUR OUR KIDS A PLACE TO GO TO SCHOOL THAT THEY WANT TO LEARN IN THAT THEY CAN FEEL PROUD OF AND WE'RE GOING TO GET THERE ONE DAY NOT TODAY BUT ONE DAY SO WITH ALL THAT BEING SAID THERE HAS BEEN LOOMING IN BACKGROUND OF THIS ISSUE A VERY TROUBLING SCENARIO WHERE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN INSPECTED YOU KNOW PRIOR TO AND DURING THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND HAVE PASSED INSPECTION NO MATTER WHAT DATE THEY WERE INSPECTED NO MATTER WHAT DATE THEY PASSED INSPECTION ALL OF THE SANITARY PERMITS FOR THE GUAM DEPARTMENT EDUCATION SCHOOLS EXPIRE ON JUNE 30TH REGARDLESS OF WHEN THEY WERE ISSUED SO FOR EXAMPLE A SCHOOL LIKE *ADACAO* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OR *TAMUNING* ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHICH JUST PASSED ITS INSPECTION IN JANUARY OF OF OF THIS YEAR THESE SCHOOLS WILL ONLY GET ABOUT 6 MONTHS OUT OF THAT THAT SANITARY PERMIT AND SO WHAT THIS BILL AIMS TO ADDRESS IS THAT SITUATION THAT WE'RE FACING AND THAT SITUATION AGAIN IS ONE WHERE ALL OF THE SANITARY PERMITS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS ALL EXPIRE ON JUNE 30TH WHICH MEANS WITH THE PUBLIC HEALTH SCHOOL SAFETY AND SANITATION GUIDELINES GOING LIVE AT THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR WE COULD VERY WELL END UP IN A SCENARIO WHERE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS UNABLE TO OPEN SCHOOLS SIMPLY BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES LACKS THE STAFF WELL IT'S IT'S TWOFOLD REALLY ONE IS THAT PUBLIC HEALTH LACKS THE ADEQUATE NUMBER OF STAFF TO GO OUT AND INSPECT THE SCHOOLS AND THE OTHER OF COURSE IS THAT OUTSIDE OF SIGNIFICANT HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE BUSINESS OF EDUCATING THE KIDS AND THEY ARE NOW IN THE BUSINESS OF EDUCATING THE KIDS AND MAKING REPAIRS TO THE SCHOOLS SO THAT WE CAN PASS THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS AND SO BASICALLY THAT MEANS IF IF WE DON'T PASS THIS LAW WE COULD END UP IN A VERY BAD SITUATION THAT YOU KNOW ALTHOUGH IT MAY BE HARD TO BELIEVE COULD BE EVEN WORSE THAN THE SITUATION WE WERE IN AT THE START OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR AND SO ALL THIS BILL DOES IT'S A VERY SIMPLE BILL IS IT AMENDS THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE SANITARY PERMIT TO BE ON THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY DATE OF ISSUANCE SO FOR EXAMPLE THE SCHOOLS LIKE *TAMUNING* ELEMENTARY WHO PASSED INSPECTION RECENTLY WILL GET A FULL YEAR OUT OF THAT SANITARY PERMIT AND I THINK THAT THIS WILL HELP TAKE SOME OF THE PRESSURE OFF OF BOTH THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES BECAUSE NOT ONLY ARE WE GOING TO GET OUT OF THAT SITUATION WHERE EVERY SCHOOL EXPIRES ON JUNE 30TH WE'RE GOING TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE THE PERMIT EXPIRATION DATES WILL BE STAGGERED AND THAT'LL GIVE PUBLIC HEALTH MORE TIME TO PREPARE FOR INSPECTIONS AND MORE IMPORTANTLY IT'LL GIVE THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MORE TIME TO DO THE NECESSARY FIXES AND THE NECESSARY SELF-INSPECTIONS THAT THEY NEED TO DO TO ENSURE PASSAGE OF THESE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS SO THAT THEY CAN THEN IN TURN ENSURE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO OPERATE AT THE START OF SCHOOL YEAR 24 2024 2025 AND SO AGAIN THE BILL IT SIMPLY READ WE STRUCK THROUGH A LITTLE SECTION HERE ALL PERMITS APPLICABLE THERE TOO SHALL BE ISSUED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND REGARDLESS OF WHEN ISSUED SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE FOR WHICH ISSUED OR RENEWED AND THEN THERE'S A SECTION HERE THAT DEALS WITH THE WORKFORCE HOUSING AND THE REASON WHY WE INCLUDED THIS IS BECAUSE THE THAT WAS AT THE SUGGESTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH THE THE SANITARY PERMITS FOR THE TEMPORARY WORKFORCE HOUSING THAT'S IN ITS OWN REALM OF RULES AND REGULATIONS AND THEN AGAIN JUST FOR REITERATION THE FEES FOR THE SANITARY PERMIT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE DIRECTOR BY REGULATION AND SHALL BE COLLECTED BY HIM AND THEN WE ADD A NEW LANGUAGE HERE OR HIS DESIGN NEW LANGUAGE ALSO INCLUDED THE FALSIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR A SANITARY PERMIT MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE SANITARY PERMIT AND THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION 21 109 AND LIKE I SAID IT'S A SIMPLE BILL I AGAIN ASK HUMBL Y FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES SO THAT WE CAN KEEP THINGS MOVING FORWARD AT THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND AVOID ANY MORE CHALLENGES BEING PLACED IN FRONT OF YOU NOT JUST THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM BUT IN FRONT OF OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR ABILITY TO LEARN SO THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO OPEN ON THE BILL AND I AGAIN ASK THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUE *SI YU'OS MA'ASE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST CURIOUS AND MAYBE THE THE AUTHOR COULD EXPLAIN THIS THIS COVERS EVERYONE IT'S NOT JUST DOE IT'S EVERYBODY ON THE ISLAND AND MAYBE YOU CAN EXPLAIN GO THE FIRST PAGE AND THEN GO ON TO THE TO THE END OF THE FIRST PAGE DOES REGARDLESS OF WHEN ISSUED SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE WHICH IT WAS ISSUED AND RENEWED BUT THEN FURTHER DOWN ON LINE 11 DIRECTOR SHALL HAVE UP TO 12 MONTHS COULD YOU PLEASE EXPLAIN THAT I'M I'M TRYING TO DIGEST THAT BECAUSE IF THE DIRECTOR IS GOING TO HAVE UP TO 12 MONTHS AND YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THE SCHOOL WAS INSPECTED IN JANUARY AFTER THIS IS ENACTED HE'S GOT 12 MONTHS TO FIGURE OUT NOW HOW HE CAN PLAN THE REST OF THE ISLAND ON HOW TO INSPECT MAYBE SOME OF THE SCHOOLS WILL GET LUCKY AND THEY GOT TO JUNE OF 2024 EVEN THEY WERE INSPECTED IN JANUARY AND I'M JUST HOPING FOR SOME LEEWAY AND MAKING SURE THAT EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WITH WITH THE AUTHOR YIELD.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES MA'AM WOULD SO IN TESTIMONY DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING REPRESENTATIVES FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ASKED FOR UH 12 MONTHS TIME PERIOD SO THAT THEY CAN IMPLEMENT THIS AND THE RETIRING SPEAKER IS CORRECT IN SAYING THAT THIS APPLIES TO ALL OF THE PERMITS UH AND AGAIN THIS WAS OKAY WITH PUBLIC HEALTH SO THEY ASKED TO HAVE UP TO 12 MONTHS TO IMPLEMENT THIS CHANGE BUT THEY DID DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING PLEDGE THAT THEY WOULD PRIORITIZE THE SANITARY PERMITS THAT DEAL WITH THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM AND I HOPE THAT SATISFIES THE GOOD SENATOR FROM YIGO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND I'M HAPPY THAT PUBLIC HEALTH SAYING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO MAKE DOE BE THE PRIORITY BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU'RE PRIORITY OR NOT I ONLY LOOK AT THIS WAY IS THAT IF DUE NEEDS TO GET INSPECTED AND THEN UNFORTUNATELY A RESTAURANT DOWN THE ROAD ALSO NEEDS TO BE INSPECTED I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE PUBLIC HEALTH WHEN THEY START SAYING THEY CAN DO IT CAUSE I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF THIS BILL THIS IS THIS IS GOOD THEY GOT SOME BREATHING ROOM PUBLIC HEALTH IS ACTUALLY GOING TO GET THE BREATHING ROOM THEY NEEDED BUT SOMETIMES I THINK PUBLIC HEALTH HAS A TENDENCY TO ASK FOR BREATHING ROOM AND THEN THEY JUST BURY THEM IN THEIR OWN IN THEIR OWN PAPERWORK BECAUSE THEY DON'T THEY I GIVE YOU A GOOD EXAMPLE MADAM SPEAKER AND TO MY COLLEAGUES I WORK THE REVENUE ON TAX AND EVERYBODY SAYS OH YOU KNOW COMPLIANCE OFFICE WHICH I WAS THE CHIEF WE GOT TO INSPECT BUSINESSES THERE WAS FIVE OF US IN THAT OFFICE AND WE HAD 4,000 BUSINESS TO INSPECT REALLY AND ALMOST 90% OF THOSE BUSINESS REQUIRE A PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION SO I'M ONLY SAYING THANK YOU FOR THE BILL GIVES PUBLIC HEALTH SOME BREATHING ROOM BUT I HOPE PUBLIC HEALTH IS READY TO DO WHAT THEY NEED TO DO BECAUSE I DON'T WANT MY MY THE AUTHORED THE BILL TO SAY *HÁFA* PUBLIC HEALTH YOU SAID YOU NEEDED 12 MONTHS WE GAVE YOU 12 MONTHS THEN YOU CAN'T DO IT THAT'S WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT BECAUSE I'D LIKE TO GIVE AS MUCH BREATHING ROOM TO DOE SO THEY CAN GET INTO TEACHING AND LET THE MANAGEMENT OF DOE WHO SHOULDN'T BE TEACHERS SHOULD BE GETTING READY FOR THE INSPECTION THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I DO SUPPORT THE BILL WITH HIS INTENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER MADAM SPEAKER I STAND IN SUPPORT OF THIS LEGISLATION I WAS THERE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ASKED QUITE A BIT OF QUESTIONS BECAUSE I WAS KIND OF CONCERNED ABOUT YOU KNOW IF YOU'RE GOING TO INSPECT A SCHOOL IN DECEMBER AND IT'S GOING TO GIVE THEM ONE YEAR SCHOOL STARTS IN AUGUST ARE YOU GOING TO ACTUALLY LET THESE KIDS GO IN THERE BEFORE AN INSPECTION IS DONE EVEN IF IT'S SO 3 MONTHS DOWN THE LINE BEFORE IT'S INSPECTED YOU KNOW AND I HAD LOOKED AT THE SUPERINTENDENT WITH EVIL EYES MAKING SURE THAT ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT THOSE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO BE READY TO OPEN ON AUGUST I MEAN EVEN THOUGH YOU NEED YOU HAVE FOUR MORE MONTHS FOR THIS PARTICULAR SCHOOL TO OPEN TO PASS INSPECTION ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE SURE AND HE SAYS ABSOLUTELY WE WOULD NOT OPEN THE SCHOOLS FOR THAT AND GIVING

HIM THE BENEFIT OF DOUBT I TOLD HIM WELL WE'RE GOING TO KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON HIM AND HE SAYS I'M SURE YOU WILL AND WE WILL I MEAN EVEN THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION IS HOLDING THEM TO THE FIRE EVERY SINGLE MONTH EVERY SINGLE MONTH HAVING A HEARING IN INFORMATIONAL HEARING IT DOESN'T MISS AND EVEN TAKING IT OUT TO THE COMMUNITY BUT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ABOUT THIS LEGISLATION WAS IT IT DOESN'T HAVE A BOTTLENECK YOU KNOW IT ALLOWS IT FREES UP MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND DOE YOU KNOW ONCE UPON A TIME WE HAD OUR REGISTRATIONS WOULD WOULD ALL EXPIRE AT THE SAME TIME AND YOU COULD YOU COULD BARELY GET DOWN TO REV TAX TO TO GET IT RENEWED BECAUSE THERE'S A LONG LINE I MEAN THIS IS TO AVOID THAT TO SIMPLIFY IT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED BOTH PUBLIC HEALTH AND DOE AND WE'RE JUST FOLLOWING THOSE SAME GUIDELINES EVEN WHEN IT COMES TO BUSINESSES BUT YOU CAN BET YOU COME AUGUST WHEN IT COMES TIME AND I'M SURE THAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION IS GOING TO ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE SCHOOLS THAT ARE GOING TO OPEN UP ON TIME WILL BE READY TO GO AND IF IT'S NOT THEN WELL WE'VE SEEN IT THEY JUST WON'T OPEN OUR SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN COME FIRST AND FOREMOST THAN MEETING A DEADLINE OF WHEN SCHOOL STARTS THAT'S SECONDARY SO I GREATLY APPRECIATE WHAT WAS DONE HERE IT WAS THOUGHTFUL VERY THOUGHT THROUGH HOWEVER THE TEMPLE THE SANITARY PERMIT FOR THE TEMPORARY WORKFORCE HOUSING CATEGORY AS DEFINED IN THE CHAPTER IT WAS INCLUDED IN THIS AND AND CAN YOU GIVE A LITTLE BIT MORE EXPLANATION AS TO WHY PUBLIC HEALTH WAS VERY ADAMANT AND AND PUTTING THAT SECTION IN THE BILL WE KNOW THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EDUCATION BUT YOU KNOW IS THERE SMILING YEAH JUST A SIMPLE QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION IF HE SHOULD IF HE SHOULD YIELD ON THAT YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR BARNETT: I SURE WOULD MA'AM THANK THE SENATOR FOR THAT QUESTION THIS CHANGE WAS ACTUALLY MADE IN COMMITTEE AT THE REQUEST OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND PUBLIC HEALTH I THINK WAS REALLY TRYING TO AIR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION TO MAKE SURE THAT WHEN WE WERE ADDRESSING THE SANITARY PERMITS THAT WE DIDN'T IMPACT AT ALL THE TEMPORARY WORKFORCE HOUSING BECAUSE AS I SAID IN THE THAT OPEN THEY ARE IN THEIR OWN SECTION OF LAW THEY'RE ARE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT TYPE OF ANIMALS SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE THE OTHER BUSINESSES THAT ARE COVERED BY THE SANITARY PERMIT PROGRAM AND SO I THANK THE COMMITTEE FOR PUTTING THIS INTO THE MEASURE JUST SO WE CAN REALLY MAKE SURE THAT WE AREN'T YOU KNOW FIDDLING WITH THE TEMPORARY WORKFORCE HOUSING AND THE PERMITTING PROCESS FOR THAT THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU TO THE U AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION I APPRECIATE THAT YOU KNOW I MEAN WE'RE WE'RE TRYING TO WHAT DID THEY SAY YOU KNOW ONE STONE TWO BIRDS TAKE IT DOWN SO I GREATLY APPRECIATE THAT IT WAS INCORPORATED INTO THIS AND I ASKED MADAM SPEAKER THAT THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION CAN INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR TO THIS TO THIS BILL AND APPRECIATIVE INNOVATIVE THINKING AND AND CONTINUE TO WISH ALL OF US THE BEST OF LUCK TO ENSURE THESE SCHOOLS ARE OPEN ON TIME IN AUGUST TOO AS WELL LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN EVERYONE HERE CAN DO TO MAKE SURE THAT IT HAPPENS THIS TIME NEXT SCHOOL YEAR SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE BILL.

NOTE SENATOR SHELTON PRESIDES

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE BILL BILL 226-37 SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* I JUST WANTED TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND REALLY ACKNOWLEDGE HOW FAR WE HAVE COME FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE TERM IN REGARDS TO OUR SCHOOLS WE WE FIND OUT ALMOST EVERY DAY THAT MANY SCHOOLS STILL HAVE SO MANY ISSUES EVEN THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN OPENED WE HEAR ABOUT YOU KNOW ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES WRITING A LETTER REGARDING ONE OF THE SCHOOLS IN *CHALAN PAGO* EVERY DAY THERE ARE COMPLAINTS FROM PARENTS AND AND TEACHERS ABOUT THE SCHOOLS HOWEVER PRIOR TO THIS TERM THEY WERE PRETTY MUCH OPERATING WITHOUT INSPECTIONS THEY WERE OPENING EVERY YEAR WITHOUT SANITARY INSPECTIONS THEY HAD GOT A BYPASS FROM PUBLIC HEALTH OR BY THEIR REQUEST THEY HAD REQUESTED TO BE BYPASSED FOR INSPECTIONS FOR 5 YEARS AND SO THAT THEY WOULD MAKE IMPROVEMENTS BUT OBVIOUSLY THEY DID NOT AND THAT'S REALLY A TRAGEDY FOR OUR STUDENTS BUT I'M VERY GRATEFUL TO THE COURAGE OF SOME OF MY

COLLEAGUES ESPECIALLY THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILL TO REALLY FORCE OUR HAND FORCE THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT'S HAND FORCE DOE'S HAND FORCE PUBLIC HEALTH'S HAND TO GET THESE SCHOOLS UP TO PAR AND WE'VE SEEN WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH GOES OUT TO INSPECT THAT THEY'RE STILL NOT ALL UP TO PAR AND SO THERE'S STILL SO MANY CORRECTIONS THAT NEED TO BE MADE BY PUBLIC HEALTH OF COURSE THESE ARE VERY EXPENSIVE BUT WE WERE AT A CERTAIN POINT IN OUR HISTORY WHERE LUCKILY PUB DOE HAD SOME MONEY AND THEY COULD MAKE THESE CHANGES THE GOVERNOR HAD SOME MONEY TO CONTRIBUTE TO SOME OF THESE CHANGES SO I'M I'M JUST GLAD THAT WE ARE NOT GOING TO ROLL BACK AGAIN THE RENEWAL DATE FOR THESE INSPECTIONS OR THESE PERMITS BUT WE ARE ACTUALLY GOING TO MANDATE THAT THEY ARE RENEWED EVERY YEAR CONTINUE TO MANDATE THAT AS YOU KNOW PRIOR TO PREVIOUS LAW THEY WERE NOT THEY WERE SANITARY PERMITS ACROSS THE GOVERNMENT ARE WERE ALLOWED TO BE MADE WITHOUT INSPECTIONS BUT OUR LAW BY THIS BODY THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE MANDATED THAT IN INSPECTIONS WOULD OCCUR FOR EVERY SCHOOL EVERY SINGLE YEAR PRIOR TO OPENING AND WE ALREADY KNOW THAT PRIOR TO OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS THE SCHOOLS ARE YOU KNOW THE PRINCIPLES WORK VERY HARD AND THEY'RE ALL OF THEIR STAFF AND TEAM TO COME UP WITH THESE CHECKLISTS SO THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE READY TO OPEN AND WE'RE FACING THAT AGAIN IN JUST A FEW MONTHS SO I'M GLAD THAT FOR THOSE THIS BILL DOES SOMETHING VERY PRACTICAL AND THAT IS JUST STAGGERS THOSE INSPECTIONS IN ACCORDANCE TO THE PREVIOUS INSPECTION I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER I'M JUST IT'S REALLY VERY NOISY.

SENATOR SHELTON: CAN WE HAVE SOME ORDER PLEASE COLLEAGUES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE AN ISSUE YEAH WHAT IT DOES THE BILL THAT DOES VERY PRACTICALLY IS IT IT ALIGNS THEM WITH THEIR PREVIOUS INSPECTION SO THAT AS YOU KNOW WE ARE CONTINUING TO INSPECT SCHOOLS EVERY WEEK I THINK SO THOSE THAT JUST PASSED PERHAPS LAST MONTH JANUARY DO NOT HAVE TO BE INSPECTED AGAIN THIS SUMMER AND THEY THEY WOULD GET TO BE INSPECTED AGAIN BEFORE NEXT JANUARY SO I THINK THAT'S VERY PRACTICAL AND IT'S STILL IT KEEPS YOU KNOW THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR STANDARDS FOR THAT YEAR AND AND WE CONTINUE TO INSPECT IT EVERY YEAR FOR THE SCHOOLS SO I'M VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT WE DID ADD IN THE COMMITTEE A COUPLE THINGS AT AT THE REQUEST OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WHICH I ALSO THINK MAKE THE BILL EVEN BETTER ONE OF THEM IS THAT THE FALSIFICATION OF AN APPLICATION FOR A SANITARY PERMIT MAY RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE PERMIT AND THIS IS SOME ANOTHER TOOL THAT PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDED IN ORDER AS YOU KNOW AND AND AND WE JUST ALLOWED THE DIRECTOR TO ALSO MAKE A DESIGN FOR SOME OF HIS DUTIES HERE AND THAT'S IT AND BUT I I STAND IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND I THINK WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP OUR SCHOOL SAFETY AS AS ONE OF OUR VERY TOP PRIORITIES HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE AND THAT IT ACTUALLY SHOULD BE AS WE'VE ALWAYS SAID THE PRIORITY OF ALL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM I DON'T THINK WE'VE FULLY SEEN THAT YET ALTHOUGH WE HAVE SEEN SOME COOPERATION FROM SOME AGENCIES I JUST THINK REALLY THE SCHOOLS ARE CONTINUE TO BE IN GREAT NEED OF HELP JUST LIKE THE HOSPITAL AND THEY COULD USE THE RESOURCES OF THE ENTIRE GOVERNMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SPEAKER ON THE BILL SENATOR BLAS MINORITY LEADER BLAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MADAM CHAIR WHILE I RECOGNIZE THE INTENT OF THE BILL I DON'T KNOW IF THE LANGUAGE OF OF THE BILL OKAY ALIGNS WITH THE INTENT BECAUSE IF YOU LOOK AT ON PAGE ONE STARTING FROM LINE SIX IT SAYS ALL PERMITS APPLICABLE THERETO SHALL BE ISSUED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND REGARDLESS OF WHEN ISSUED SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR FROM NOW SO WHEN IT'S ISSUED IT COULD BE REGARDLESS OF IT WHEN ISSUED SO ALL THE PERMITS YOU CAN YOU CAN GET INSPECTED IN MARCH AND YOUR PERMIT WON'T BE ISSUED UNTIL JUNE GUESS WHAT IT'S ALL IN JUNE SO I AGAIN I I THINK THAT THERE'S THERE NEEDS TO BE A LITTLE BIT MORE WORD CRAFTING HERE BECAUSE WHEN YOU SAY REGARDLESS OF WHEN ISSUED SO REGARDLESS YOU CAN BE ISSUED AGAIN YOU COULD GET INSPECTED IN ONE MONTH AND THEN GET THE ISS ISSUED THE THE PERMIT DOWN THE ROAD IT DOESN'T DO IT AND I'D BE VERY CAREFUL BECAUSE THEN WHAT WE'RE OPENING UP HERE IS THEN YOU GET THERE'S A BROAD INTERPRETATION AND IS THAT RESOLVE THE MATTER I AGAIN I KNOW WHAT THE INTENT IS BUT THE LANGUAGE DOESN'T REPRESENT THAT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS ON THE BILL BILL NUMBER 226-37 SPONSOR YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES I WANT TO THANK SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR THE GOOD WORK ON THE BILL THAT SHE DID IN COMMITTEE AND I THINK THE LANGUAGE THAT WE'RE USING IT IS IS VERY PLAIN AND READ SIMPLY SHALL BE ISSUED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS IN REGARDLESS OF WHEN ISSUED SHALL EXPIRE ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE FOR WHICH ISSUED OR RENEWED IT'S VERY SIMPLE AND I JUST HOPE FOR THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS I DON'T THINK THERE'S REALLY MUCH ELSE TO SAY AND I KNOW THAT WE'RE TRYING TO MOVE AHEAD IN THE AGENDA TO MAKE WAY FOR THE BILLS OF REQUIRED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SO THAT'S IT PANCIT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'D LIKE TO MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL TO THE VOTING FILE.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE BILL 226-37 AS AMENDED IN THE VOTING FILE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION PASSES WE ARE STILL IN THE SECOND READING FILE WE ARE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 228-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE SPONSORED BY THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75A109 OF CHAPTER 75A AND SECTION 75109 A1 OF CHAPTER 75 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND SUBSECTION 6A112 AND 6A132 OF CHAPTER 6A AND SECTION 6132 OF CHAPTER 6 TITLE 18 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO SUCCESSORS OF TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASES AND APPLICANTS SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 228-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE THE TITLE YOU JUST READ TO THE THIRD READING FILE AND I'D LIKE TO DISCUSS THAT MOTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: PLEASE PROCEED SO THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 5TH HAD A HEARING FEBRUARY 6TH IT'S INTRODUCED TO TACKLE ONE OF THE LONG-STANDING ISSUES THAT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST HAS BEEN FACING IN ORDER TO MOVE FORWARD ON PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS AND WHAT IT DOES IS QUITE SIMPLE IT ADDS TO THE SUCCESSORS THAT A LESSOR SORRY A LESSEE OR AN APPLICANT CAN DESIGNATE SO RIGHT NOW LESS SOMEONE WHO HAS A LEASE CAN DESIGNATE AT ANY TIME SOMEONE TO TAKE OVER THEIR LEASE ONE OF THEIR CHILDREN SO CURRENT LAW SAYS CHILDREN A SPOUSE A WIDOW OF THE SIBLINGS OR NIECES AND NEPHEWS SO THIS BILL WOULD CHANGE IT TO ADD IN THAT THEY CAN ALSO DESIGNATE GRANDCHILDREN PARENTS GRANDPARENTS SIBLINGS AND THEN THE WIDOWERS OF THE CHILDREN SO ALTOGETHER IT WOULD READ THAT A LESSOR SORRY A LESSEE ONE OF THE THOSE WITH THE LEASES OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OR AN APPLICANT AND SO WE'VE MADE THIS EQUALLY APPLICABLE TO APPLICANTS WHO ARE STILL WAITING IN LINE THAT THEY CAN DESIGNATE IN THEIR PLACE A SPOUSE CHILDREN GRANDCHILDREN PARENTS GRANDPARENTS SIBLINGS WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS OF THE CHILDREN OR SIBLINGS OR NIECES AND NEPHEWS ONE OF THE PRACTICAL REASONS WHY THIS WAS DONE IS BECAUSE AS YOU KNOW THIS LEASE BEGAN IN 1995 AND IT PEOPLE HAVE AGED SIGNIFICANTLY SINCE THEN AND ARE ARE LOOKING TO THEIR GRANDCHILDREN TO ASSIST THEM IN IN TAKING OVER THESE LEASES TAKING CARE OF THE PROPERTY SO WHAT WE DID IN IN COMMITTEE WITH THE BILL WHERE WE HAD INITIALLY STARTED OFF TO JUST CHANGE ONE SECTION OF THE CHAPTER SINCE WE APPLYING IT TO APPLICANTS AS WELL WE ADDED THAT INTO THE SECTION AND WE ALSO MADE SURE THAT THE RULES AND REGULATIONS WERE CONSISTENT SO THAT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST DID NOT HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE TRIPLE A AGAIN TO MAKE THEIR RULES CONSISTENT WITH THIS LAW SO WE'VE WE'VE DONE THAT ALL ALL TOGETHER IN THIS BILL SO AGAIN THIS REMOVES ONE OF THE IMPEDIMENTS TO THE EFFICIENT PROCESSING OF SUCCESSORS TO THESE LEASES AND TO THE EFFICIENT PROCESSING OF APPLICANTS WHO'VE BEEN WAITING SINCE 1995 AND SO I ASKED MY COLLEAGUES AND I URGE THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT AND THIS AMENDMENT IS TO ADD ANOTHER SECTION TO THE BILL WHICH WOULD AMEND SECTION 6112 OF CHAPTER 6 TITLE 18 IN THE GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGS SO THIS IS AGAIN TO AMEND ONE OF THE EXISTING RULES TO MAKE THAT CONSISTENT WITH THIS LAW THESE SUCCESSORS SO JUST TO MAKE SURE THERE'S NOT ANY CONFUSION YOU'LL SEE THIS BILL HAS A 70 CHAPTER 75 AND IT ALSO ADDRESSES CHAPTER 75 A WHICH WAS ADDED SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN A AS PART OF A SETTLEMENT IN A LAWSUIT SO WE HAVE RULES UNDER CHAPTER 75 WHICH IS CHAPTER 6 OF TITLE 18 GAR AND WE ALSO HAVE RULES THAT ARE CHAPTER 6A SO ALL OF THESE HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO BE UNIFORM AS TO WHO CAN BE THE SUCCESSORS IT'S BEEN EXPANDED AND AND THE RULES HAVE BEEN CORRESPONDINGLY AMENDED AS WELL SO AGAIN I ASKED MY COLLEAGUE FOR THEIR SUPPORT.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS TO RESET THE MICROPHONES AND COME BACK TO SPEAK ON THE BILL WE ARE IN RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SHELTON: WE ARE BACK FROM RECESS ON BILL NUMBER 228-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON THE BILL OH I'M SORRY SPEAKER WOULD YOU LIKE TO YOUR AMENDMENT I'M SORRY WE'RE SPEAKING ON ON THE AMENDMENT THE TERLAJE AMENDMENT TO LINE 26 PAGE 7 HEARING NO OBJECTIONS AMENDMENT PASSES ON THE BILL BILL 228-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST HAVE A QUESTION SO WHAT IF THE ORIGINAL LESSEE AND THE SPOUSE HAVE KIDS BUT SOMEBODY PUTS THEM ON THEIR NON-ELIGIBLE SPOUSE AS A BENEFACTOR THEN DIES AND THEN THE LEASE GOES BACK TO THE NON-ELIGIBLE SPOUSE AND THEN THE SPOUSE DIES AND THE LAND GOES BACK TO THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST I GUESS THERE SHOULD BE SHOULD THERE BE AN OPTION THAT THE NON-ELIGIBLE SPOUSE CAN LEAVE IT TO THEIR ELIGIBLE CHILD.

SENATOR SHELTON: DOES THE SPEAKER YIELD TO THE QUESTION SPONSOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I BELIEVE YES I WILL YIELD AND I BELIEVE THE QUESTION IS RELATED TO A SECTION OF THE BILL THAT WE WELL PART OF THIS SECTION OF THE BILL THAT WE ARE NOT TOUCHING BECAUSE THAT WAS A VERY CLEARLY ONE OF THE STIPULATIONS OF THE SETTLEMENT THAT WE HAD IN THE CASE AND THAT THIS IS FOR A VERY PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCE THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT THE LESSEE LESSORS OR SORRY THE LESSEE RIGHT NOW FROM DESIGNATING ANYBODY ELSE AND THIS IS IF THEY DIE YEAH THEY HAVE THE OPTION RIGHT NOW WHILE THEY ARE ALIVE TO DESIGNATE SOMEBODY TO TO INHERIT THAT LEASE HOWEVER IF THEY DESIGNATE A SPOUSE THAT IS NOT ELIGIBLE ON THEIR OWN TO BE A LESSEE THEY ARE GOING TO HAVE A LIFE ESTATE STATE IN THE PROPERTY THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE SETTLEMENT AND THAT WILL END THERE THAT AND I AM NOT PROPOSING THAT WE MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THAT BECAUSE THAT WAS VERY CLEARLY A PORTION IN THE SETTLEMENT THAT WAS NECESSARY.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU SPEAKER DOES THAT SATISFY THE QUESTION SENATOR PEREZ.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SPEAKER THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: YOU'RE WELCOME ON THE BILL BILL 228-37 AS AMENDED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I HAVE AN AMENDMENT THAT MAYBE MY COLLEAGUES CAN CONSIDER IT'S ON PAGE TWO I JUST WANT TO OFFER IT THAT I DON'T NEED TO HAVE IT PRINTED IT'S JUST TO LINE OUT A CERTAIN SECTION THERE IT'S ON PAGE TWO LINE SIX B HAS BEEN MARRIED TO THE LESSEE TO STRIKE OUT RIGHT AFTER THAT THE SEVEN YEARS AND THE REASON WHY I BRING THAT UP BECAUSE THERE THERE ARE MANY FOLKS ON GUAM THAT ARE COMMON LAW AND SOME OF THEM SAID YOU KNOW WHAT AFTER 30 40 YEARS THEY SAID YOU KNOW WHAT HONEY I WANT TO GET MARRIED NOW TO GET MARRIED THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN BECAUSE OF THE SEVEN-YEAR CATCH THEY CAN'T GET ANYTHING AS FAR AS THE THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND I'M THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY I'M ASKING TO STRIKE THAT UNLESS UNLESS MY COLLEAGUES WANT I'LL HAVE IT WRITTEN UP THAT'S I THINK IT'S VERY WRITTEN UP IT'S JUST I'M JUST TRYING TO SHORTCUT THIS AND JUST STRIKE THAT PORTION OTHER THAN THAT I AGREE WITH THIS THEY HAVE TO LET IT BE KNOWN BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE AUTHOR MENTIONED EARLIER THAT IT'LL GO TO I GUESS THE THE PROBATE OR WHATEVER WHEN THEY DISCUSS PROPERTY RIGHTS IT'S JUST AMAZING HOW OUR INTENT OF THIS BILL IS TO MAKE SURE IT GOES ON TO THE FAMILY THE APPLICANT IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT 1995 I'M ALSO ON APPLICANT THERE AND I STILL HAVEN'T GOTTEN THING THAT'S ALMOST 30 YEARS.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THERE IS A MOTION ON THE FLOOR TO STRIKE OUT PAGE TWO LINE SIX FOR AT LEAST THE PAST SEVEN YEARS FROM THE BILL ON THE AMENDMENT SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND I VERY MUCH EMPATHIZE WITH THE SITUATION THAT THE PROFERER OF THE AMENDMENT IS SUGGESTING THAT IS REALITY I I AGREE HOWEVER AGAIN THIS VERY

THIS PARTICULAR SECTION OF THE LAW WAS ONE OF THOSE SECTIONS THAT WAS NEGOTIATED AND NEGOTIATED AND THEY REALLY WERE VERY SPECIFIC WHEN THEY CAME IN WITH THE SETTLEMENT AS TO SEVEN YEARS IT WAS A VERY VERY SPECIFIC PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AND ACTUALLY A C D THESE WERE ALL PART OF THE SETTLEMENT BECAUSE IF YOU REMEMBER THAT CASE IT WAS IT WAS BROUGHT BY SOMEONE WHO ALLEGED THAT THEY WERE A SPOUSE AND NOT ELIGIBLE AND THEY WERE NOT ABLE TO GET THE PROPERTY AND SO IT IT ALLOWS LIKE AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN MARRIED UNDER THIS AND OTHERWISE THEY WOULD NOT HAVE JUST SIMPLY WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ELIGIBLE SO THIS IS AN EXCEPTION THAT WAS MADE AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AND I DO NOT WANT TO I WOULD RECOMMEND WE DO NOT TOUCH THAT BECAUSE THAT SETTLEMENT WAS A VERY HARD ONE SETTLEMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I LIKE TO COMMENT ON THAT AND THEN MAYBE I'LL JUST WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SHELTON: DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WELL I JUST WANTED TO BRING UP AN ISSUE MADAM SPEAKER THAT BECAUSE IT'S PART OF THE SETTLEMENT AND I WILL WITHDRAW IT AND BASICALLY ANNOUNCE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IF YOU HAVE A COMMON LAW ARRANGEMENT AND YOU GOT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST GO GET MARRIED NOW AND START CALLING THE SEVEN YEARS THAT'S WHAT I WANTED TO ANNOUNCE AND I WITHDRAW MY AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE ON THE BILL ON THE BILL AS AMENDED ON THE BILL AS AMENDED HEARING NONE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I'M BEING REMINDED THAT ON THAT ONE PARTICULAR SECTION WHERE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SEVEN YEARS OF MARRIAGE IT I THINK THAT NUMBER I'M BEING REMINDED THAT IT WAS THE NUMBER OF YEARS REPRESENTED AS WHAT WAS MOST LIKELY TO PREVENT A SHAM MARRIAGE AND ABUSE OF ELDERS BEFORE THEY DIE BUT IN ANY EVENT I I THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE DISCUSSION ON THEIR BILL AND AND HOPEFULLY FOR THEIR SUPPORT ON THIS BILL AND I'D LIKE TO ADD SOME SPONSORS TO THIS BILL YES I I'D LIKE TO ADD ESPECIALLY THE SENATORS THAT WERE PRESENT DURING THE HEARING SENATOR JOANNE BROWN SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR ROY QUINATA WAS THERE I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADD SENATOR PEREZ AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS HEARING NONE MOTION PASSES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AGAIN REITERATE MY MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR AND AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TO THE THIRD READING.

SENATOR SHELTON: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE HEARING NO OBJECTIONS MOTION PASSES.

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 171-37 COR SENATOR PEREZ YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO ACCEPT SUBSTITUTE VERSION BILL 171-37 ON TO THE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU IS THAT A SUBSTITUTE VERSION.

SENATOR PEREZ: THERE'S A SUBSTITUTE IT'S ON THE DRIVE AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS HANDED OUT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO SO BILL 171 AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR THERE'S A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR PEREZ YOUR RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER BILL 171-37 INTENDS TO FURTHER CURB INSTANCES OF ILLEGAL DUMPING THERE HAS BEEN A CALL FROM OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR GOVERNMENT THAT STRICTER LAWS CONCERNING ILLEGAL DUMPING NEED TO BE WRITTEN INTO STATUTE ILLEGAL DUMPING IS NOT ONLY AN ENCUMBRANCE ON THE BEAUTY OF OUR ISLAND BUT IT ALSO AFFECTS OUR LIVELIHOOD THROUGH TOURIST THE TOURIST INDUSTRY IT ALSO COULD LEAVE HAZARDS INTO OUR ENVIRONMENT AND IF LEFT UNCHECKED COULD IMPACT OUR LANDS WATERS AND OUR ECOSYSTEM BILL 171-37 PROPOSES TO INCREASE FINES FOR SUBSTANTIAL LITTERING VIOLATIONS BASED ON VOLUME AND WEIGHT OR WEIGHT SORRY CURRENTLY IN STATUTE SUBSTANTIAL LIT VIOLATIONS ARE BASED ON THE NUMBER OF OFFENSES \$500 FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE 750 FOR THE SECOND AND 1,000 FOR THE THIRD OFFENSE SO WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT 32 GALLON TRASH BAG CAN GET THE SAME AMOUNT OF OFFENSE AS A TRUCKLOAD OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS IF IT'S THE FIRST OFFENSE AND SO THIS IS NOT EQUITABLE AND IT CALLED FOR A A REVAMPING OF THE FINES DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING GUAM EPA TESTIFIED THAT VOLUME IS A METHOD OF CHOICE IN ENFORCING LITTERING AND DUMPING VIOLATIONS GUAM EPA SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED TO THE FLEXIBILITY IN UTILIZING WEIGHT OR VOLUME IN COLLABORATION WITH GUAM EPA THREE TIERS WERE PROPOSED FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING ARE AS FOLLOWS \$1,000 FOR 4 TO 18 CUBIC FEET BASICALLY FOUR CUBIC FEET EQUATES TO 132 GALLON TRASH BAG OR IF WEIGHT TO USE IT WOULD BE 15 TO 100 LB THIS PARTICULAR CATEGORY HAS THE OPTION TO PAY IN COMMUNITY SERVICE AT THE RATE OF \$1,000 DIVIDED BY THE MINIMUM WAGE OF \$9.25 FOR OR 108 HOURS OF SERVICE THE SECOND TIER IS \$5,000 FOR 18 TO GREATER THAN 18 TO 36 CUBIC FEET SO THAT EQUATES TO ROUGHLY A TRUCKLOAD RIGHT OR EIGHT TRASH EIGHT 32 GALLON TRASH BAGS THE ALTERNATE METHOD OF WEIGHT IT WOULD BE 100 GREATER THAN 100 TO 5,000 LBS AND THE LAST TIER WAS REALLY DESIGNED FOR INSTITUTIONAL VIOLATORS AT \$10,000 FOR OVER 36 CUBIC FEET OR GREATER THAN 5,000 LBS FOR EVERY 18 CUBIC FEET OVER THAT OR 2500 LBS OVER THAT AN ADDITIONAL 5,000 LBS SO THERE IT'S REALLY A A PROGRESSIVE TYPE OF FINE SO THERE'S NO CAP THE EFFECT OF INCLUDING WEIGHT WOULD ALLOW FOR ILLEGAL DUMPING VIOLATIONS TO APPLY TO APPLIANCES OR OBJECTS SUCH AS A CAR BATTERY WHICH DOESN'T MEET THE 4 CUBIC FEET THRESHOLD BUT WHICH CAN POSE SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL HARM BY COMPARISON IF WASTE WASTE WERE PROPERLY DISPOSED IT WOULD COST A FRACTION OF THE FINES FOR INSTANCE CURBSIDE COLLECTION 96 GALLON TRASH CART SERVICE THROUGH GUAM SOLID WASTE AT \$30.30 A MONTH OR ROUGHLY \$364 A YEAR A VIOLATION OF THE SAME VOLUME WOULD RACK UP \$1,000 A MONTH OR \$12,000 A YEAR WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL COST OR A COST TO HUMAN HEALTH ADDITIONALLY CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS AT ONE OF THE HARD FILLS \$28 TO \$40 PER TRUCKLOAD GUAM SOLID WASTE ALSO ACCEPTS HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FOR FREE AT THEIR TRANSFER STATIONS IN ADDITION TO THE CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUAM SOLID WASTE ALSO ACCEPTS WHITE GOODS AS PART OF THEIR SERVICE WITH NO ADDITIONAL COST BILL 171-37 EXPANDS ENFORCEMENT CAPACITY BY AUTHORIZING GUAM EPA TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO REWARD THOSE WHO REPORT LITTERING VIOLATIONS THAT LEAD TO A CITATION AND THIS WAS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER SLAKE BILL 171-37 INCREASED FINES ARE PROPOSED TO DETER ILLEGAL DUMPING BUT MORE THAN JUST A DETERRENT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TO RAISE AWARENESS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY THAT ILLEGAL DUMPING IS UNACCEPTABLE AND THERE IS A RIGHT WAY TO DO IT THESE FINES ARE ON PAR WITH OTHER SUBSTANTIAL LITTERING VIOLATIONS AROUND THE COUNTRY I KNOW THIS BILL WILL NOT BE THE ONLY SOLUTION BUT I THINK IT'S AN IMPORTANT ONE AND A BIGGER PART OF A CAMPAIGN FOR A SUSTAINABLE GUAM AND I ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUE SUPPORT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR PEREZ ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL THE ONLY THING I'D LIKE TO ASK IS THAT IF MY COLLEAGUES WOULD SUPPORT SO I DON'T HAVE TO WRITE IT THAT THEY JUST DOUBLE ALL THE FINES AND AND WHEN AND YOU KNOW WHEN THE AUTHOR SAID IT'S THROUGHOUT THE NATION HEY CALIFORNIA IS A LOT BIGGER THAN GUAM WE CAN'T AFFORD THE LITTERING AND PEOPLE NEED TO START PAYING FOR IT ENOUGH ENOUGH WE'VE SEEN PEOPLE CAUGHT AND THEY GOT PAID OKAY \$200 OR 1,000 PIECE OF CAKE COULD THEY DO IT AGAIN THEY JUST DUMP IT SOMEWHERE ELSE BUT IF IT STARTS HITTING THEIR POCKET THEY START SPENDING SOME TIME BECAUSE IN THE BILL IT ALSO IDENTIFIES THE FORMULA FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE DOUBLE EVERYTHING THEY THEM UNDERSTAND THAT IT DOES NOT PAY THE DUMP BETTER JUST SIGN UP FOR THE THE GUAM SOLID WASTE AND LET'S MOVE ON AND AND AND THAT'S MY PROPOSAL AND I HOPE THE AUTHOR WILL SUPPORT THAT AND MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT IT JUST GO ACROSS

THE BOARD JUST DOUBLE EVERYTHING AND WE MOVE ON FROM HERE I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S A MOTIONS SENATOR IS THAT A MOTION SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MA'AM AND IF I NEED TO I CAN HAVE MY STAFF WRITE IT REAL QUICK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO DOUBLE ALL THE FINES LISTED IN THE BILL ON THAT MOTION WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO SPEAK SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOUR ARE RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES I SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT THE I WANTED TO END THE SESSION ON A MUCH LIGHTER NOTE A COUPLE COUPLE YEARS AGO I I WANT TO GET DO MY BUILDING PERMIT AND THEY ASKED ME WHERE DID YOU PUT YOUR CONSTRUCTION WASTE AND I TOLD THEM I SAID I DUMPED IT BEHIND HOME DEPOT AND THE FACES OF THE PEOPLE AT THE BUILDING PERMIT COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAID BUT I DIDN'T DO THAT IT WAS A IT WAS JUST A JOKE BUT I I I I WANTED TO BRING TO LIGHT THAT YOU KNOW WE LIVE IN A IN A BEAUTIFUL ISLAND A WONDERFUL ISLAND JUST JUST A JAM IN THE PACIFIC AND PEOPLE JUST DUMP AND WITH WITHOUT CARE YOU KNOW AND I'VE BEEN SEEING THE YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS A CHILD I'D WALKED THROUGH *UMANG* IN AGAT AND I'M GOING INTO THE JUNGLE AND I GUESS WHAT I SEE ON THE AS I'M GOING THROUGH AND I'M TRYING TO CROSS THE RIVER I SEE A A A PILE OF BATTERIES A PILE OF BATTERIES AS A CHILD I THINK I WAS ABOUT 10 YEARS OLD LIKE WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING WHO WOULD DO SUCH A THING IT'S DESPICABLE IT'S DISHEARTENING IT'S DISGRACEFUL THAT IN THIS BEAUTIFUL ISLAND WE HAVE SOME PEOPLE OUT THERE SO EVIL THAT THEY WOULD JUST DUMP TRASH LIKE THAT OUT IN THE IN VERY PRISTINE AREAS OF OUR ISLAND IT'S AND I THINK INCREASING THE THE FINES AND YOU KNOW PUTTING SOME TEETH TO THE MEASURE IS A GOOD THING THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE I MEAN SORRY ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE AMENDMENT IF IF NO ONE ELSE AND SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMEND OH HE'S WAIVING CLOSE ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR VICE SPEAKER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND SUPPORT THIS BILL IS AUTHORED BY THE GOOD SENATOR PEREZ I I WANT TO SAY THAT LEADERSHIP IT BEGINS WITH MAKING SURE THAT WE TAKE CARE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL BEAUTIFUL ISLAND AND WE HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE AN ISLAND WITH SUNNY SKY SANDY BEACHES AND JUST BEAUTIFUL ARE ALL THE WAY AROUND AND A LOT OF TIMES WHEN WE AS AND OUR COLLEAGUES GO OUT THERE TO SUPPORT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER NPOS TO HELP CLEAN OUR ISLANDS WE GET SO DISAPPOINTED AND FRUSTRATED THE FACT THAT WE MAY CLEAN ON A WEEKEND AND BY THE TIME MONDAY COMES IT'S TRASHED AND I REMEMBER ONE CUSTOMS OFFICER SAID TO ME UH D'S GOING TO HIT ME FOR THIS BUT SHE SAID SENATOR WE CLEANED UP THE PLACE AND NOT EVEN ONE HOUR LATER THE TRASH CAME BACK AGAIN AND THEY ADDED GRAFFITI TO IT JUST TO JUST TO SMIRK US AND AND IF THIS IS WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO PUT TEETH AND ENFORCE TEETH TO THAT THEN I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM STANDING BEHIND IT SO MADAM SPEAKER I'M GOING TO BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO SAY I SUPPORT THIS EFFORT AND THANK THE GOOD AUTHOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND SAFETY TO TO TO INTRODUCE THIS LEGISLATION SO I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT THE EFFORTS THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE AND SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE *SAINA MA'ASE*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ASE* ON THE AMENDMENT WE'RE STILL ON THE AMENDMENT ON THE JSA AMENDMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SPEAKING ON THE AMENDMENT FOR THE LEGISLATION I'D LIKE TO ASK THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION NOT THE AMENDMENT BUT THE LEGISLATION HAS THESE FINES BEEN INCREASED ALREADY I MEAN ARE WE LIKE TRIPLING THE FINES NOW SO THIS GOES TO THE AUTHOR OF THE LEGISLATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WITH THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES I DO SO CURRENTLY IT'S BY NUMBER OF OFFENSES SO THE FIRST OFFENSE IS \$500 THE SECOND OFFENSE WAIT SORRY LET ME DOUBLE CHECK ONE SECOND.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: LET ME JUST SAY THAT QUESTION AGAIN MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE I KNOW THE GOOD AUTHOR WAS WAS DISTRACTED THE QUESTION IS WHEN THIS LEGISLATION WAS PRODUCED DID YOU ALREADY INCREASE THE FINES FROM WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN STATUTE RIGHT NOW BECAUSE MY CONCERN IS HERE WE ARE NOW ARE MAKING IT FROM DOUBLING IT TO TRIPLING IT YOU KNOW SO I JUST WANTED TO ASK A THE GOOD AUTHOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WILL THE SPONSOR YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO IF I GET THE QUESTION CORRECT YOU'RE ASKING FOR THE COMPARISON OF THE INTRODUCED VERSION TO THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OR WHAT THE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: TO REITERATE AGAIN WHEN THE BILL WAS CREATED THIS LEGISLATION DID IT ALREADY INCREASE THE CURRENT FINES THAT ARE IN STATUTE CURRENTLY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COMPARED TO THE CURRENT FINES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR PEREZ WOULD YOU YIELD.

SENATOR PEREZ: YES SO THE INTRODUCED VERSION DID INCREASE IT SO THE WE WERE KEEPING YEAH WE BASICALLY KEPT THE THE TIERS 1,000 FOR THE FIRST TIER 5,000 FOR THE SECOND TIER AND 10,000 FOR THE THIRD SO YEAH WE ALREADY INCREASED IT PRETTY SIGNIFICANTLY FROM WHAT'S CURRENTLY IN STATUTE WHICH IS 500 750 AND 1,000 SO IT'S ALREADY A HUGE CHANGE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW I'VE I INTRODUCED LEGISLATION WHEN I FIRST BECAME A SENATOR IN THE 30TH LEGISLATURE AND I INCREASE THE FINES FROM THROWING A CIGARETTE BUTT OUT ESPECIALLY DURING A FIRE SEASON TO \$1,000 AND THAT WAS BACK IN YOU KNOW 2008 YOU KNOW I I I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS LEGISLATION BUT I WE NEED TO BE REALISTIC TOO I MEAN IF WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE SOMETHING WHICH WE'VE DONE IN THIS LEGISLATION COMPARED TO WHAT IT'S CURRENTLY IN STATUTE WE'VE DONE THAT WE DON'T NEED TO BE OVER ZEALOUS TO YOU KNOW I I KNOW WHAT THE GOOD AUTHOR OF THE AMENDMENT IS ASKING FOR YOU KNOW ENOUGH IS ENOUGH WITH THIS LITTERING BUT WE NEED TO ALSO BE YOU KNOW MORE REALISTIC SO I'M I'M GOING TO HAVE TO OBJECT TO THE AMENDMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THEN THESE ON ON THE AMENDMENT SENATOR PEREZ YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YES SO I'M KIND I'M REALLY HESITANT ABOUT I KNOW I APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT OF MY COLLEAGUES TO REALLY DETER ILLEGAL DUMPING YOU KNOW I THINK YOU KNOW OUR COMMUNITY IS OUTRAGED AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT BUT I JUST WANT TO ALSO I HAVE A HESITATION BECAUSE THIS IS SOMETHING WE WORKED ON CLOSELY WITH EPA AND YEAH I JUST WANT TO BE I FEEL LIKE THE THE INCREASE IS ALREADY LARGE AS IT IS AND I FEEL THAT YOU KNOW \$10,000 IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AS A DETERRENT 5,000 1,000 EVEN SO THESE ARE HUGE AMOUNTS WHEN YOU TALK TALK ABOUT THE OUR COMMUNITY AND SO YEAH I I RESPECT RESPECTFULLY DON'T SUPPORT IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE ANY OTHER SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE AMENDMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WAS GOING TO WAIVE CLOSING BUT YOU KNOW WHAT LET'S THINK ABOUT IT YOU PAY A FINE FOR \$200 WHAT'S THE IMPACT IT'S BEEN IT'S BEEN BROUGHT UP EPA IS GOING TO SAYS IF THEY DUMP SOMETHING THAT'S WORTH \$200 FINE BUT TO SPILL OIL AND EVERYTHING ELSE AND THEN YOU GET A NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND EXACTLY WHAT ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES AND SEVERAL OF MY COLLEAGUES HERE HAS PARTICIPATE IN LITTER CLEANING IN CLEANING UP ROADS *YA MAGÁHET* WITHIN LESS THAN 24 HOURS ALMOST THE SAME AMOUNT OF TRASH IS BACK AND THE BEAUTY IS WHEN WE DID THE CLEANUP WE HAD A DUMPSTER THE TRASH LEFT THE COMPOUND AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE TRASH IS BACK ANOTHER JUNK CAR IF WE DON'T GO AFTER THIS HARDCORE I'M GOING TO KEEP A RECORD OF THIS AND THAT IF I HEAR ABOUT IT NEXT YEAR HEY WE NEED TO TO INCREASE IT I'M JUST GOING TO LOOK AT THEM AND SAY AND IF YOU'RE PART OF THE BODY THEN *TA'LO* BUT ANYWAY IF IF MY COLLEAGUES DON'T WANT TO SUPPORT

THE DOUBLE THEN LET THE VOTE DECIDE THAT I AGREE WITH THE BILL I JUST WANTED TO DOUBLE THE THE FINES THAT'S ALL THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE AMENDMENT IS THERE AN OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF THE AMENDMENT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND AMENDMENT FAILS ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL IT'S ONLY THE DOUBLE THE INCREASE BUT ANYWAY WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS I GIVE IT LESS THAN A YEAR WE'RE GOING TO HAVE PROBLEMS IN LITTERING THERE'S PROBLEMS TODAY AND THIS IS NOT EVEN THERE OKAY THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL ANY SENATOR WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I JUST WANTED TO AGAIN QUICKLY RISE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL IT'S A IT'S A GREAT BILL AND YEAH I ALSO APPLAUD THE EFFORTS OF MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW IN THEIR ZEAL TO HAND OUT THESE HEFTY PENALTIES I THINK THAT'S A A GREAT THING AND SOMETHING THAT WHO KNOWS YOU KNOW MAYBE THE SENATOR FOR GOES RIGHT WE MIGHT RE BE REVISITING IN THE FUTURE I DON'T KNOW NEAR OR FAR BUT ANYWAY I DO SUPPORT THE BILL AND I'D ASK THE AUTHOR TO INCLUDE ME AS A CO-SPONSOR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BARNETT ON THE BILL OF NOT SPONSOR MAY CLOSE ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE DISCUSSION WITH MY COLLEAGUES AND THEIR SUPPORT BILL 171 UPDATES OUR SUBSTANTIAL LETTERING FINES TO ADDRESS AND DETER A GROWING AND LONGSTANDING PROBLEM WITH ILLEGAL DUMPING THE IT INCREASES FI INCREASES FINES THAT WERE DISCUSSED IN CLOSE COLLABORATION WITH GUAM EPA AND WHICH IS ON PAR OR BETTER TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS ACROSS THE US THE TIERED FIND SYSTEM ENABLES GUAM EPA AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO PENALIZE BASED ON THE AMOUNT THAT IS DUMPED THE LARGER THE AMOUNT THE HIGHER THE PENALTY MAYOR JESSE ALIG STATED IN HIS TESTIMONY IT IS CLEAR THE MAYOR AND VICE MAYORS AGREE TO STRINGENT LITTERING ENFORCEMENT AND HE ADDED FOR THE SAKE OF OUR ENVIRONMENT AND FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS BILL 171-37 CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY DEMANDING MORE RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS REGARDING THE DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE WITH STRONGER FINES BY COMPARISON PROPERLY DISPOSED WASTE COST A FRACTION OF OF WHAT IT IS TO ILLEGALLY DUMP WHICH DOES NOT INCLUDE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS AND THE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE PROPER DISPOSAL WILL GO A LONG WAY TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND THIS REFLECTS OUR CULTURAL VALUES OF AN *INA'FA MALOEK* OF CARING FOR THAT WHICH SUSTAINS US AND THE VALUES OF RECIPROCITY AND MAKING GOOD FOR OUR COMMUNITY I HUMBLY ASK FOR MY COLLEAGUES SUPPORT AND STRENGTHENING OUR LITER CONTROL LAWS TO ADDRESS ILLEGAL DUMPING AND PROTECT THE BEAUTY OF OUR ISLAND HOME AND THE HEALTH OF OUR PEOPLE AND ENVIRONMENT *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR ON THE BILL.

SENATOR PEREZ: SORRY I FORGOT IF I CAN ADD CO-SPONSORS SO SENATOR BARNETT VICE SPEAKER SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND EVERY ALL THE SENATORS IF THERE'S OH SORRY SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR FRANK BLAS SENATOR AND EVERYONE ELSE THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CLERK THE CLERK HAS BARNETT MUÑA BARNES SAN AGUSTIN TAITAGUE SHELTON SAN NICOLAS BLAS AND ALL.

SENATOR PEREZ: SPEAKER AND YOU AND AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE IF THEY AGREE TO IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YOU GOT IT ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND I MOVE I MAKE THE MOTION TO MOVE IT TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO MOVE THE BILL AS AMENDED ON THE BY THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER IT'S NOT A BILL I JUST LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS WITH THE INTENTION OF ADDING CO-SPONSORS TO MY BILL WHICH I FORGOT TO DO IN MY CLOSING IF THAT'S OKAY OKAY SO I'D LIKE TO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT BILL WOULD YOU LIKE TO RECONSIDER.

SENATOR BARNETT: 22 226-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION TO RECONSIDER BILL 226 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEE NO OBJECTION WE'RE BACK ON.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL 226.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER TO ADD SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE AS A CO-SPONSOR AND DOES ANYBODY ELSE WISH TO BE ADDED PLEASE THANK OF COURSE SPEAKER TERLAJE JESSE SENATOR SABINA SENATOR AMANDA VICE SPEAKER SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR BROWN BROWN DID I SAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BLAS THANK YOU THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION OH SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ON THAT MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ON BILL 226-37 SENATOR BARNETT MOTION TO PLACE IT DOWN.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO ALSO MOTION TO PLACE THE BILL INTO THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE 226 AS AMENDED BY COMMITTEE FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR TO THE THIRD READING ANY OBJECTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: NO OBJECTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'RE NOW ON BILL 114 WHICH REQUIRES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT WE RECESS TODAY'S SESSION AND COME BACK TOMORROW IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 9:00 A.M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION IF NOT WE WILL RECESS UNTIL 9:00 A.M. TOMORROW RECESS.

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NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: GOOD MORNING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER BEING THAT WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM WE TO STAY ON RECESS BUT I WILL INVITE THE THE PANEL THAT ARE OUTSIDE TO COME ON IN WE HAVE I'D LIKE TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES THAT ARE HERE TODAY WE HAVE THE SPEAKER SPEAKER TERLAJE AND VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES WE ALSO HAVE MY VICE CHAIR SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE SENATOR JESSE LUJAN AND SENATOR FISHER HERE ONCE WE REACH A QUORUM THEN WE WILL COMMENCE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT THIS POINT AT THIS TIME WE'LL NOW STAY AT RECESS WE'LL STAND AT RECESS THANK YOU.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER WE DO HAVE A QUORUM MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE F FOLDER LABEL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL 114-37 LS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERK VIA

EMAIL SESSION DRIVE AT GUAM LEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT WE HAVE THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTION FOR THE PANEL WITH EACH CATER ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES NOT FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING YOUR RESPONSE SO THE CLOCK STOPS AFTER YOU ASK THE QUESTION BUT IF YOU CONTINUE TALKING THE CLOCK WILL CONTINUE KEEP IT KEEP THAT IN MIND MY COLLEAGUES TIMES TO SPEAK MAY NOT BE YEILED FROM MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WILL USE THE MEMBER'S TIME ON A QUESTION YEILD ALL THE MEMBERS TIME ON THAT QUESTION AND MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME YIELDED WAS NOT USED THAT'S FOUND IN SECTION 1.02 D3 AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELIST WILL BE EXCUSED THIRD ROUND IS FOR AMENDMENTS OR COMMENTS TO SPEAK ON THE BILL QUESTION SHOULD BE CONFI SHALL BE CONFINED TO THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF THE BILL WHICH SPECIFICALLY IS BILL 114 PERSONAL INFERENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OF THE MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL TESTIFYING IS NOT PERMITTED ANY VIOLATION OF THE GENERAL RULE OF CONDUCT WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER AND MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM THE HALL PROPER FORM QUORUM SHALL BE PRACTICED BY ALL PRESENT INDIVIDUAL WHO FAIL TO MAINTAIN PROPER FORM CORUM WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM PARTICIPATING AND WILL BE REMOVE FROM THE FROM THE HALL AFTER YOU COMPLETE DISCUSSION OF THE BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE AND WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOLLOWED BY A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALL AT WHICH TIME I'LL REPORT OUT THE BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE I THANK YOU AND AT THIS TIME I'D ASK THE THE PANEL PRESIDENT TO PLEASE RISE AND YOU'LL BE SWORN IN BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. SAN AGUSTIN.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – JOE R. SAN AGUSTIN: *HÅFA ADAI* GOOD MORNING PANEL PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND DO YOU AFFIRM THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION THAT YOU PROVIDE TODAY UNDER THE PENALTY OF PERJURY BE THE TRUTH OR IN WRITING WRITTEN OR VERBALLY BE THE TRUTH THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH DO YOU AFFIRM MR. CHAIR THERE ARE SWORN IN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THIS TIME I ASK THE PANEL AND I'LL BEGIN WITH MY RIGHT WHICH IS YOUR LEFT TO MY COLLEAGUES TO PLEASE INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND THEN WE'LL PROCEED ON.

LILLIAN PEREZ KASAKA - GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR: GOOD MORNING MY NAME IS LILLIAN PEREZ KASAKA I'M WITH THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS I'M THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR.

JOSEPH MENO – GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACTING DIRECTOR: *MANANA SI YU'OS NA'AN SI JOE MENO GUÁHU PÁ'GU I AKTON DIREKTOT PARA I UFISINAN ASUNTON BETURÁNU.*

LLEWYN TERLAJE – OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST: GOOD MORNING SENATORS LLEWYN CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST FROM OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET.

JASON BAZA – BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH MANAGEMENT ANALYST SUPERVISOR: GOOD MORNING JASON BAZA BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ANALYST SUPERVISOR BBMR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU PANELISTS I WILL BEGIN WITH FIRST HAVING THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL 114 TO PLEASE INTRODUCE HER BILL AND SPEAK ON IT AND THEN WE'LL BEGIN OUR ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS IF NEEDED MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR THOSE WHO ARE HERE TODAY I KNOW YOU'VE BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE AND THANK YOU FOR BBMR FOR ATTENDING THIS MORNING BILL 114 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE APRIL 2024 ISLAND WIDE VETERANS CONVENTION THIS BILL WAS ORIGINALLY FOR \$40,000 FOR A CONVENTION THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER 2023 THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED ON MAY 10TH 2023 BECAUSE AT THAT TIME THE VETERANS DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FUNDING FOR THEIR CONVENTION THAT THEY WERE HOPING TO HAVE AND SO THIS BILL CAME AT THE REQUEST.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER ARE ARE YOU GOING TO ARE YOU IDENTIFYING THIS BILL AS A SUBSTITUTE AND THE REASON WHY CUZ IT'S GOT TO BE ADOPTED IF IF YOU COULD PLEASE MOVE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO WE CAN MOVE ON THAT MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE LIKE I I'D LIKE TO MOVE TO ADOPT THE SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR VERSION OF THE BILL IT JUST CHANGES THE FUNDING SOURCE FROM GENERAL FUND TO GENERAL FUND IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE INTRODUCTION OF SUBSTITUTE THERE BEING NONE SO ORDER PLEASE CONTINUE MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* IF YOU DON'T MIND CAN I BEGIN AGAIN JUST OKAY YEAH I JUST WANTED SO THIS BILL ORIGINALLY WAS TO APPROPRIATE \$40,000 TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR A CONVENTION THAT WAS TO BE HELD IN NOVEMBER 2023 THE BILL WAS INTRODUCED IN MAY 2023 AT THE REQUEST OF COLONEL NICK FRANCISCO THE PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 668 AND AND THE COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND ALSO AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS JOSE A AND AGUSTIN AT THAT TIME THEY HAD NOT RECEIVED RECEIVED FUNDS NECESSARY FOR THE CONVENTION AND AS YOU KNOW COLLEAGUES I VERY RARELY INTRODUCE THESE KINDS OF BILLS TO APPROPRIATE FUNDING TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BUT THIS WAS A CONVENTION THAT WAS VERY NEEDED UH THEY'RE TRYING TO REALLY REACH OUT TO ALL OF THE VETERANS ON GUAM THIS WAS AN SUPPOSED TO BE AN ISLANDWIDE CONVENTION FOR ALL OF THE VETERANS AND TO ENSURE THAT WE BRIDGE ALL THE GAPS OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES AND SUPPORT TO OUR VETERANS THEY WANTED TO SHARE CONCERNS AND ISSUES THAT ARE IMPACTING THEM AND THE FUNDING FOR THE BILL IS TO COME FROM EXCESS FUNDS THE BILL WAS AMENDED IN COMMITTEE FROM 40 TO 50,000 BY THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS BBMR ESTIMATED THAT THE VENUE COST ALONE WOULD BE AT LEAST \$31,800 AND 800 88,200 IN SUPPLIES FOR A ONE-DAY CONFERENCE AT THE HEARING THEY'VE TESTIFIED THAT THEY ARE LOOKING TO DO A SECOND DAY OF CONFERENCE AS WELL OR CONVENTION FOR SPOUSES WE RECEIVED THIS MORNING AND I'M GOING TO JUST ADDRESS IT RIGHT AWAY WE RECEIVED THIS MORNING A LETTER FROM BBMR IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL BUT ASKING US TO NOTE HOWEVER THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD JUST DELIVERED \$100,000 FOR THE ISLAND WHITE VETERANS CONVENTION FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

FUNDS TO THE GUAM VETERAN OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THIS IS NEWS TO US AND I'M SURPRISED BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN ASKING FOR THIS MONEY SINCE MAY 2023 AND THEY HAD ONLY BEEN ASKING FOR 40,000 AT THE TIME INCREASED TO 50,000 AND SO WHILE I'M GLAD THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS SEEN FIT TO DELIVER MONEY TO THEM I I GUESS SHE DOESN'T WANT US TO PUT ANY MONEY TOWARDS THIS CONVENTION I DON'T KNOW I'M NOT SURE WHAT ARE THE MOTIVATION BEHIND ALL THAT BUT I GUESS I JUST WANT TO LAY THIS OUT I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A FULL DISCUSSION ON THE BILL NEVERTHELESS AND SEE IF WE CAN FLESH OUT SOME OF THESE THINGS MR CHAIR AND I WANT TO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR SUPPORT OF THIS BILL FOR THEIR ATTENDANCE AT THE PUBLIC HEARING I WANT TO THANK THOSE VETERANS WHO SHOWED UP AT OUR PUBLIC HEARING THERE WERE VERY MANY OF THEM THEY WERE THE LEADERS OF DIFFERENT VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS ON GUAM AND THEY WERE ALL THERE IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL MR NICK FRANCISCO TESTIFIED THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TESTIFIED FOR THE NEED FOR THE MONEY AND THEY WERE VERY SINCERE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO SUPPORT THE VETERANS OF GUAM SO THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES THANK YOU MR. CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WILL BEGIN THE FIRST ROUND WITH SENATOR SAN NICOLAS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MR. CHAIR IF I MAY ON A POINT OF INFORMATION OR POINT OF INQUIRY PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAME VICE SPEAKER YES MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH THE GOOD SPEAKER RETIRING SPEAKER SPOKE ABOUT RECEIVING A LETTER JUST TODAY AND I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD AT LEAST BE AVAILED TO THAT PIECE OF INFORMATION THAT WAS PROVIDED AND MAYBE EVEN APPENDED I I DON'T SHE JUST SAID SHE GOT A LETTER OR INFORMATION WAS IT IN LETTER FORM OR AND CAN WE GET A COPY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AS MATTER FACT I HAVE MY STAFF PASSING OUT NOW COPIES OF THE THE LETTER FROM BBMR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. CHAIR IF I COULD READ IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY PLEASE DO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SO THIS WAS FROM BBMR TO THE HONORABLE JOE S. SAN AGUSTIN CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATION A WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ON BILLS 107 AND 114 THE BUREAU SUBMITS WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND LISTS THE TITLES OF THE BILLS PER THE JANUARY 2024 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT THE GENERAL FUND IS CURRENTLY TRACKING AN UNOBLIGATED FY 2024 BALANCE OF 17,358 900 THEREFORE SHOULD IT BE THE WILL OF THE BODY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PASSAGE OF THESE MEASURES THE BUREAU NOTES THAT THE CURRENT CURRENT UNOBLIGATED FY4 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BALANCE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE APPROPRIATIONS SET FORTH IN BOTH BILL 107 AS AMENDED AND BILL 117 AS AMENDED IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR RECENTLY AUTHORIZED ALLOCATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION \$500,000 FOR THE FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM AND TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS \$100,000 FOR THE ISLAND WIDE VETERANS CONVENTION AS WELL AS AN ISLAND WIDE WOMEN VET VETERANS CONVENTION PLEASE ACCEPT THIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN LOU OF THE BUREAU'S ATTENDANCE AS I AM CURRENTLY OFF ISLAND AND MY STAFF IS ENTRENCHED WITH RECONCILING APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS AS PART OF THE TRANSITION FROM THE AS400 TO THE NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM *SENSEMENTE* LESTER CARLSON.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DATED FEBRUARY 2122.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM VICE DOES THAT SUFFICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE MR. CHAIR THAT WE HAVE COPIES OF THIS SO THAT WE CAN LOOK AT IT THOROUGHLY BECAUSE AS NOTED BY THE LAST PARAGRAPH FROM MR. CARLSON IT NOTES THAT THE TWO BILLS THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SHE'S AUTHORIZING FUNDING FROM THAT AND THAT'S A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SOURCE SO AND I RESPECT THAT THE THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEG THIS

LEGISLATION AND IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN YOU'RE ON THE NEXT ONE THAT OR OR SHE'S ON THE NEXT ONE THAT IF MONEY'S THERE HOW SURE OF IT THAT THESE AGENCIES WILL BE RECEIVING THAT SOONER THAN LATER AND THAT IT WOULD BE JVD INTO THE ACCOUNTS BECAUSE I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THESE PROGRAMS ARE GIVEN ITS RESOURCES SO THAT'S THE ONLY REASON WHY I ASKED THE POINT OF INCREASE SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT BEING STATED MADAME VICE I'M GOING TO ASK THEN THE PANEL TO SPEAK THE VETERANS FOLKS TO SPEAK ON IT BEFORE I ASK THE FIRST OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SPEAK SO THAT WE CAN END THAT THAT THAT DISCUSSION PRETTY MUCH AND THEN WE CAN MEASURE WHERE WE WANT TO GO FROM THERE DO WE WANT TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION ONCE THEY PRESENT IT WHERE WHERE THEY STAND BECAUSE I THINK THIS IS ALSO NEWS TO THEM TO EVERYONE HERE PRETTY MUCH AND SO I'LL BEGIN WITH THE PANEL ON MY RIGHT FROM THE VETERANS SIR.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: *MANANA SI YU'OS SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' TALU' SENATORS MANANA SI YU'OS SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' TA'LO SENATORS ANAI MA NÁ'I HU' ESTE NA KÁTTA HU TUŃGU' I TODU I MINAKAT CHE'CHU' I BETURÁNU SIHA GI MAPOS NA EYU I INFORMATIONAL HEARING NOH YA HU EN NA'I DÁNGKOLO SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' PARA TODU I MANBERTURÁNU SIHA NI MANMATTO YAN MA TESTIGU PUT ESTE NA BILL PUES ESTE NA KATTA ANAI HU TATATAI KUMU SIGUN HA NA'I I MAGA'HÁGA' NA ESTE NA SALAPPE PARA ESTE I DOS NA PA I CONVENTION PARA I BETURÁNU YAN KONTODU PARA I WOMAN SPOUSES RETREAT SIGUN NAHONG SALAPPE PARA U GINATGA ESTE I DOS NA NA PRUGRAMA PUES PARA GUÁHU KUMENTOS HU YAN I I YO-KU TEAM YA KUMUN ESTE NAI NA SALAPPE NA SINAÑGAN NA MANMANA'I HIT OR I PARA PUN MANMANA'I PUES NAHONG PARA U KINATGA ESTE I DOS NA PRUGRAMA.*

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I DON'T KNOW IF YOUR PROGRAM COORDINATOR WANTS TO SPEAK TO THAT ARE YOU COMFORTABLE WITH THAT STATEMENT OKAY ANYONE ELSE IN THE PANEL WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO THIS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT JASON'S BASICALLY GOING TO READ THE SAME LETTER THAT WAS PRESENTED TO EVERYONE MADAM SPEAKER YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK QUESTION FOR THEM MAYBE WE'LL JUST BEGIN WITH YOU THEN AND THEN THEN WE'LL GO AROUND THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR. CHAIR

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO:

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO YOU JUST RECEIVED THIS LETTER SAME TIME WELL I SHOWED YOU THE LETTER AND SAID WHAT DOES THIS MEAN AND SO UM HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE MONEY IS THE MONEY IN YOUR ACCOUNT THE ARP MONEY FROM THE GOVERNOR THE \$100,000 AND WHEN WAS IT RECEIVED.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: MADAM SPEAKER I WOULD I WOULD HAVE TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT AS THE AS400 HAS BEEN DISABLED IT'S BEEN DISABLED FOR QUITE SOME TIME SO WE DON'T HAVE ANY ACCESS TO OUR ACCOUNTS AT THE MOMENT SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS BBMR ABLE TO ANSWER THAT.

BBMR – BAZA: YEAH THE TRANSFER WAS MADE BEFORE THE AS400 WENT DOWN ON FEBRUARY 2ND SO IT WAS THE WEEK AT THE WEEK BEFORE FEBRUARY 2ND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE TRANSFER WAS MADE.

BBMR – BAZA: CORRECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND IS THIS AN ALLOWABLE USE OF ARBP FUNDS.

BBMR – BAZA: IT CAN FALL UNDER THE REVENUE LOSS CATEGORY FOR OPERATIONS IT'S ALLOWABLE THROUGH THAT PORTION OF THE ELIGIBLE USES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT I FORGOT TO MENTION ONE OTHER PERSON WHO CAME TO TESTIFY AND THAT WAS THE GOVERNOR'S LIAISON FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS MR. JOSEPH MAFNAS AND I WANTED TO THANK HIM AS WELL FOR HIS TESTIMONY AND SUPPORT OF THE BILL SAYING IT WAS A ONE-OF A- KIND AND ASKING FOR SUPPORT AND THE HEARING ON THIS BILL TOOK PLACE ON FEBRUARY 5TH WHEN DID YOU SAY THAT TRANSFER WAS MADE.

BBMR – BAZA: IT WAS BEFORE THE SECOND I DON'T HAVE THE EXACT DATE BUT IT WAS ON THE ARP REPORT TRANSMITTED FOR JANUARY THE AMOUNT WAS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

BBMR – BAZA: IN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BECASUE THE VETERANS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR AND THE GOVERNOR'S LEIS ON OFFICER FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS WERE NOT MADE AWARE OF THE TRANSFER NOR WAS MR. NICK FRANCISCO WHO WAS YOU KNOW THERE TO ADVOCATE FOR THE BILL NOR WERE NOR WERE WE WHO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PUSH THIS SINCE ME I GUESS THAT'S MY ONLY QUESTION AT THIS POINT WELL DO YOU DO YOU WHAT DO YOU ESTIMATE THE COST TO BE FOR THE CONVENTION MR. MENO.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: FROM GATHERING FROM THE FIRST QUOTE THAT WE HAVE RECEIVED THAT WHAT THAT FIRST QUOTE WAS 40,000 PLUS AND THEN WITH THE WOMEN'S RETREAT IS ANOTHER ADDITIONAL 40,000 PLUS NOW THIS IS JUST MINUS THE MINUS THE SUPPLIES BUT FOR AT LEAST FOR THE WOMEN'S SPOUSES RETREAT WE DON'T ANTICIPATE TOO MANY SUPPLIES FOR THAT WITH THE CONSULT THE VETERANS CONVENTION I WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT BACK WITH THEIR COMMITTEE AS FAR AS WHAT WHAT THEIR EXPENSES FOR FOR SUPPLIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO THE VETERAN OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS TESTIFIED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO DO A WOMEN'S UM SPOUSE A A SPOUSE CONVENTION SO A VETERANS CONVENTION ON DAY ONE AND DAY TWO THEY WOULD ASK SPOUSES RIGHT TO COME IN INVITE THE SPOUSES.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: ACTUALLY MADAM SPEAKER THE CONVENTION THE VETERAN CONVENTION IS SEPARATE FROM THE WOMEN SPOUSES RETREAT AND THE WOMEN'S SPOUSES RETREAT WOULD BE HELD AT A LATER AT A LATER DAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT AND THEN IN THE GOVERNOR'S LETTER SHE REFERS TO THE ISLAND WIDE VETERANS CONVENTION AS WELL AS AN ISLAND WIDE WOMEN'S VETERANS CONVENTION IS THAT DIFFERENT THAN THE SPOUSES.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: THEY'RE THEY'RE CALLING IT A SPOUSES CONVENTION BUT IT'S THE VETERAN SPOUSES RETREAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO WHAT IS THE ISLAND WIDE WOMEN'S VETERANS CONVENTION AGAIN.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: I THINK THEY'RE THEY'RE NAMING IT THE SPOUSES CONVENTION BUT IT'S THE THE TITLE IS THE WOMEN SPOUSES RETREAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MR. CHAIR I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR BERNETT NOTHING SENATOR PARKINSON ANY QUESTIONS IF NONE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YEAH ACTUALLY I DO I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM WITH YOU FOLKS I'M LOOKING AT THE BBMR LETTER HERE THE GENERAL FUND IS CURRENTLY TRACKING AN UNOBLIGATED FY 201024 GENERAL FUND BALANCE OF 17,358 900 I JUST WANTED TO CONFIRM THAT FIGURE WAS CORRECT.

BBMR – BAZA: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR PARKINSON: ALL RIGHT THAT'S ALL I HAD NO FURTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. BAZA WITH THE PRESENTATION OF BBMR AND THIS LETTER IS IT THE OPINION OF BBMR THAT THERE'S NO LONGER A NEED FOR A LAW FOR APPROPRIATION.

BBMR – BAZA: THAT'S NOT MY CALL AND IF THEY NEED IT OR NOT I DO KNOW THAT FUNDING WAS TRANSFERRED IN FROM ARP FOR THE THESE CONVENTIONS AND THAT WAS A CALL OF MANAGEMENT SO.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: IS THERE ANY OTHER USE THAT THESE ENTITIES COULD USE THIS MONEY FOR IF IT WAS TRANSFERRED INTO THEIR ACCOUNT FOR THIS SOLE PURPOSE.

BBMR – BAZA: ABSOLUTELY IF IT WANTS TO BE IF FUNDING IS APPROPRIATED FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR THE CONVENTION THE FUNDING THAT THEY ALREADY RECEIVED UNDER ARP CAN BE REPROGRAMMED WITHIN OVA ACCOUNTS TO PURSUE THEIR OTHER NEEDS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS IS IT YOUR IS IT BBMR'S POSITION THAT WE NEED TO PASS THIS BILL IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO HAVE SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATION FOR THE PURPOSE THAT THIS BILL CALLS FOR.

BBMR – BAZA: I'D RATHER DEFER TO OVA FOR THEIR NEEDS BUT YES THE FUNDING FROM ARP WAS TRANSFERRED IN FOR THE CONVENTION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY MAYBE WE'LL TRY THIS WITH LUELLA I MEAN I'M JUST LISTEN I I DON'T I'M GOING TO VOTE FOR THIS BILL MY POINT IS IS THAT ARE WE GOING THROUGH AN EXERCISE RIGHT NOW THAT IS UNNECESSARY GIVEN THE FACT THAT THESE ENTITIES HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE MONEY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FUND WHAT THE BILL IS CALLING FOR.

OFB – TERLAJE: SENATOR AS I SEE IT AS THE BILL IS WRITTEN IS FOR THE CONVENTION AND THEN TESTIMONIA SAID ARP IS NOW GOING TO BE UTILIZED SO FOR THE INTENT OF THE BILL WHICH IS FOR THE CONVENTION IT SEEMS TO BE FUNDINGS ALREADY AVAILABLE ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE SO BUT REGARDING THEIR NEEDS AGAIN IF THE BILL IS AMENDED TO SUPPORT OTHER NEEDS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY I MEAN I'M LIKE I SAID I'M VOTING FOR THE BILL BUT I'M JUST WONDERING IF WE'VE GOT SEVERAL OTHER ORDERS OF BUSINESS HERE IN THE LEGISLATURE FOR THE REST OF THE SESSION SO MR. CHAIRMAN ARE YOU GOING TO OPINE OR WE'LL JUST KEEP MOVING ALONG WOULD YOU OPINE OR YOU WE'LL KEEP MOVING ALONG.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I'M JUST GOING TO STAY WITH I'M IN SUPPORT OF THE BILL TO BEGIN WITH AND I'M I'M GOING TO MAKE COMMENTS WHEN I GET ON THE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: GOT IT OKAY ONCE AGAIN I WANT TO BE CLEAR GOT MY VOTE BUT IF IF THE FUNDING IS THERE AND WE DON'T NEED THE BILL THEN I YOU KNOW JUST FOR EFFICIENCY BUT I'LL CONTINUE TO LISTEN THANK YOU MR. CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS MINORITY LEADER

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE MR MENO WHEN IS THE CONVENTION CONVENTION.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SENATOR IT SHOULD THEY ANTICIPATE OF TAKING HOLDING THE TWO-DAY CONVENTION EARLY PART OF APRIL.

SENATOR BLAS: EARLY PART OF APRIL.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: YES SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: AND MR BAZA HERE TESTIFIED THAT IT HAS ALREADY BEEN LOADED INTO INTO THE ACCOUNT.

BBMR – BAZA: CORRECT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY RECOGNIZING NOW THAT THERE SEEMS TO BE A LOT OF PAYMENTS I RECEIVED THE INFORMATION OF OF PAYMENTS THAT ARE PENDING UNTIL THE NEW FMIS SYSTEM COMES UP IS THAT THE CASE WITH THESE.

BBMR – BAZA: YEAH WHEN IT COMES TO PAYMENTS THAT'S MORE OF A DOA QUESTIONS KIND OF OUT OF OUR HOUSE BUT WE'RE ABLE TO MOVE FUNDING TO BE AVAILABLE IN THE ACCOUNT BUT THE ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS OF PAYING OUT I'M I'M NOT TOO SURE MYSELF.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY I APPRECIATE THAT AND IS ANY MR. MENO I MY CONCERN HERE IS NOT SO IT'S APPARENTLY THE MONEY IS AVAILABLE ARP OR EXCESS REVENUE *ACHUKA' ARP OR EXCESS REVENUE PÁ'GU NAI*

I PRUBLEMA AND YOU KNOW THIS OKAY FMIS IS THE THE THE THE TRANSITION FROM AS400 TO FMIS HAS IN FACT DELAYED A LOT A NUMBER OF PAYMENTS *PUES PÁ'GU NAI* IF YOUR CONVENTION IS IN APRIL OKAY THAT'S LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AWAY IS THERE ANY ASSURANCE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION WHETHER IT BE ARP THE MONEY COMING FROM ARP BASED ON THIS LETTER OR MONEY COMING FROM EX'S GENERAL FUND IS SHOULD THIS SHOULD THIS LAW OR THIS THIS LEGISLATION BE PASSED ARE YOU GOING TO GET THE MONEY TO BE ABLE I MEAN GRANTED IT'S IN APRIL BUT I'M SURE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO MAKE SOME PAYMENTS YOU KNOW NOW TO BE ABLE TO SECURE THE IS THERE ANY WAY THAT WE CAN GET THE ASSURANCES FROM THE ADMINISTRATION THAT THE THE MONEY IS THERE LOOK CAN THE MONEY BE RELEASED BECAUSE AGAIN AS I STATED I'M GET WE'RE GETTING THE INFORMATION THERE IS A LOT OF PENDING PAYMENTS PEOPLE PAYMENTS THAT ARE HAVE NOT BEEN PROCESSED HAVE NOT BEEN PAID OUT BECAUSE OF THIS TRANSITION AND I DON'T WANT US TO GET CAUGHT WITH THIS HOLDING THE BAG SAYING THAT WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING I CAN'T DO ANYTHING BASED ON WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH FMIS SO YOU KNOW I MEAN I I SUPPORT THE BILL I SUPPORT THE MEASURE I THANK THE GOVERNOR FOR USING THE THAT FUNDING SOURCE TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS MY CONCERN IS IS THE MONEY GOING TO GET TO YOU IN TIME OKAY SO I DON'T KNOW MR CHAIR I MEAN THAT'S THE THAT'S OUT OF OUR WAREHOUSE BUT KNOWING WHAT HAPPENS WE'RE GOING TO GET BLAMED IF THE MONEY DOESN'T GET RELEASED BUT I DON'T KNOW HOW WE'RE GOING TO ANSWER OR THAT NEEDS TO BE ANSWERED OR BE COMMENTED ON OR WHAT NOT BUT THAT'S THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS SENATOR LUJAN.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MR. CHAIR YOU KNOW THIS WOULD JUST BE REITERATING WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN ASKED BUT I HAVE TO ASK AGAIN AS WELL MR. MR. BAZA YOU SAID THAT THIS THE MONEY HAD ALREADY BEEN TRANSFERRED INTO THE THE ACCOUNT OF THE VETERANS AFFAIRS.

BBMR – BAZA: YES.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY AND WHEN WAS THAT WHEN WAS THAT DONE.

BBMR – BAZA: I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT DAY BUT IT WAS BEFORE FEBRUARY 2ND.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY THAT THAT BEING SAID AND THE LETTER THAT WE HAD RE RECEIVED REGARDING MONEY'S BEING THERE AND THEREFORE THIS THIS BILL IS NO LONGER NEEDED WOULD IT AGAIN IS IT A GUARANTEE THEN THAT BECAUSE THE MONIES HAVE BEEN TRANSFERRED THAT THIS WILL BE USED THAT THE MONIES THAT ARE THERE SUFFICIENT FOR THE CONVENTIONS THAT THIS MONEY WILL ACTUALLY BE USED FOR THE CONVENTION.

BBMR – BAZA: IS THIS FOR THAT ARP ACCOUNT.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES.

BBMR – BAZA: AS IT STANDS TODAY THAT WAS THE INTENT OF THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS WITHOUT PASSAGE OF THIS 50,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND BUT SINCE THE FUNDS ARE IN THEIR ACCOUNT IT COULD BE REPROGRAMMED FOR OTHER OVA NEEDS.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY.

BBMR – BAZA: SHOULD THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THEM.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY SO SO BASICALLY YOU'RE SAYING I MEAN WOULD YOU AGREE WITH THE STATEMENT THE FACT THAT THIS THE THIS BILL WHICH I ABSOLUTELY SUPPORT IF THE BILL DOES PASS THAT THIS WILL BE IT'S IT'S A BETTER GUARANTEE THEN THAT THE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL SIGNING THE LAW THAT THE VETERAN AFFAIRS WILL BE ABLE TO GET THIS MONEY FOR THE PARTICULAR PURPOSE THAT THEY WERE ASKING FOR.

BBMR – BAZA: I'D SAY THEY'RE BOTH GUARANTEES THAT IT' BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY.

BBMR – BAZA: EITHER FUND SOURCE.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY THANK YOU MR. MENO LIKE LIKEWISE WOULD YOU CONCUR WITH MR. BAZA AND AND THE STATEMENTS THAT HE MADE AS WELL.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: OH SENATOR *GI MÂS TAKHILO NA MINAGÂHET TI BAI FATACHONG GUINI YA BAI SAÑGAN NA TI EN NISISITA I SALAPPE LÂO SIGUN AN MA APREBA ESTE NA LAI YA U MA MANÂ'I I UFISINAN BETURÂNU I SALAPPE SIÑA TA USA I SALAPPE GI ARP BAI DIRECT GUATU KONTRA I RENOVATIONS NA BÂNDÂ GII SEPETURA NA LUGÂT PUES TI MAMAPEDDE HIT NU ESTE KUMU I HAMYU NI MANONORABLE NA SINADOT YAN SINADORA NI PUN APREBA ESTE NA LAI* RENOVATIONS WE ARE HERE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THIS BILL AND WE WILL MAKE USE GOOD USE OF THIS FUNDING FOR BOTH THE WOMEN SPOUSES RETREAT AND THE VETERANS CONVENTION CONFERENCE

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÂSE'* MR. SENATOR LUJAN WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A A REAL SHORT BREAK WE'RE HAVING SOME TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES RIGHT NOW SO IF WE COULD JUST TAKE A SHORT RECESS THANK YOU.

RECESS

NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER UNFORTUNATELY DUE TO THE WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM WE WILL CONTINUE ON RECESS AND UNTIL SUCH THEN WE HAVE A QUORUM I'D LIKE TO THANK SENATOR LUJAN FOR BEING HERE AND THEN WE'LL JUST WAIT UNTIL EVERYBODY ELSE SHOWS UP THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND WE'LL CONTINUE WE'LL STAY ON RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE NOW CONTINUE ON WITH THE FIRST ROUND AND WE'LL BEGIN WITH SENATOR BROWN SENATOR YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR I MEAN IT PUTS US IN A VERY INTERESTING SITUATION TO JUST FIND OUT THE GOVERNOR HAS PROVIDED THIS MONEY FROM ARP BUT OUT OF CURIOSITY I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY WHEN DID THE PARTIES KNOW I MEAN ARE WE JUST FINDING OUT TODAY THAT THIS MONEY GOT TRANSFERRED IT SOUNDS LIKE IT WAS DONE EARLIER THIS MONTH SINCE SO WHAT DID THEY WAIT FOR TODAY WHEN THIS YOU KNOW THESE BILLS WERE GOING TO BE THE AGENDA TO NOTIFY US THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS TRANSFERRED THE FUNDS I MEAN FOR THE VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT THESE FUNDS WERE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR ACCOUNT

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: BY THE MEMO THIS MORNING SENATOR.

SENATOR BROWN: SO YOU FOUND OUT THIS MORNING LIKE THE I DON'T GET IT YOU KNOW MR CHAIR IT KIND OF MAKES ME WONDER THE AGENDA I DON'T KNOW IF THE GOVERNOR FELT A NEED TO USURP THIS ISSUE AND TAKE CREDIT FOR IT I WISH YOU WOULD BE AS EXPEDITIOUS WITH SPENDING ARP FUNDS ON OTHER CRITICAL THINGS THINGS LIKE THE HOSPITAL THESE ISSUES WITH PUBLIC HEALTH THAT WE'RE HEARING ABOUT FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES THAT THEY DON'T HAVE ADEQUATE OFFICE SPACE NOT JUST TO ACCOMMODATE THE WORK THEY NEED TO DO BUT ACCOMMODATE THE PATIENTS AND THE MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY OUT THERE THAT THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO BE ASSISTING AND FROM THEIR OWN STATISTICS MR CHAIR ARE SHOWING US THAT THEY ARE CONSIDERABLY UNDERSERVING THE COMMUNITY OUT THERE THAT REALLY NEEDS PUBLIC HEALTH ASSISTANCE BUT ONE PARTICULAR CATEGORY WAS BY 10,000 PEOPLE LESS THAN WHAT THEY WERE SERVING WHEN THE PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITY M IS OPERATING SO I I MEAN I DON'T KNOW THESE THESE LITTLE GAMESMANSHIP I DON'T KNOW IF PEOPLE THINK THEY'RE GAINING SOME POLITICAL ADVANTAGE FROM IT BUT IT REALLY MAKES IT LOOK AS TO REALLY WHAT THE REAL AGENDA IS HERE AND CERTAINLY WE'RE SUPPORTIVE OF OF THE VETERANS HAVING THEIR CONFERENCE I HAVE NO ISSUE WITH THAT I MEAN I MYSELF HAS NOT SERVED BUT I'M A DAUGHTER OF A COMBAT VETERAN SO AND YOU KNOW MY DAD SERVED AND RETIRED FROM THE US NAVY SO I CAN APPRECIATE THE NEED FOR THIS AND THE NEED TO GET THE INFORMATION OUT TO OUR COMMUNITY BECAUSE THERE ARE YOU KNOW HARD TO BELIEVE BUT THERE ARE

MANY OF OUR OUR VETERANS THAT ARE NOT FULLY AWARE OF WHAT BENEFITS THEY'RE ENTITLED TO AND BY ALL MEANS IF THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR IT WE WANT THEM TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT BECAUSE IT CERTAINLY WILL MAKE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE AND NOT JUST THEIRS BUT THEIR SURVIVORS LIVES YOU KNOW MY DAD WAS ALSO 100% DISABLED AND YOU KNOW NOW THAT HE'S PASSED AWAY AND IT WAS A ARDUOUS PROCESS THERE ARE MANY TIMES HE HIMSELF SAID I DON'T THINK I WANT TO GO DOWN THIS ROAD BUT I'M GLAD HE STAYED PERSISTENT AND WE HAD TO FUNCTION OUT OF THE HAWAII OFFICE TO FINALLY GET A DETERMINATION AND YOU KNOW EVERYTHING THAT HAS TO DO INCLUDING ALL THE DOCTOR VISITS YOU HAVE TO TAKE FOR VERIFICATION CERTIFICATION OF YOUR YOUR AILMENTS AND HOW THEY'RE RELATED HOW THEIR SERVICE RELATED AND THAT WHOLE LIST OF THINGS BUT I HAVE TO TELL YOU WHEN MY DAD PASSED AWAY IT ACTUALLY WAS THE VETERANS THE FUNDS THAT HE RECEIVED FROM THAT THAT ACTUALLY MY MOM RECEIVED HER FIRST CHECK WITHIN A MONTH MY DAD'S RETIREMENT TOOK LIKE FIVE MONTHS FOR MY DAD'S NAVY CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND I SAID THANK GOODNESS WE WEREN'T DEPENDING ON THAT BECAUSE CAN YOU IMAGINE THE FAMILY THAT ARE DEPENDENT ON THAT INCOME AND ALL OF A SUDDEN YOU KNOW YOU DON'T GET IT FOR MONTHS ON IN BECAUSE THEY'RE PROCESSING PAPERWORK AND YET IN THAT PARTICULAR CASE VETERANS AFFAIRS WAS THE THE FASTEST SO I CERTAINLY RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS FROM THAT AND I CERTAINLY WISH YOU GUYS WELL ON THIS CONVENTION BUT I DON'T LIKE THE POLITICAL PLAY THAT'S HAPPENING I THINK THAT'S WHAT'S BOTHERSOME TO ME BECAUSE IF THE GOVERNOR TRANSFERRED THIS MONEY A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY DIDN'T NOTIFY US AND ANNOUNCED TO EVERYBODY ELSE THAT THIS WAS BEING DONE BUT LIKE I SAID MR CHAIR I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR IT BUT YOU KNOW WHEN WE SEE OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT THAT ARP FUNDING COULD BE USED TO IMMEDIATELY ADDRESS THESE CONCERNS PARTICULARLY THE HEALTH RELATED ISSUES I MEAN LOOK AT THE ISSUES AT GMH THE HEADLINES JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO ABOUT YOU KNOW A POOR BABY THAT MAY HAVE YOU KNOW WHOSE LIFE MAY HAVE BEEN SAVED HAD WE HAD A MORE EQUIPPED CAPABILITY UP THERE AND THE THE THE PHYSICIAN UP THERE THAT'S NEEDED AND THE SPECIALTY TO BE ABLE TO HELP THESE BABIES WE WE NEED TO BE SADDENED BY THE FACT ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE STATISTICS OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS OF THE AMOUNT OF BABY THE THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE ON GUAM AND WHAT ARE WE DOING TO ADDRESS THAT IT'S IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY APPARENTLY WE HAVE THE MONEY TO DO THESE TYPE OF THINGS BUT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO ADDRESS THOSE CRITICAL NEEDS AT OUR HOSPITAL IT'S VERY BOTHERSOME AND IF IT'S THAT EASY FOR THE GOVERNOR TO DO THAT FOR THIS VETERANS CONFERENCE WHICH WE RECOGNIZE IS IMPORTANT I MEAN THE BILL HAS BEEN INTRODUCED WE ARE HERE TO DELIBERATE THIS BILL THIS AFTERNOON I'M SURE THIS BILL WILL PASS WITH EVERY SINGLE MEMBER OF THIS BODY WHY AREN'T WE DOING THAT WHY IS THE ADMINISTRATION NOT DOING THAT FOR MORE CRITICAL NEEDS ESPECIALLY THAT OF HEALTH CARE OF EXISTING OUR ELDERLY OUR OUR INFANTS THAT ARE BEING BORN IN THIS COMMUNITY OR IN SOME CASES NOT BEING BORN WHAT ARE WE DOING ABOUT THAT THAT IS THAT HOW CAN WE BE COMFORTABLE ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE THAT HAVE HIGH RISK PREGNANCIES AND THERE ARE MOTHERS INCLUDING MYSELF WHO KNEW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO GO THROUGH A HIGH-RISK PREGNANCY SO I JUST HAVE TO PUT THAT TWO SENSE IN BECAUSE IT'S JUST REALLY TO SEE THESE TYPE OF GAINSMENTSHIP PLAYS ON THESE CRITICAL ISSUES PARTICULARLY OUR VETERANS THEY GET THEY GET BOUNCED AROUND POLITICALLY BECAUSE OH EVERYBODY WANTS THE SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS AND PANDERING IN A WAY THAT'S ALMOST DISRESPECTFUL SO I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ANY FURTHER FOR THE PANEL MR CHAIR BUT I JUST FELT A NEED TO HAVE TO RELAY WHAT WHAT'S ON MY MIND THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN MADAM VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR AND GOOD AFTERNOON TO THE PANEL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND AS I WAS LISTENING TO THE RETIRING SPEAKER I COULD HAVE SAID DITTO I HAD TWO QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL AND I KNOW THAT BBMR IS NOT HERE BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY AS AS A OH JASON THANK YOU AS A WIFE A WIDOW OF OF A VETERAN A MOTHER OF A VETERAN A GRANDMOTHER OF A VETERAN A SIBLING OF A VETERAN I WANT TO SAY IT'S IT'S CONVENTIONS LIKE THIS THAT CAN REALLY TAKE US A LONG WAY AND EVEN AFTER HEARING THE PREVIOUS RETIRING SPEAKERS SPEAK ABOUT ABOUT THE WHAT THE HAD TO GO THROUGH JUST TO GET BENEFITS AND AND JUST TO AND AND AND JUST TO TRY AND GET INFORMATION AND TO GROW THROUGH THE OUTREACHES I WANT TO SAY THAT WITH MY HUSBAND ALONE BEFORE HE PASSED EVERY TIME INFORMATION AND AND TESTINGS CAME THIS WAY HERE ON GUAM IT GOT DENIED WE GO BACK TO THE STATES BECAUSE HE HAD A GRAVE CONDITION WE LITERALLY GO THROUGH A LOT OF OBSTACLES BUT WHEN HE APPLIED IN JULY OCTOBER HE GOT APPROVED

100% BUT SO MANY YEARS HAD PASSED AND HE HE HE HE NEVER REALLY TOOK OR FELT WHAT WAS RIGHTFULLY DUE TO HIM SO I I I DID WANT TO SAY THAT YOU KNOW THERE THE THERE BASED ON THE INFORMATION RECEIVE I WANT TO ASK THE QUESTION THERE HAS BEEN A REPRESENTATION MADE THAT THE ARP FUNDS INITIALLY ALLOCATED BY THE GOVERNOR FOR THE RE VETERANS CONVENTION WILL BE REALLOCATED TO PAY FOR MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS OF THE VETERAN CEMETERY AND SINCE BBMR'S LETTER COULD GIVE AN IMPRESSION THAT THIS CONVENTION IS NOW DOUBLE FUNDED THROUGH ARP AND THIS BILL CAN YOU GIVE THIS BODY FORMAL ASSURANCES THAT THE ARP FUNDS WILL BE REDIRECTED TO LIKE THE SECRETARY MEAN TO THE CEMETERY

BBMR – BAZA: YEAH SO THE FUNDING THAT WAS LOADED INTO OVA'S ACCOUNT WAS INTO THEIR MAIN OPERATIONS ACCOUNT SO IT CAN BE USED FOR IT IT'S A GENERAL OPERATIONS ACCOUNT FOR OVA SO THEY CAN DIRECT IT TOWARDS CEMETERY IN LIEU OF THE CONVENTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT COMMENT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE AND AND ONE OF THE OTHER THINGS I HAD WAS FOR BOTH OFB AND AND AND BBMR IN ADDITION TO THE 50,000 APPROPRIATED IN IN BILL 107 AND THE OF COURSE THE OTHER BILL THAT'S COMING UP FOR THE 500,000 APPROPRIATED IN BILL 114 THIS BODY IS NOW POISED TO APPROPRIATE UP TO I IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN MR CHAIR I WANT TO SAY ABOUT 15 RIGHT 15.8 MILLION TO FUND ANOTHER 3 MONTHS EXTENSION OF THE \$100 \$100 CREDIT FOR THE ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM SO ALL THESE MEASURES IDENTIFY ACCESS GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED THIS FISCAL YEAR AS THEIR RESPECTIVE FUNDING SOURCES THE QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK WAS IS THERE SUFFICIENT EXCESS FUNDS TO PAY ALL THESE MEASURES I I I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IF IF IF I'M M ADVICE IF WE'RE GOING TO IF WE JUST DO THE SIMPLE MATH IT IT'S THERE'S THERE'S ENOUGH SIMPLE MATH $500 + 50 + 15$ FROM 17 IT'S SIMPLE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BUT ALL THE OTHER THE OTHER.

NO NO JUST THE THREE ISSUES THAT YOU'VE TALKED ABOUT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT THE QUESTION IS JUST GETTING IF WE CAN GET IT PAST ALL 3 DOWNTOWN SIGNS OFF ON IT IT'S DONE THAT SIMPLE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY WELL THANK YOU THEN FOR THAT COMMENT AND AND THE ADMINISTRATION MAYBE IF YOU CAN REITERATE THE SAME THOUGHTS AS AS THE CHAIR.

BBMR – BAZA: IF ALL THREE OF THOSE MEASURES THEN THERE SHOULD BE BUT THERE ARE OTHER MEASURES OUT THERE UTILIZING IN THE SAME FUND SOURCE AS WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO MAYBE THE FOLLOW UP TO THAT WAS THESE ALLOCATION ARE PUT INTO THE THOSE DIFFERENT MEASURES ALREADY AM I SAYING THAT CORRECT AT LEAST FOR THE THREE MENTIONED.

BBMR – BAZA: FOR THE THREE MENTIONED THE 17.3 IN THE JANUARY REPORT IS ENOUGH TO COVER THE THREE THAT YOU MENTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO HEAR THANK YOU AND MADAM CHAIR I I I THINK IT WAS REALLY IMPORTANT JUST TO READ ITERATE THAT TO THE LISTENING AUDIENCE BECAUSE BELIEVE IT OR NOT AS WE HERE ON OUR ISLAND HAVE 100 I MEAN PER CAPITA THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF ENLISTED PERSONNEL MILITARY PERSONNEL AND THE VETERANS THAT COME FROM I THINK THAT CONVENTIONS LIKE THIS IS THE BEST OUTREACH TO GIVE TO THE PEOPLE TO HELP US BETTER UNDERSTAND THE BENEFITS THAT ARE DUE FOR THOSE WHO RIGHTLY SERVED TO PROTECT THE FREEDOMS THAT WE LIVE TODAY SO THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THOSE QUESTIONS AND AND TO AT LEAST COMMENT MY PERSONAL THOUGHTS *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

NOTE SENATOR TAITAGUE PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME VICE SPEAKER BARNES NEXT IS SENATOR PEREZ YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR I JUST I MEAN A LOT OF THE QUESTIONS WERE ASKED ALREADY I JUST HAVE ONE QUESTION I IT'S APPARENT THAT THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE CONVENTION TO TAKE PLACE I JUST AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE THE DOWN SYSTEM THE I BELIEVE IT'S F FMIS SYSTEM SO I GUESS THE QUESTION IS CAN BBMR CERTIFY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE WITHOUT THE SYSTEM BEING OPERATIONAL.

BBMR – BAZA: AS400 RIGHT NOW IS JUST ON WE HAVE VIEW ACCESS ONLY WE DO HAVE ACCESS TO THE NEW SYSTEM WE CAN WE'RE WE'RE WORKING ON FORMATTING THERE'S THIS SECTION OF THE SYSTEM WHERE YOU CAN PULL UP THE ACCOUNTS BUT GETTING THE APPROPRIATION EXPENDITURE ENCUMBRANCE AMOUNTS WE'RE WE'RE KIND OF PLAYING AROUND WITH THE CONFIGURATIONS TO GET IT TO SHOW UP LIKE IT DID ON THE AS400 WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THE BALANCES AS OF FEBRUARY 2ND BUT I DON'T THINK THE EXPENDITURES ON THE NEW SYSTEM HAVE BEEN UPDATED FOR THE LAST PAYROLL FROM OUR READ OF IT RIGHT NOW BUT WE WE AT LEAST WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO WE'RE JUST FINE-TUNING IT.

SENATOR PEREZ: SO CAN YOU CONFIDENTLY CERTIFY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE SHOULD THE OFFICE OF VETERAN FAIRS YOU KNOW WANT TO PROCURE BECAUSE IT'S ALMOST A MONTH AWAY ABOUT A MONTH AWAY AND YOU KNOW PROCUREMENTS CAN TAKE A LITTLE A WHILE SO ARE YOU CONFIDENT THAT YOU CAN CERTIFY THE FUND IS THERE.

BBMR – BAZA: FOR ARP YES I'M CONFIDENT BECAUSE THAT WAS THE FIRST SET OF ACCOUNTS THAT WE WENT IN TO MAKE SURE WE ACCURATE AND THE FUNDS MATCH THE LAST REPORT THAT WE TRANSMITTED ON FEBRUARY 5TH FOR JANUARY EXPENDITURES AND INCUMBRANCES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO THEN THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS CAN START THEIR PROCUREMENT PROCESS CONFIDENTLY.

BBMR – BAZA: I BELIEVE SO YES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY ALL RIGHT YEAH I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS AT THIS POINT SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR NO QUESTIONS THE BEST PART OF SITTING IN THE BACK IS ALL THE ALL THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED WE GOT ALL THE ANSWERS BUT MORE OF A COMMENT MAYBE THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY AND ASSISTING THE VETERANS ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS I'D LIKE TO THANK MR FRANCISCO AND ALL THE OTHER VETERANS ORGANIZATION TRYING TRYING TO PUT THIS TOGETHER M MADAM CHAIR WHEN I CAME BACK FROM DEPLOYMENT I'VE ATTENDED SEVERAL OF THESE TYPES OF CONVENTION AND THOSE WERE TRYING TO GET US ALL BACK BACK INTO SPEED AND BROUGHT US BACK INTO TO CIVILIAN LIFE SO THIS IS VERY CRITICAL VERY IMPORTANT EVENT AND ALSO FOR THE MILITARY SPOUSES YOU KNOW THEY HAD TO ENDURE THE LENGTHY DEPLOYMENTS SO ANYTIME WE HAVE A CHANCE TO TO FUND AND AND TO SUPPORT OUR VETERANS IS ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF MY LIST AND I I THANK EVERYBODY FOR FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN FOR A VETERAN THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS CHAIRMAN JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I GUESS THE QUESTION ACTUALLY TO OVA BECAUSE OF THE THE MESSAGE FROM BBMR THAT YOU'VE GOT AN ADDITIONAL 100,000 AND IT'S IN YOUR OPERATION ACCOUNT I'M JUST WANT TO FOCUS ON BECAUSE I'M GOING TO SUPPORT 114 YOU KNOW I'M A CO-SPONSOR THE SPEAKER AND I WE WE CONVINCED THE VETERANS SHOW UP TESTIFY AND SUPPORT SO WE GOT YOUR BACKING AND YOU GOT OUR BACKING AND MY MY CONCERN IS THAT BECAUSE IT'S GOING TO GO TO THE OVA IT'S IN THE OVA ACCOUNT IS THAT WHAT ARE SOME OF THE THINGS THAT THAT YOU NEED TO FIX DOWN THERE THE VETERANS ANYWAY BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE NOT GOING TO JUST GO ALL DAY WHEN YOU DO THE CONVENTION YOU'RE NOT JUST GOING TO KEEP SPENDING LIKE IT'S A BLANK CHECK YOU'RE GOING TO I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO MANAGE IT TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THE BIGGEST BANG OF YOUR DOLLAR BUT WHAT ARE SOME OF THE ISSUES THAT NEEDS TO GET FIXED BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S SOME THINGS BUT MAYBE YOU CAN MENTION THAT IT'S ALMOST LIKE A PRELIMINARY REPORT BEFORE WE GET TO THE BUDGET.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: HUNGGAN SENATOR WE ARE CURRENTLY WORKING WITH WITH OUR STATE SITE STAKEHOLDERS AS WELL TO IDENTIFY THE THE NEEDS DOWN AT THE CEMETERY SO UNDERWAY THAT SHOULD BE STARTING SOON IS THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CHAPEL THE ADMIN BUILDING AND THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING DOWN AT THE CEMETERY I KNOW THAT WITH DIRECTOR SAN AGUSTIN HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ASIDE FROM THAT FOR US TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF THE THE GROUND SHIFTING UP AT THE THE UPPER CUL-DE-SAC WHERE THE CRYPTS ARE WE HAVE IDENTIFIED THAT WE ARE RUNNING INTO SOME ISSUES UP THERE YOU KNOW WITH THE EARTHQUAKES AND STUFF SO HE WANTS TO ADDRESS TO STABILIZE THE GROUND UP AT THE UPPER CUL-DE-SAC SO THAT COULD BE ONE OF THE PROJECTS THAT WE CAN IDENTIFY IMMEDIATELY SO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU YOU GOT A DOLLAR AMOUNT I'M ONLY CURIOUS TO KNOW I KNOW YOU GOT A BUNCH OF PROJECTS THERE CUZ I'VE BEEN DOWN TO THE CEMETERY QUITE OFTEN AND I'M JUST CONCERNED IS THAT AS YOU IDENTIFY YOUR PROJECTS AND YOU LIST THEM IN PRIORITIES YOU WOULD HAVE A DOLLAR AMOUNT SO THAT YOU YOU KNOW WHERE YOU NEED TO SHIFT BECAUSE YOU ONLY GOT LET SAY 20 OR \$30,000 LEFT AFTER.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: FOR THAT SPECIFIC PROJECT SENATOR I DON'T HAVE A I DON'T HAVE A DOLLAR FIGURE I WOULD HAVE TO CONNECT WITH THE DIRECTOR BUT I KNOW ANOTHER MAJOR PROJECT THAT WE ARE PREPARING FOR IS THE REPAINTING THE WATER BLASTING AND THE REPAINTING OF ALL THE CRYPTS THROUGHOUT THE THE CEMETERY SO THAT COULD BE ANOTHER PROJECT WHERE WE CAN ALLOCATE THE FUNDS THERE AS WE NEED TO PICK UP PAINT SUPPLIES AND STUFF LIKE THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY OKAY WITH THAT YOU KNOW MANY OF THE QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN ALREADY ASKED AND I'M IN FULL SUPPORT OF BILL 114 AND WHEN WE GET TO THE BUDGET THEN WE'LL ASK YOU MORE IN DETAIL WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY WHERE DID IT GO AND WHERE YOU WHERE YOU GOING TO WHERE YOU'RE HEADING TO OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR QUINATA: I HAVE NO QUESTIONS I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE PANEL FOR BEING PRESENT THIS MORNING AND ALL DAY AND FOR ALL YOUR ANSWERS I'M SURE IF I NEED TO FIND ANY ANSWER I CAN GO BACK ON THE YOUTUBE CHANNEL BUT I APPRECIATE ALL YOU GUYS TIME AND PRESENTENCE DAY HAVE A GREAT DAY.

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE NO QUESTIONS MY VICE CHAIR SENATOR TELO DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES I DO MR CHAIR AND THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO'S HERE AGAIN I APOLOGIZE FOR THIS AFTERNOON WE'RE HAVING WE'VE BEEN HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES WITH OUR INTERNET THIS WHOLE WEEK SO APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND OF COURSE THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING YOUR PATIENCE AS WELL I THINK EVERYONE HERE HAD PLANNED ON VOTING FOR BILL 114 IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT WASTED A LOT OF YOUR TIME YOUR PRECIOUS TIME TO COME DOWN HERE AND JUST TO FIND OUT JUST LIKE US THAT THE MONEY IS ALREADY THERE IN FACT DOUBLE THE AMOUNT TO GIVEN BE GIVEN TO THE VETERANS IT SEEMS LIKE IF WE WANT TO GET SOME MONEY OUT OF ARP ALL WE GOT TO DO IS INTRODUCE A BILL AND THE NEXT THING YOU KNOW WE'LL GET SOME ARP FUNDING MY CONCERN HERE IS YOU KNOW JUST THE THE WHOLE SITUATION WHERE IT IT'S JUST RIDICULOUS WE'RE PLAYING POLITICAL GAMES HERE EVERYONE SEES IT EVERYONE WATCHING IT JUST LIKE WHAT THE HECK WHAT'S GOING ON THEY INTRODUCE A BILL AND NOW THE GOVERNOR ALL OF A SUDDEN DECIDES TO GIVE SOME MONEY OUT WHY BECAUSE THE THUNDER IS GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM HER SHE HAVE SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS A LONG TIME AGO WHEN THEY WERE PLANNING IT IN APRIL BUT DIDN'T DO IT NOW SHE'S USING ARP FUNDING FOR THIS WHICH HAS ME CONCERNED BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WATCHING ARP EVERY MONTH AND IT IT'S EXPENDITURES AND I'M VERY CONCERNED BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO GET TO A POINT THAT WE HAVE TO PAY BACK SOME OF THIS FEDERAL FUNDING FUNDS THAT ARE GIVEN TO US BECAUSE IT WAS SPENT IN THE WRONG WAY THIS MONEY WAS MEANT TO HELP RECOVER FROM COVID AND WHEN MR BAZA MENTIONED THAT YOU KNOW WHEN THE QUESTION WAS ASKED TO YOU MR BAZA ABOUT THIS FUNDS IT WAS REVENUE LOST THAT WAS THE CAN YOU EXPLAIN AGAIN PLEASE WHAT WHAT DO

YOU MEAN BY THAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR US USING AR FUNDING THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE MEANT TO HELP RECOVER.

BBMR – BAZA: THERE'S A SECTION IN THE FINAL RULES THAT DELINEATES A FORMULA FOR REVENUE LOSS CALCULATION TO THE GOVERNMENT DURING THE PANDEMIC AND IF I RECALL IT'S THE THREE YEAR AVERAGE PRIOR TO 2019 AND THEN COLLECTION AND THEN THERE'S A THE AVERAGE GROWTH FROM THOSE THREE YEARS 17 18 19 IF IT DOESN'T EXCEED 4% THEN THE CALCULATION USES A 4% COUNTER FACTUAL THERE'S A FORMULA IN THE FINAL RULE SO USING THAT FORMULA AND THE LOSS AND THE ACTUAL COLLECTIONS VERSUS WHAT THE FORMULA WAS PROVIDED IN THE FINAL TREASURY RULES IS THE CALCULATION OF LOSS SO THAT CALCULATION IS AUTHORIZED TO BE USED FOR OPERATIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR BAZA FOR THAT SO HOW DO YOU CALCULATE THEN ARP FUNDING WAS GIVEN TO VETERANS AFFAIRS IN THE AMOUNT OF 1.26,619,957 DOLLARS THERE IS STILL A BALANCE A BALANCE AS OF JANUARY 31ST 2024 THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXPENDED FOR 1,066,859 NOW IF YOU'RE DOING THAT CALCULATION AND THAT YOU KNOW THE THE MATH ON THAT HAVE YOU CALCULATED THE FACT THAT MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN GIVEN TO VETERANS AND WHEN YOU SAY LOST REVENUE I I ASSUME THAT IT'S THE THE AGENCY ITSELF LOSING ME BECAUSE THIS APPROPRIATION WAS NEVER PART OF THE VETERAN'S BUDGET OR CALCULATED IN ANY REQUEST TO THE BE TO US OFB TO INCLUDE THIS MONEY INTO THE BUDGET SO HOW CAN YOU LOSE REVENUE WHEN WE DIDN'T EVEN ASK FOR THIS OR EVEN CALCULATE IT IN THEIR BUDGET.

BBMR – BAZA: THE LOST REVENUE IS GOVERNMENT GUAM REVENUE AS A WHOLE SO THAT'S SO THE CALCULATION FROM THAT LOST REVENUE IS WHAT CAN BE USED FOR OPERATIONS FROM THE ARP FUNDING AS A WHOLE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HOW MUCH REVENUE HAS THE VETERANS AFFAIR LOST.

BBMR – BAZA: IT IT'S NOT IN REGARDS TO DEPARTMENTS IT'S GOVERNMENT GUAM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AS A WHOLE.

BBMR – BAZA: LIKE THE GENERAL FUND TOURIST ATTRACTION FUND CUSTOMS AND QUARANTINE FUND.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THAT'S THE JUSTIFICATION THEY'RE USING TO UTILIZE OUR FUNDING SO IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE WITH COVID OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT YOU GUYS JUST CALCULATE LOSS REVENUE IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO DETERMINE HOW TO SPEND THAT MONEY.

BBMR – BAZA: BASED ON THE THE FINAL RULES IS DEFINITION OF HOW TO USE THE FORMULA YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL THAT'S IRONIC BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN ASKING TO USE FUNDING AND WE'VE BEEN GETTING THE EXCUSE THAT WE CAN'T USE IT BECAUSE IT'S NOT JUST JUSTIFIED AND HERE WE ARE LOOKING AT A FOR A CALCULATION PUT TOGETHER THAT IS BASED ON THE REVENUE LOST IN GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WOW THAT'S THAT'S A FIRST BUT I THANK YOU FOR THAT IT'S NO FAULT OF YOUR OWN IT'S JUST ANOTHER THING TOO IS I'M I'M CONCERNED BECAUSE WHEN VETERANS STILL HAS ONE POINT YOU KNOW ONE 1,666 OR 1 MILLION AND IF YOU WANT TO ANSWER WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THAT PLEASE GO AHEAD.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SENATOR THE A BULK OF THAT FUNDS HAS ALREADY BEEN EARMARKED AND THAT WILL BE FOR THE RENOVATIONS OF THE CHAPEL THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND THE ADMIN BUILDING AS I STATED EARLIER AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THAT COMES UP TO BE 816,000 PLUS I'LL HAVE TO GET THE EXACT BUT OF THAT THAT'S WHAT THE TOTAL PRICE IS GOING TO COST FOR THE CONSTRUCTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: DO YOU THINK I YOU GUYS GOING TO BE ABLE TO SPEND IT IN TIME BEFORE THE DEADLINE.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: FOR THE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION YES I I HAVEN'T BEEN GIVEN A DATE WHEN THEY WOULD ACTUALLY DO THE GROUNDBREAKING BUT THE CONSTRUCTION IS ALREADY SET TO TO BEGIN AND THAT WOULD BE THAT WOULD ENCUMBER THE 816,000 PLUS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL THE VETERANS LIKE SAID IN THE THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL THEY BE OVERSEEING THIS MONEY AND MAKING SURE THAT PROCUREMENT IS USED.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: FOR THE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: 100,000.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: YES YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO IT'S NOT GOING TO BE JUST ANY BALLROOM THAT THEY'VE DECIDED THIS NONPROFIT DECIDED YOU GUYS ARE GOING TO OVERSEE IT TO MAKE SURE IT'S SPENT CORRECTLY.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: YES MA'AM IT IT STILL HAS TO GO THROUGH THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SO WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN THE MARKET RESEARCH WE GOT ONE QUOTE AS I STATED EARLIER THIS MORNING WE'RE WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR A COUPLE MORE QUOTES BEFORE WE CAN SUBMIT FOR REQUISITION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WOW MY CONCERN IS NOW WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME PHONE CALLS FROM OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS TO WANT TO DO THEIR CONFERENCES TOO YOU KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO THIS THIS IS YOU KNOW YOUR OPENING PANDORA'S BOX WHICH WAS ONE OF MY CONCERNS I MEAN I WILL SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT WE HAVE TO BE READY I MEAN NEXT THING YOU KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO WANT US TO FUND A UNDERWATER BASKET WEAVING CONVENTION COMING UP NEXT SO WE HAVE TO BE VERY CAREFUL THERE'S ALSO THE CONCERN I HAVE WITH OH MR CHAIR MY MY TIME IS UP ARE WE HAVING A SECOND ROUND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I'LL BE ASKING THE COLLEAGUES IF WE ARE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE NOW ON THE SECOND ROUND AND I WILL BEGIN WITH SENATOR LUJAN AND THEN WE'LL GO AROUND THIS WAY AND THEN BACK UP AND THEN TO THE BACK OKAY SENATOR LUJAN NO NO WE'RE GOING TO GO THIS WAY TO THE FR FRONT AND THEN TO THE BACK I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU TILL LAST THERE MADAM MADAM VICE SENATOR LUJAN OR OR OR YOU WANT TO BE FIRST RIGHT NOW I I CAN OKAY SEN HAVE SENATOR TELO BE FIRST THEN AND WE'LL START FROM THE REAR AND WORK OUR WAY UP I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THE SPEAKER LAST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL THANK YOU MR CHAIR AND IF ANYBODY WANTS TO YIELD THE YIELD THEIR TIME TO ME JUST LET ME KNOW OF TIME OKAY THE OTHER ONE IS BBMR YOU TALKED ABOUT THE NEW SAA ASO WELL NOT THE NEW ASO THE NEW SYSTEM THAT YOU'RE USING TO REPLACE WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE HOW CAN YOU GUARANTEE THAT IF THE CR REPORT THAT WAS JUST GIVEN TO US RECENTLY THAT WAS DELAYED BECAUSE OF THE ASO HOW CAN YOU TELL HOW ACCURATE THAT IS.

BBMR – BAZA: PRIOR TO THE CLOSURE OF THE AS400 WE DID OUR OWN MANUAL TRACKING OF REVENUES AND THEY DID MATCH WHAT DOA PROVIDED US NEXT MONTH I'M HOPING DOA IS ABLE TO EXTRACT THE SAME TYPE OF INFORMATION I HAVEN'T HAD ACCESS TO THE REVENUE SIDE ON THE NEW SYSTEM JUST YET SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CHECK JUST AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO WE WERE IN THE SECOND QUARTER ARE WE IN THE SECOND QUARTER AT THIS TIME.

BBMR – BAZA: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY AND IT'S SHOWING RIGHT NOW WE HAVE AN EXCESS OF 17 MILLION IS THAT YOU KNOW KIND OF SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE TO REALLY BE CAUTIOUS OF RIGHT NOW CONSIDERING IT'S ONLY THE SECOND QUARTER AND WE'RE ALREADY SEEING 5 MILLION DOLL SHORTFALL IN IN THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AS WELL AS SOME OTHER AREAS.

BBMR – BAZA: YEAH THE SHORTFALL ON THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND IS A CONCERN WE DID DIVE INTO WHY THAT MIGHT BE OCCURRING AND THERE WERE SOME CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS UNDER BUSINESS PRIVILEGE TAX THAT THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND IF IT WAS CIGARETTE RELATED IT GOES TOWARDS THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND AND IT STOPPED DOING THE PROGRAMMING FOR THAT ON THE AS400 WHICH IS CAUSING A A PORTION OF

WHY THIS IS SHORT SO THAT'S THAT'S WHAT WE WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE AND YOU KNOW IT'S STILL A CONCERN BUT WE THINK WE PINPOINTED THE ISSUE AND HOPEFULLY RESOLVE IT SOON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SO THAT 17 MILLION THAT'S SITTING THERE AND YOUR OPINION IS IS A CONCERN WITH REGARDS TO JUST YOU KNOW SEEING OTHER THE TRACKING FROM SPECIAL FUNDS.

BBMR – BAZA: JUST THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ONLY JUST THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND.

BBMR – BAZA: ONLY ONLY THE HEALTHY FUTURES FUND IS A CONCERN AT THE MOMENT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RIGHT OKAY AND THEN YOU KNOW BEING WORKING IN ACCOUNTING THE CONCERN TOO IS JUST MAKING SURE THAT THERE'S MONEY THERE BECAUSE ONE THING I DO KNOW IS THAT OPA STILL HAS NOT HAS YET TO GO OVER PRIOR YEAR OBLIGATIONS IN FY22 THAT WAS NOT INCORPORATED IN THE LAST AUDIT REPORT THEY'RE SAYING THAT YOU KNOW X AMOUNT I THINK WAS LIKE 30 SOMETHING MILLION OR THAT WAS LEFT OVER BUT THEY'RE SHOWING THAT THERE ARE CERTAIN OTHER OBLIGATIONS PRIOR YEAR OBLIGATION THAT'S NOT CALCULATED INTO IT SO WE COULD ACTUALLY BE SHORT I'M STILL WAITING FOR OPA TO COME UP WITH THAT REPORT AND TO SHOW US WHERE WE REALLY ARE FINANCIALLY BUT 17 IS NOT A WHOLE LOT TO BE COMFORTABLE WITH AT THIS POINT WITH REGARDS TO VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE THE THE CONFERENCE HOW IS VETERANS FAIRS REALLY GOING TO REACH OUT TO THOSE WHO DON'T EVEN SHOW UP AT THESE EVENTS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THEY'VE HAD SEVERAL EVENTS LAST YEAR AND EVEN SMALLER NONPROFITS WHO'VE GOTTEN TOGETHER YOU KNOW PURPLE HEARTS ALL THOSE OTHER ON HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUSH TO TO REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN GETTING THOSE VETERANS WHO REALLY NEED SERVICE AND NEED INFORMATION CAN YOU KIND OF EXPLAIN WHAT THE ISSUE IS REALLY WHEN TRYING TO REACH OUT TO THESE VETERANS.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: THANK YOU FOR THAT QUESTION SENATOR SO INTERESTINGLY WE HAVE HAD THE SAME DISCUSSION WITH THE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE TO HIS CONFERENCE AND WE HAVE SUGGESTED THAT WE REACH OUT TO THE COMMANDERS OF THE VARIOUS VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY VETERANS WITHIN THEIR ORGANIZATION YOU KNOW THAT COULD COULD REALLY BENEFIT ATTENDING THE CONVENTION MOST ESPECIALLY FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION OF VETERANS YOU KNOW WHERE WE'RE WE'RE HAVING SUCH A VERY DIFFICULT TIME CAPTURING THAT THAT DATA SO WE'RE REALLY GOING TO REACH OUT TO THE COMMAND COMMANDERS OF THE VET ORGANIZATIONS OUT THERE AND WORK WITH THEM VERY CLOSELY TO BE SURE THAT THEY IDENTIFY THEIR MEMBERS AND SEND THEM TO THE CONVENTION BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF THE OLDER GENERATION VETERANS THAT YOU KNOW ARE ALREADY KNOWLEDGEABLE OF THE CLAIMS PROCESS AND AND BENEFITS PROCESS AND AND WHAT HAVE YOU SO WE WE STILL HAVE A LOT OF VETERANS OUT THERE THAT ARE NOT SURE THEY JUST DON'T KNOW WHERE TO GO AS FAR AS YOU KNOW MAKING A SIMPLE CLAIMS PROCESS SO WE ARE GOING TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE VETERAN COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE VETERAN COMMANDERS TO IDENTIFY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: IF FOR SOME REASON THAT BECAUSE I I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS IT'S ABOUT OUT THE OUTREACH THAT'S NEEDED TO THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO JUST FOR WHEN REASON OR ANOTHER YOU KNOW PTSD THEY JUST DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND CROWDS YOU KNOW A CONFERENCE IS A PLACE THAT THEY REALLY DON'T WANT TO BE AROUND I'VE TALKED TO SEVERAL VETS AND IT'S ABOUT JUST GOING AND KNOCKING ON THEIR DOORS AND SITTING WITH THEM YOU KNOW ONE ON ONE WHERE THEY FEEL COMFORTABLE I JUST HOPE THAT THE FUNDING THAT'S BEING USED FOR THIS IF THERE'S ANYTHING THAT YOU CAN DO IS TO PROVIDE THAT KIND OF OUTREACH TO THOSE WHO WILL NEVER SHOW UP AT THOSE CONFERENCES AND THOSE ARE THE ONES THAT REALLY NEED THE HELP THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON SO IF THERE'S ANY WAY THE DIRECTOR I MEAN YOU KNOW MR MENO YOU HAVE YOU HIT IT ON THE NAIL YOU KNOW THE HEAD ON THE NAIL BY MAKING THAT COMMENT AND HOW DIFFICULT IT IS SO I'M JUST HOPING THAT THERE IS SOME FUNDING THAT YOU CAN UTILIZE TO MAKE THAT EFFORT AFTER THE CONFERENCE TO MOVE INTO THOSE AREAS OKAY AND THE SPOUSE RETREAT CAN YOU GIVE ME A MORNING OF EXAMPLE OF WHAT THE SPOUSE RETREAT IS GOING TO DO FOR FOR THIS CONFERENCE.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SO WITH THE WOMEN SPOUSES RETREAT WE HAVE IDENTIFIED TO PUT TOGETHER A A 3-DAY EVENT THAT WOULD CATER AND NURTURE THE SPOUSES OF THE VETERANS AND WE ARE WE ARE LOOKING AT SETTING UP TALKS AND AND BREAKOUT SESSIONS TO ALSO IDENTIFY MENTAL HEALTH

AWARENESS AS WELL AS FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT WE HAVE SPEAKER SETUP WHERE THEY WE COULD ASSIST THE SPOUSES IN CREATING WHAT THEIR WHAT THE COMMITTEE IS CALLING A ME TIME FOR THE SPOUSES BECAUSE AS WE ALL KNOW WHEN DEPLOYMENT HAPPENS FOR THE VETERAN THERE'S ALSO A DEPLOYMENT THAT HAPPENS AT THE HOME WHERE THE THE SPOUSE REMAINS AND THEY ARE IN CHARGE OF THE HOUSEHOLD YOU KNOW AND AND THAT'S VARIOUS THINGS TAKING CARE OF THEIR CHILDREN THE UPKEEP OF THE THE HOME THE BILLS SO WE WANT TO ENGAGE OUR SPOUSES TO FORM A CAMARADERIE OF PROFESSIONAL YOU KNOW MEN OR WOMEN THAT COULD ASSIST THEY COULD ASSIST EACH OTHER IN THAT MANNER AND AND MAYBE EVEN FOR LIKE A SUPPORT GROUP YOU KNOW WHEN THEIR SPOUSES ARE DEPLOYED THEY'RE ABLE TO LEAN ON EACH OTHER AND AND GET MORAL SUPPORT EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SO WE HAVE A VERY GOOD OUTLINE FOR THAT WEEKEND AND IT'S GOING TO WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO ADDRESS EVERY ASPECT OF THAT CONFERENCE TO AGAIN TO INCLUDE MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS HOW TO DEAL WITH STRESS HOW TO DEAL WITH FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT ETC LIKE THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR MENO DOESN'T THE VETERANS AFFAIRS ALREADY PROVIDE THAT KIND OF SERVICE RIGHT NOW.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: FOR THE SPOUSE FOR FOR THAT FOR THE HEALTH SIDE OF THE HOUSE UNFORTUNATELY NO THE STATE OFFICE PROVIDES THE STATE BENEFITS AS WELL AS THE ASSISTANCE OF THE VETERANS FOR THE CLAIMS PROCESS AND THEN WHEN THE VETERAN WHO A SPOUSE PASSES ON OUR OFFICE PROVIDES ASSISTANCE WITH THE SPOUSE FOR THE DIC PART WHERE THE SPOUSE IS ABLE TO FILE FOR BENEFITS FOR THEM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY I I WOULD HOPE THAT THE VETERANS AFFAIRS CAN YOU KNOW OFFER MORE SERVICES YOU KNOW THAT THIS CONFERENCE WHATEVER IS A TAKEAWAY THAT IT IT'S INCORPORATED IN THE VETERANS OFFICE.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: VERY TRUE AND AND CURRENTLY WE ARE ON IN TALKS WITH OUR OUR FEDERAL STAKEHOLDERS SUCH AS CBOG AND THE TIYAN OFFICE AND YOU HAD MENTIONED ABOUT OUTREACH AND SO THAT IS ONE OF OUR UPCOMING PROJECTS THAT WE WANT TO IDENTIFY SO THAT WE CAN WORK COLLABORATE WITH CBOG AND TEAS AND OFFICE SO WE CAN GO OUT TO THE COMMUNITIES AND HOPEFULLY CAPTURE THE DATE OF THE YOUNGER VETERAN SO THAT'S IN THE WORKS THERE'S STILL A LOT OF PLANNING IN THAT YOU KNOW BUT WE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MR MENO I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TO DO SOME RESEARCH ON ALL THE OTHER VETERANS CONFERENCES IN THE IN DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS CALIFORNIA AND MIAMI AND I FOUND THAT THE MONEY THEY RAISED FOR THIS CONVENTION WAS ACTUALLY BY SPONSORSHIP AT&T I THINK THERE WAS ANOTHER MAJOR COMPANY THAT ALSO PROVIDED FUNDING FOR THESE CONFERENCES SO I THINK MAYBE AS WE FOR NEXT YEAR OR A YEAR BEFORE THAT WE GET THE VETERANS TO ALSO LOOK AT SPONSORSHIP YOU KNOW TO PROVIDE THAT IN CASE YOU KNOW THE MONEY IS NOT CONTINUING TO RAIN OUT OF ARP FUNDING THAT WE NEED TO LOOK AT THAT BUT RIGHT NOW I MEAN IT'S IT'S IN DIRE NEED I THINK I THINK WE'RE GOING TO GET A LOT OUT OF THIS CONFERENCE TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST THE VETERANS OFFICE AS WELL AND THEN ALSO IF YOU CAN UPDATE THE ARP LISTING THE REPORT THAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO US BECAUSE RIGHT NOW YOU SAID ENCUMBERED RIGHT THE ONLY THING I SEE ENCUMBERED FROM 1.2 MILLION IS ONLY \$22,000 ON THIS REPORT I'LL BE HAPPY TO SHARE THE REPORT WITH YOU BUT YOU CAN GET IT ONLINE AND LOOK THROUGH IT OKAY ONLY THING THAT'S BEEN ALLOCATE EXPENDITURES TRANSFER OUT IS 172 MILLION BUT ONLY ENCUMBERED IS 22,000 AND THIS MONEY HAS A TIMELINE TO IT SO WELL THANK YOU SO MUCH EVERYONE FOR YOUR THE OPPORTUNITY AND THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU. SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NONE SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NONE SENATOR SAN NICOLAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OKAY SENATOR PEREZ TOO LATE WE MOVE ON NEXT SENATOR BLAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NONE SENATOR DUEÑAS DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR CHAIRMAN AND I I THINK WITH THE WAY THE DISCUSSION'S BEEN GOING JUST TO CUT TO THE CHASE REALLY IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THIS WILL JUST END UP BEING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION SO I THINK WE JUST SHOULD CALL IT FOR WHAT IT IS SO I I WOULD LIKE TO ASK MR BAZA I MEAN SIMPLY PUT SINCE THE MONEY HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED UNDER ANOTHER FUNDING SOURCE

FOR THE SAME PURPOSE AND YOU MENTIONED SEVERAL TIMES THAT IF THIS APPROPRIATION GOES THROUGH THE MONEY CAN BE REPURPOSED AND JOURNAL VOUCHERED I GUESS TO ANOTHER ACCOUNT FOR THE PURPOSES OF OR IDENTIFIED FOR OTHER PURPOSES I I JUST WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT THAT'S PRETTY MUCH WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE WOULD YOU CONCUR.

BBMR – BAZA: YEAH SO THE 100,000 FROM THE ARP WAS USED FOR OR INTENDED FOR THE CONVENTION IF THE 50 DOES COME IN THE 100,000 WAS LOADED TO OVA'S MAIN ACCOUNT SO IT'S NOT DESIGNATED SOLELY FOR A CONVENTION SO THEY CAN REPURPOSE THOSE FUNDS FOR CEMETERY WORK OR ANYTHING THAT THEY DO HAVE IMMEDIATE NEEDS FOR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY SO I DON'T KNOW THAT WE DO ANYTHING WITH THE BILL MR CHAIRMAN AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DELIBERATE AND THEN SEE WHERE IT GOES BUT I I JUST THINK IT'S APPROPRIATE THAT YOU KNOW THOSE WHO KEEP A SHARP EYE ON RE OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND ARE MONITORING YOU KNOW WHAT WE DO PARTICULARLY IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS YOU KNOW SHOULD THIS BILL PASS AND ONCE AGAIN LIKE I SAID I SUPPORT THE INTENT OF OF OF EVERYTHING IN FACT THE ATTENT IS SO SUPPORTED IT'S ALREADY SUPPORTED BECAUSE THERE'S MORE THAN THAT ADEQUATE FUNDING THAT'S BEEN TRANSFERRED SO I MEAN MAYBE I'LL GIVE THE PANEL AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT IF IF YOU CHOOSE BUT I MEAN THIS IS WHAT IT IS I MEAN AND IF YOU HAVE A NEED FOR THE FOR THE RESOURCES SIMPLY PUT THIS IS WHAT WE'RE DOING THEN IS IS IS GIVING YOU A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION BECAUSE WHAT'S IDENTIFIED IN THIS BILL IS ALREADY FUNDED OKAY AS LONG AS THERE'S CONCURRENCE ON THAT MR CHAIR THAT'S WHAT WE'RE DOING I MEAN SO WE'RE GOING TO CALL IT WHAT IT IS AND SEE WHERE IT GOES THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR PARKINSON DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: NO QUESTIONS SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR CHAIR I I DID HAVE A JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS BUT FIRST I WANTED TO READ OFF THIS PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR THAT WAS ISSUED ON OCTOBER 21ST 2022 LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION SECURES \$8.2 MILLION TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY AND I'LL JUST GO AHEAD AND READ A COUPLE OF THE PARAGRAPHS HERE THE LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCES PLANS TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY WITH A FEDERAL GRANT OF \$8,200,000 AWARDED BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERAN AFFAIRS WILL USE THE GRANT TO FUND THE CONSTRUCTION OF ABOVE GROUND CRYPTS GRADING DRAINAGE IRRIGATION LANDSCAPING AND SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE STARTING IN JANUARY 2023 AT THE GUAM VETERANS CEMETERY AND SO I WAS MADE AWARE OF THIS GRANT AND THIS PRESS RELEASE BY SEVERAL VETERANS AND THEY ASKED ME TO WRITE A LETTER BECAUSE AS THE PRESS RELEASE STATED THESE IMPROVEMENTS WERE SUPPOSED TO START IN JANUARY OF LAST YEAR HOWEVER THE VETERANS WHO ATTENDED THE CEREMONIES HAD EXPRESSED TO ME THAT THEY DIDN'T SEE ANY FORWARD MOTION ON THESE IMPROVEMENTS THAT AGAIN WERE SUPPOSED TO START IN JANUARY 23 SO I DID WRITE A LETTER IN JANUARY OF 2024 UNFORTUNATELY I DIDN'T RECEIVE A RESPONSE BUT BASICALLY THE LETTER WAS TO THE DIRECTOR SAN AUGSTIN WRITING TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS OF THE \$8.2 MILLION GRANT AWARDED TO OVA BY THE US DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION I ATTACHED A COPY OF THE PRESS RELEASE WHICH I JUST REFERRED TO AND I WROTE MANY VETERANS WHO ARE AWARE OF THE AWARDING OF THIS GRANT HAVE REACHED OUT TO MY OFFICE REQUESTING A FOLLOW UP ON THE PROJECTS THAT THE LEON GUERRERO TENORIO ADMINISTRATION SAID WOULD START A YEAR AGO PLEASE PROVIDE ANY UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THIS GRANT AND THE PROJECTS THE ADMINISTRATION HAS SAID IT WOULD BE USED TO FUND AND SO I WAS ABLE TO GET A LITTLE BIT OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE STATUS OF THIS GRANT AND I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ON THE PANEL COULD PROVIDE MORE I WAS TOLD THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL CONTRACTS THAT WERE BEING REVIEWED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE BUT I DIDN'T HEAR ANYTHING IN THE TESTIMONY SO FAR TODAY THAT THAT REFERENCED THIS GRANT AND I WAS KIND OF SCRATCHING MY HEAD BECAUSE WHAT WAS REFERENCED WAS THIS DESIRE TO MAYBE TAKE THE 50,000 THAT WE'RE TRYING TO APPROPRIATE WITH THIS BILL AND THEN TAKE THE 100,000 THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN OVER IN ARP FUNDS AND THEN TO TO USE THAT TO DO THE CEMETERY WORK AS MR MENO HAD STATED BUT I GUESS SO I DON'T KNOW WHO THE

APPROPRIATE PERSON WOULD BE TO ASK WOULD I MAYBE MR BAZA DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE STATUS OF THIS GRANT HAS OVA RECEIVED IT WHERE ARE WE WITH THIS 8.2 MILLION GRANT.

BBMR – BAZA: I'M I'M NOT AWARE OF THE STATUS OF IT I DO RECALL THAT IT REQUIRED A MATCH I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS A 10% MATCH OR 15% MATCH BUT I CAN LOOK INTO IT WHEN I GET BACK TO THE OFFICE AND ASK THE ANALYSTS THAT HANDLE IT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR BAZA MR MENO DID YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON ON THIS GRANT.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SENATOR IN REGARDS TO THE GRANT I WOULD HAVE TO DEFER THAT TO THE DIRECTOR IN FACT AS WE SPEAK HE IS STATE SIDE MEETING WITH THE FEDERAL GRANTERS AND AND STAKEHOLDERS IN PARTICULAR REGARDS TO THE TO THAT GRANT SO I WOULD HAVE TO DEFER THAT TO HIM.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR MENO YEAH THAT'S THIS IS A LITTLE SURPRISING TO ME BECAUSE YOU KNOW MUCH CRITICISM WAS LEVIED AT THE LEGISLATURE RELATIVE TO OUR SUPPORT OF THE VETERANS DURING THE CONVERSATION WE'RE HAVING ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW HOSPITAL SITE AND I I WROTE THIS LETTER BECAUSE IT WAS ANNOUNCED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION THAT THEY WERE GOING TO BEGIN THESE PROJECTS OVER A YEAR AGO AND I DON'T KNOW HAVE WE HAVE WE BROKE GROUND ON ANY OF THESE PROPOSED PROJECTS MR MENO BECAUSE IN YOUR TESTIMONY IT KIND OF SOUNDS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BREAK GROUND IN APRIL I THINK IS WHAT YOU SAID.

GOVA – ACTING DIRECTOR MENO: SO IN REGARDS TO THE CONSTRUCTION FOR THE CHAPEL THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AND THE ADMIN BUILDING THAT'S COMING OUT OF THE ARPA I'M SORRY THE ARP ACCOUNT AND SO HAD I SAID EARLIER THAT IS THE 860,000 PLUS BUT WITH REGARDS TO THE GRANT I'LL LET DIRECTOR SAN AGUSTIN BE THE ONE TO PROVIDE.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY THANK YOU MR AGAIN JUST YOU KNOW I DIDN'T RECEIVE A RESPONSE AND THE VETERANS ARE STILL ASKING ABOUT THE STATUS OF NOT JUST THE GRANT AND THESE PROJECTS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT PART OF WHY WE RECEIVED THIS GRANT WAS WE HAD HEARD VERY ALARMING NEWS THAT WE MIGHT RUN OUT OF SPACE AT THE VETERANS CEMETERY AND SO THAT'S WHY I THINK NOT ONLY RECEIVING THIS GRANT IS IMPORTANT BUT *LANA'* WHAT'S THE USE IN RECEIVING IT IF WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE IT'S AT OR HOW WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE MONEY SO ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE PROVIDED ON THE STATUS OF THIS VERY SIGNIFICANT GRANT AND AGAIN THAT'S WHY I'M SCRATCHING MY HEAD BECAUSE WE'RE IN RECEIPT OF THIS YOU KNOW OVER 8 MILLION TO IMPROVE *PITI* VETERAN CEMETERY AND WE'RE HEARING FROM THE ACTING DIRECTOR THAT WE'RE NOW LOOKING AT ARP FUNDS FOR FOR SOME OF THESE PROJECTS AND I THINK THE VETERANS DESERVE HONESTY AND THEY DEFINITELY DESERVE TO KNOW WHY SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BERNETT I I HAD MY STAFF TAKE NOTE OF THAT WE WILL ASK THAT WHEN WE COME UP TO THEIR BUDGET WHEN WE DISCUSS ALL THE FUNDS THEY'VE GOTTEN AND WHAT THEY'LL BE ASKING FOR THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR CHAIR AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO THOSE ARE HERE FROM THE VETERANS AGENCY AND ALSO FROM BBMR AND I I'M FOLLOWING UP ON THE QUESTION ASKED BY MY COLLEAGUE SO OR COLLEAGUES REGARDING THE SO 1.2 MILLION IN ARP FUNDS HAS BEEN ALLOCATED AS OF JANUARY TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS 1.2 MILLION 300,000 FOR SALARIES ABOUT 947,000 947,000 FOR CONTRACTS SO HOPEFULLY THAT IS GOING TO THE CHAPEL AND THE MAINTENANCE BUILDING AS YOU DISCUSSED AND THEN HOPEFULLY THERE'S STILL THAT \$8 MILLION GRANT AVAILABLE FOR SOME OF THE SAME PROJECTS THAT YOU'VE DESCRIBED AND AND THE CRYPTS I'M HOPING I WONDER IF THAT'S FOR THE EXPANSION AS WELL BUT ANYWAYS I JUST WANTED TO ASK YEAH THAT YOU'VE ACCOUNTED FOR ALL THIS MONEY THE ARP MONEY ALL RIGHT I JUST WANT TO REITERATE AGAIN MR CHAIR THE TIMELINE FROM HOW I SEE THIS WHAT HAPPENED THERE WAS A REQUEST FOR \$40,000 NOT JUST TO ME BUT ALSO TO THE GOVERNOR WE WERE ALL AT THE SAME FUNCTION WHEN THIS REQUEST WAS MADE BY COLONEL NICK FRANCISCO PRESIDENT OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 668 HE'S ALSO THE COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE

PURPLE HEART ON GUAM AND FROM MR JOSE SAN AGUSTIN DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WE INTRODUCED THE BILL ON MAY 10TH 2023 JUST A FEW DAYS AFTER THAT REQUEST FOR A CONVENTION THAT WAS PLANNED IN NOVEMBER OF 2023 THE FISCAL NOTE WAS RECEIVED IN JUNE 2023 THE VETERANS SPENT TIME CALLING SENATORS ASKING FOR A PUBLIC HEARING AND URGING PASSAGE OF THIS BILL THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS ANNOUNCED ON FEBRUARY 1ST 2024 AND WE FOUND OUT TODAY THAT ON FEBRUARY 2ND 100,000 IN ARP MONEY WAS DELIVERED TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS WITHOUT ANY ANNOUNCEMENT AS TO ITS PURPOSE AND WITHOUT REALLY ANY KNOWLEDGE OF THE REPRESENTATIVES HERE THAT THAT WAS TRANSFERRED THE PUBLIC HEARING WAS HELD ON FEBRUARY 5TH AND IN THAT PUBLIC HEARING AS I SAID EARLIER THEY TOOK THE TIME TO COME DOWN AND TESTIFY AS YOU SAID MR CHAIR THE DIRECTOR OF THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS THE LIAISON OFFICER FOR THE VETERANS AND THE GOVERNOR MR NICK FRANCISCO THE COMMANDER OF THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AND AT LEAST 8 OTHER VETERANS WERE THERE IN SUPPORT OF THIS REQUEST AND URGING OUR ACTION FOR THIS APRIL CONVENTION AT THIS POINT IT'S FEBRUARY THE CONVENTION'S IN APRIL THE COMMITTEE REPORT WAS PROMPTLY FILED ON FEBRUARY 12 WE MOVED IT ON TO THE AGENDA ON FEBRUARY 19TH WHEN IT'S ON OUR FIRST DAY OF SESSION AND TODAY BBMR NOTIFIED YOU MR CHAIR OF APPROPRIATIONS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD TRANSFERRED THAT \$100,000 FOR THIS EXACT SAME PURPOSE THE ISLANDWIDE CONVENTION AND THAT THAT'S THIS TODAY'S FEBRUARY 21ST THIS IS 19 DAYS AFTER THE MONEY WAS SENT SUPPOSEDLY TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIR 10 MONTHS AFTER THE REQUEST WAS MADE AND THIS IS ARP MONEY THAT WE'VE HAD FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW THE CONVENTION AGAIN IS ON APRIL 6TH 2024 I BELIEVE THAT VALUABLE TIME AND RESOURCES HAVE BEEN NEEDLESSLY EXPENDED BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF COMMUNICATION FROM THE GOVERNOR TO THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND TO THESE VETERANS AND NOT JUST OUR TIME BUT THIS VETERANS TIME IT'S THE VETERANS WHO HAVE REALLY BEEN THE ONE LEADING THIS PURSUING THIS EFFORT PURSUING THE CONVENTION THEY SEE THE BENEFIT IN IT AND I'M HAPPY THAT THE GOVERNOR WOULD AT THE LAST MINUTE BEFORE THE HEARING FOUND MONEY IT'S JUST A SHAME THAT THE THAT THESE PEOPLE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY AND THE VETERANS WHO WHO CAME TO SUPPORT THE BILL WERE MADE TO COME DOWN AND TESTIFY AND WAIT FROM MAY 2023 TO FEBRUARY 2024 FOR 10 MONTHS TO RECEIVE ARP MONEY THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD ALL ALONG AND YOU KNOW I'M I'M WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO MOVE ON BUT I JUST DON'T FEEL THAT THAT'S RIGHT THAT OUR VETERANS ARE GOING TO COME DOWN AND HAVE TO ASK FOR SOMETHING THAT WE HAD ALL ALONG IF THEY HAD THAT ALL ALONG AND THEY INTENDED TO TRANSFER IT WHY DIDN'T THEY JUST DO THAT WHY DID THEY HAVE TO LET THEM COME AND ASK OR YOU KNOW WHY DO THAT COULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN MONTHS AGO THEY COULD HAVE PLANNED MONTHS AGO I'M SINCERELY HOPING THAT THIS CONVENTION IS NOT GOING TO BE POLITICIZED I WANT IT THAT THE GOVERNOR THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS AND THE VETERANS ARE ABLE TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOAL OF REACHING THE 28,000 PLUS VETERANS THAT THEY TESTIFIED THEY ESTIMATE ON GUAM THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO BRIDGE THOSE GAPS OF INFORMATION AND RESOURCES FOR THOSE WHO ARE NOT AVAILING OF THOSE AND THAT THESE VETERANS OUR VETERANS WILL FEEL THE SUPPORT OF OUR ENTIRE COMMUNITY AND THAT NO MORE GAMES WILL BE PLAYED MR CHAIR *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE'.*

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER BEING THAT THIS ENDS OUR SECOND ROUND WE WILL NOW MOVE TO THE THIRD ROUND WE WILL LIKE TO EXCUSE THE PANEL WE WILL HAVE A SHORT RECESS CURRENTLY WE DO NOT HAVE ANY AMENDMENTS OKAY SO I'M ONLY LOOKING FORWARD THAT I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND FOR THE PANELS ON ON MY LEFT PLEASE DON'T GO FAR BECAUSE WE HAVE ANOTHER BILL AFTER THIS SHOULD BE JUST AS QUICK AS THIS ONE AND THEN AND THEN WHAT WE'LL DO IS QUICK RECESS THEN WE JUST COME BACK STRICTLY MAINLY COMMENTS THAT'S ALL WE'RE LEFT WITH BECAUSE THERE'S NO AMENDMENTS OKAY SO HOPEFULLY NOT EVERYBODY NEEDS TO COME IN AND THEN WE CAN MOVE QUICK ON THIS AND WE CAN MOVE THIS AND SEND IT TO THE VOTING FILE HOPEFULLY THANK YOU WE WE'RE IN A QUICK RECESS THANK YOU

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SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES WE'RE ARE ON THE THIRD ROUND THERE ARE NO AMENDMENTS SO WE'RE NOT GOING TO CHANGE ANY AMENDMENTS WE'RE IN THE COMMENT PORTION NOW DOES ANYONE LIKE TO COMMENT IF NOT I WOULD PASS OFF TO THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL TO MAKE OUR CLOSING REMARKS AND AND MAKE THE MOTION TO MAKE MAKE THE APPROPRIATE MOTIONS MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR AGAIN I THINK IT'S VERY CLEAR WHAT'S HAPPENED AND WE'VE SEEN THAT SO THE BILL WAS TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO THE GUAM OFFICE VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR AN ISLAND VETERANS CONFERENCE WE RECEIVED TESTIMONY FROM BBMR TODAY SAYING THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD TRANSFERRED \$100,000 TO THE THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FOR THE GUAM ISLAND WHITE VETERANS CONFERENCE AND THE ARP REPORT SHOWS THAT THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ACTUALLY HAS 1.2 MILLION ALLOCATED TO IT FROM ARP FUNDS SO AND WE'VE ALSO HEARD FROM ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES THAT THERE MIGHT BE AN ADDITIONAL \$8 MILLION IN GRANTS THAT THE OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS HAS RECEIVED SO BASED ON THAT YOU KNOW OUR \$50,000 MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARILY NEEDED AT THIS TIME HOWEVER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION PENDING CONFIRMATION OF SOME OF THESE NUMBERS THAT WE PLACE THE BILL THAT WE RAISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND WE PLACE THE BILL ON WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO PLACE THE BILL ON THE THIRD READING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THERE BEING A MOTION ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO OBJECTION THERE BEING NONE BECAUSE WE DO HAVE ANOTHER BILL WE WILL NOT RISE BUT THE BILL IS NOW FORWARDED TO THE COMMITTEE TO THE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO BE REPORTED OUT THAT BEING SAID WE WILL RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING AT 8:30 TO CONTINUE ON WITH BILL 107 AND ANY OTHER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: RIGHT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BILL THAT MAY BE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BUT MR CHAIR IF I MAY JUST BASED ON HER MOTION CAN WE JUST CLARIFY THAT JUST VOTE ON IT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTIONS JUST MOTION IT DOWN SO TO PLACE THAT BILL HER BILL INTO THE SO THAT WE STILL HAVE THE SECOND BILL ON FOR WHENEVER WE MEET.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO THE ONLY REASON WHY IS BECAUSE WHEN WE ARE DONE WITH THE COMMIT THE WHOLE THEN WE RISE THEN I HAVE TO MAKE THE THE MOTION THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS ARE REPORTED OUT OF THE COMMITTEE AND THAT'LL BE AND THAT IS RECOMMENDED THAT IT GOES TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO WHAT HAPPENS TO THIS MOTION RIGHT NOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I I'LL AMEND MY MOTION MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO JUST BE A MOTION THAT SAYS THAT THAT WE ADOPT A RECOMMENDATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BY OUR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THAT THIS BILL BE PLACED IN THIRD READING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE BEING NONE SO SO ORDERED THANK YOU NOW WE'RE ON RECESS UNTIL TOMORROW AT 8:30.

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NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: GOOD MORNING THE COMMITTEE OF THE THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE'LL BE ENTERTAINING BILL 107-37 BUT AT THIS TIME WE ONLY HAVE WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM AND WE ONLY HAVE THERE'S ONLY FOUR OF OUR SENATORS HERE THIS MORNING APOLOGIZE FOR FOR RUNNING LATE CURRENTLY WE HAVE ONLY A VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SENATOR JESSE LUJAN AND SENATOR SABINA PEREZ BUT WE DO HAVE A PANEL READY TO GO AS SOON AS WE GET A QUORUM WE WILL RETURN AND TO ORDER AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH BILL 107.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SHOULD WE SWEAR IT NOW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AS A MATTER OF FACT WHY DON'T WE GO IN SARGENT AT ARMS WHEN WE GO IN SWEARING THE PANEL SO THAT AT LEAST THAT'S DONE I'D ASK THE PANEL TO PLEASE RISE.

SARGENT OF ARMS: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THE ALL AFFIRM THAT ANY AND ALL INFORMATION YOU PROVIDE TODAY WHETHER IT BE VERBALLY ELECTRONICALLY AND IN WRITING BE THE TRUTH THE WHOLE TRUTH AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH MR CHAIR UNDER OATH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU BEING THAT WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM WE WE WILL GO BACK BACK TO RECESS UNTIL SUCH TIME WE HAVE A QUORUM THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE THE HALL IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER WE HAVE A QUORUM THE MATERIAL FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE IN SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER LABEL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL NUMBER 107-37 LS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERK VIA EMAIL SESSION DRIVE AT GUAM LEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSION WE WILL HAVE TWO ROUNDS QUESTION FOR THE PANEL WHICH EACH SENATOR ALLOWED 5 MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING RESPONSES TIME TO SPEAK MAY NOT BE YIELDED FOR MORE THAN ONE MINUTE TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WHO YIELDS THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON A QUESTION USE ALL THAT MEMBER'S TIME ON THAT QUESTION AND MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME USED WAS NOT USED AFTER COMPLETION OF THE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELISTS WILL BE EXCUSED THIRD ROUND IS FOR AMENDMENTS OR COMMENTS TO SPEAK ON THE BILL QUESTION QUESTIONS SHOULD BE CONFINED TO THE SUBSTANCE OR NATURE OF THE BILL OF BILL 107 PERSONAL INFERENCE AS TO THE CHARACTER OR MOTIVE OF ANY SENATOR OR ANY INDIVIDUAL SATISFYING IS NOT PERMITTED ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS GENERAL RULE OF CONDUCT WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER AND MY COLLEAGUE YOU WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE HALL PROPER FORM OF THE QUORUM SHALL BE PRACTICED BY ALL PRESENT INDIVIDUAL WHO FAIL TO MAINTAIN PROPER FORM AND THE QUORUM WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM PARTICIPATING AND WILL BE ESCORTED REMOVED FROM THE ROOM AFTER COMPLETING THE DISCUSSION OF THE BILL I'LL ALLOW THE SPONSERS TO CLOSE I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMIT OF THE WHOLE FOLLOWED BY A MOTION TO RISE FROM THE COMMIT OF THE WHOLE AND WITH TIME I WILL REPORT OUT THE BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE I THANK YOU AT THIS I ADVISE MY COLLEAGUES THE PANEL THE PANELISTS HAVE ALL BEEN SWORN IN OKAY AT THIS TIME I ASK MY ADVICE TO PLEASE TAKE THE CHAIR WHILE I READ OFF THE BILL THANK YOU AND I I' LIKE TO ALSO ADVISE MY COLLEAGUES THAT MR DIEGO HAS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING TO GO TO AT 10: SO WHEN WE START WITH THE PANEL WE'LL ALLOW MR DIEGO TO FIRST SPEAK IN GENERAL TO THE TO MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT THE BILL SO THAT HOPEFULLY IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS WE CAN START WITH HIM AND THAT HE'LL BE ABLE TO BE EXCUSED TO GO TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: GOOD MORNING COLLEAGUES BEFORE WE GET STARTED I'D LIKE THE PANEL TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES STARTING AT THE FAR RIGHT.

MARY GUERRERO – LOAN ADMINISTRATOR GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION (GHC): HÅFA ADAI DAY MY NAME IS MARY R. GUERRERO I'M THE LOAN ADMINISTRATOR AT GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION.

ANGELA CAMACHO – ACTING PRESIDENT GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION (GHC): HÅFA ADAI I'M ANGIE CAMACHO ACTING PRESIDENT GUAM HOUSE CORPORATIO.

JOEY CRUZ – PROGRAM COORDINATOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION (CLTC): GOOD MORNING I'M JOEY CRUZ THE PROGRAM COORDINATOR FOR WITH THE CHAMORRO LAND COMMISSION.

JOE DIEGO – AREA DIRECTOR UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA): HÅFA ADAI MY NAME IS JOE DIEGO I'M THE AREA DIRECTOR FOR USDA ROAD DEVELOPMENT FOR GUAM CNMI AND THE FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES GOOD MORNING THANK YOU

LLEWELYN R. TERLAJE - CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET (OFB): HÅFA ADAI I'M LLEWELYN TERLAJE FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET CHIEF FISCAL ANALYST.

JASON BAZA - BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ANALYST SUPERVISOR BUREAU OF BUDGET & MANAGEMENT RESEARCH (BBMR): GOOD MORNING JASON BAZA BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT ANALYST SUPERVISOR BBMR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SO MUCH TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING AT THIS TIME WE'LL RECOGNIZE THE CHAIR JOE SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR PLEASE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I MOVED TO FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO ACCEPT BILL 107-37 AS SUBSTITUTE BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATION AND BILL 107 IS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RELATIVE TO THE FUNDING AND MAINTAINING AND MAINTAINING THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCRO SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE'S BEEN A MOTION TO MOVE BILL 107 FOR THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS YOU MAY PROCEED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR BILL 107-37 LS WAS INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN ALONG WITH FELLOW CO-SPONSORS VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR PARKINSON AND SENATOR SHELTON FOR SOME TIME NOW WE ALL KNOW THAT COST OF HOME OWNERSHIP HAS SKYROCKET BEYOND ITS AFFORDABILITY FOR MANY FAMILIES HERE AT HOME AND WE ARE WORKING ON WAYS TO ADDRESS THE ABILITY OF FAMILIES TO BUILD HOMES AND PROPERTIES THAT THEY OWN OR HAVE BEEN DEEDED OR RELEASED FOR SUCH PURPOSES IN AN EFFORT TO UPLIFT THE FAMILY UNIT THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR HOME ON GUAM IS CURRENTLY 420,000 REAL PROPERTY ON GUAM HAS BEEN SCARCE AND IS DIFFICULT TO FIND A DECENT SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING THAT IS AFFORDABLE THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION AND THE US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL HOUSING SERVICES ARE IN PARTNERSHIP THROUGH A MEMORANDUM UNDERSTANDING THEIR MOU IS IN RESPECT TO MAKING AND GUARANTEEING AND SERVICING OF USDA RHS SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING LOANS TO OWNERS AND LEASES OF GUAM LANDS UNDER TITLE 5 OF THE GUAM HOUSING ACT OF 1949 RHS IS PREPARED TO PROVIDE LOANS AND AND GRANTS TO LOW-INCOME FAMILIES GHC WILL FACILITATE AND SERVE AS THE GUARANTOR OF SUCH LOANS THROUGH AN ESCRO SAVINGS ACCOUNT TO PROVIDE A SOURCE OF FUNDS TO PROTECT RHS FROM BORROWER DEFAULT ON THESE LOANS ON GUAM THIS WILL SUPPORT THE PROGRAM IN THE EVENT OF LOAN DEFAULT BY THE HOMEOWNER AND IS IN LINE WITH THE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT BY CLTC CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION ENSURED BY THE NEXT APPLICANT OF THE CLTC PROVIDED TO GHC MAINTAIN AND I I AM APPRECIATIVE OF THE SUPPORT OF MY CO-SPONSORS VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR PARKINSON AND SENATOR SHELTON AND ASK FOR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF THIS BODY TO ASK ASSIST OUR FAMILY IN UPLIFTING THE LIVES OF OUR FAMILIES WHO FOR SO LONG WORKED TOWARD HOME OWNERSHIP *SI YU'OS MA'ÅSE* THANK YOU MADAM MADAME CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THAT BEING SAID WE'RE GOING TO START.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: JOE DIEGO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OOH OKAY OKAY THIS TIME I'LL RECOGNIZE JOE DIEGO FROM SDA SBA THANK YOU VICE CHAIR AND DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE GUAM LEGISLATURE THANK YOU SO MY ROLE HERE IS I'M GOING

TO EXPLAIN I GUESS THE PACKAGE THAT IS BEING PROPOSED THROUGH THIS BILL AND THE IN SUPPORT OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL EXPAND ELIGIBILITY OF OUR HOUSING PROGRAMS TO CHAMORRO PROPERTIES SO WELL-BUILT AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS ESSENTIAL TO THE VITALITY OF COMMUNITIES IN GUAM RURAL DEVELOPMENT SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS GIVE FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS THE OPPORTUNITY TO BUY BUILD OR REPAIR AFFORDABLE HOMES IN GUAM THROUGH THE PROGRAM THROUGH OUR PROGRAMS USDA OFFERS QUALIFYING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE OR BUILD A NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME WITH NO MONEY DOWN TO REPAIR THE EXISTING HOME OR TO REFINANCE A CURRENT MORTGAGE UNDER CERTAIN QUALIFYING CIRCUMSTANCES SO IN A NUTSHELL WE'RE LOOKING AT EXPANDING TWO OF OUR PROGRAMS THAT ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE OUTSIDE OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST ONE IS OUR 502 HOME OWNERSHIP PROGRAM UNDER THIS PROGRAM USDA CAN LEND UP TO 440,000 AT A RATE AS LOW AS 1% WITH THE TERM ADVERTISING THAT LOAN ANYWHERE FROM 33 TO 38 YEARS SO THE BARRING POTENTIAL OF A FIRSTTIME HOMEOWNER IS ENHANCED WITH OUR 502 PROGRAM AND THE OTHER PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE IS FOR IF YOU'RE ALREADY AN EXISTING HOMEOWNER AND YOU NEED THE ESSENTIAL REPAIRS DONE TO YOUR HOME WHETHER IT BE ELECTRICAL WHETHER IT BE PLUMBING WHETHER IT BE TO MAKE YOUR HOME ACCESSIBLE BECAUSE OF ELDERLY HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WE HAVE ANOTHER PROGRAM WHERE WE CAN PROVIDE UP TO A \$40,000 1% FIXED RATE LOAN FOR 20 YEARS TO MAKE THAT HOME SAFE DECENT AND SANITARY SO THE THE WITH THROUGH THIS MOU SUPPORTED BY THIS LEGISLATION THE THE WE'RE PROPOSING TO INCLUDE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND GUAM HOUSING WILL EXPAND THESE TWO PROGRAMS TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THE MOU WE CURRENTLY ARE PROPOSING IS SIMILAR TO WHAT WE'VE WE ALREADY HAVE IN PLACE IN PALAO AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS AND WE'RE SOON TO INAUGURATE IN THE CNMI PROBABLY IN THE NEXT 30 TO 45 DAYS SO IT IT'S IT'S A FRAMEWORK THAT'S WORK WORK FOR USDA IT'S BEEN A WIN-WIN SITUATION FOR THE COMMUNITIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT SO THAT'S THE PACKAGE THAT WE INITIALLY PROPOSED TO OFFER THROUGH THE PASSAGE OF THIS LEGISLATION AND THE EXECUTION OF THE MOU THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR. DIAGO AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO OPEN IT UP TO GUAM HOUSING CORP IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING THIS BILL.

CAMACHO – GHC: GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION SUPPORTS THE BILL WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH USDA AND CLTC TO MAKE MORE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHALLENGES THAT ARE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN FACING WITH REGARDS TO HOME OWNERSHIP HOW DIFFICULT IT'S BEEN WITH THE COST OF HOMES WITH THE COST OF MATERIALS WITH THE COST OF LABOR SO WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANY PROGRAMS THAT CAN PUT OUR FAMILIES IN HOMES AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH USDA AND CLTC.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU ANGIE JOEY GUAM LAND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST.

CRUZ - CLTC: GOOD MORNING OUR ACTING ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR MR JOHN BURCH EXTENDS HIS APOLOGY FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO TO ATTEND THIS MORNING CLTC WILL BE RESUMING THEIR RECESS MEETING FROM LAST WEEK BUT I AM HERE TO PROVIDE HIS TESTIMONY HÅFA ADAI SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND MEMBERS OF THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE I AM HERE TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR BILL 107-37 LS AS AMENDED HOWEVER I WOULD LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT MY ENDORSEMENT OF THIS BILL IS MY OPINION AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE OFFICIAL POSITION OF THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST BOARD AT THIS TIME IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT YET ADDRESSED OR FORMALLY DISCUSSED THE BILL NEVERTHELESS I WOULD LIKE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CLTC BOARD HAS SCHEDULED A MEETING THIS MORNING AND WILL ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF BILL 107-37 LS BILL NUMBER 107-30S 37 PRIMARILY FOCUSES ON APPROPRIATING 500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION THIS FUNDING IS INTENDED TO SERVE AS THE INITIAL MINIMUM DEPOSIT INTO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT THE BILL ESTABLISHES THE GHC RHS ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT AND OUTLINES THE NECESSARY ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN THE EVENT OF A LOAN LOAN DEFAULT IT ALSO INVOLVES THE CLTC WHICH WOULD PROVIDE THE NEXT QUALIFIED APPLICANT TO G GHC UTILIZING THE REMEDY PROVIDED BY SUBSECTION 75 A112 H1 AND SUBSECTION 75A 112H2 OF THE 21 GCA IN CASES OF LOAN DEFAULTS I BELIEVE THAT THIS BILL WITH ITS AMENDMENTS HOLD SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL TO ADDRESS THE PRESSING NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN OUR COMMUNITY THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU JOEY AND YOU'LL FIND THIS TESTIMONY ON THE DRIVE THE GOOGLE DRIVE FOR EVERYONE NEXT I'D LIKE TO INVITE JASON FROM BBMR WHO SUBMITTED ACTUALLY A LETTER THIS YESTERDAY MORNING JASON.

BAZA - BBMR: MORNING I'M GOING TO READ WRITTEN TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF MY DIRECTOR LESTER CARLSON HÂFA ADAI SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THE BUREAU SUBMITS WRITTEN TESTIMONY FOR THE FOLLOWING BILL NO 10737 LS AS AMENDED AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RELATIVE TO FUNDING AND MAINTAINING THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING PER THE JANUARY 2024 CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE REPORT THE GENERAL FUND IS CURRENTLY TRACKING AN UNOBLIGATED FY 24 GENERAL FUND BALANCE OF 17,358 900 THEREFORE SHOULD IT BE THE WILL OF THE BODY TO MOVE FORWARD WITH PASSAGE OF THIS MEASURE THE BUREAU NOTES THAT THE CURRENT UNOBLIGATED FY 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUE BALANCE WILL BE SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE APPROPRIATION SET FORTH IN THE BILL IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNOR RECENTLY AUTHORIZED ALLOCATION FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION IN THE AMOUNT OF 500,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM PLEASE ACCEPT THIS WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN L OF THE BUREAU'S ATTENDANCE AS I'M CURRENTLY AILING MY STAFF IS ENTRENCHED WITH RECONCILING APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS AS PART OF THE TRANSITION FROM THE AS400 TO THE NEW FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM I DID SPEAK WITH GUAM HOUSING THIS MORNING THE FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT FROM THE PROGRAM SET FORTH IN THE BILL SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN I'LL OPEN IT UP TO YOU WOULD YOU LIKE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO QUESTIONS AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SENATOR SENATOR SABINA PEREZ YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR GOOD MORNING TO THE PANEL AND EVERYONE MY COLLEAGUES THIS SOUNDS LIKE A GREAT PROGRAM 1% INTEREST FOUR UP TO \$440,000 FOR THE THE 502 PROGRAM AS WELL AS REPAIRS SO GUESS IF YOU CAN EXPLAIN A LITTLE BIT MORE WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS YOU KNOW FOR THOSE THAT ARE LISTENING AND ARE INTERESTED IN THIS PROGRAM WHAT ARE THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS.

DIEGO - USDA: THANK YOU SENATOR SO THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS ARE YOU MUST BE A FIRST TIME HOMEOWNER AND UNDER THE LOW INCOME CATEGORY AND THAT'S BASED ON HUD'S INCOME LIMITS SO AS AN EXAMPLE A FAMILY OF FOUR INCOME CANNOT EXCEED 64,650 AND IF YOU DOUBLE THAT A FAMILY OF EIGHT THE INCOME EXCEED 85,350 SO IT'S REALLY MEANT FOR THOSE THAT NEED THIS TYPE OF ASSISTANCE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ON THEIR LIST.

DIEGO - USDA: WITH NO DOWN PAYMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERE'S SUPPOSED TO BE 8,000 THEY'RE WAITING FOR NOW.

DIEGO - USDA: AND SUBSIDIZED INTEREST RATE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU AND IN REGARDS TO THE ESCRO COUNT OF 500,000 HOW WAS THAT DETERMINE.

DIEGO - USDA: THAT THAT AMOUNT IS JUST A THERE WAS NO RHYME OR REASON TO THAT IT'S JUST THE AMOUNT WE'VE USED IN OUR PREVIOUS ESCROW ACCOUNTS IN MARSHALL ISLANDS AND PALAO BUT I I HAVE TO ALSO INCLUDE THE CAVEAT I WAS JUST LOOKING AT SOME OF THE REPORTS IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS WHERE WE'VE HAD THIS MOU IN PLACE FOR WELL OVER TWO DECADES ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE A \$500,000 ESCRO ACCOUNT THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE SECURED BY THE ESRO ACCOUNT IS WELL OVER \$11 MILLION DOLLARS SO IT'S BEEN A LOT HIGHER IT'S JUST THAT AS PAYS PEOPLE MAKE THEIR PAYMENTS GONE DOWN THAT'S THE CURRENT OUTSTANDING PRINCIPLE JUST IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS BASED ON A HALF A MILLION DOLLAR ESCROW ACCOUNT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS THAT THERE'S \$11 MILLION DOLLARS OWED BUT IT'S ALWAYS STAYED AT 500,000 IN THE ESCROW COUNTY.

DIEGO - USDA: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND SO BASICALLY THAT DOESN'T CAP THE AMOUNT OF LOANS THAT CAN BE MADE.

DIEGO - USDA: THE INTENT IS NOT TO CAP THE NUMBER OF LOANS THAT ARE BEING MADE THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND THEN THIS ESCRO COUNT IS IT INTEREST BEARING.

DIEGO - USDA: FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND YES IT'S GOING TO BE DEPOSITED AN FDI INSURED LENDING INSTITUTION.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY RIGHT AND IN THE CASE OF IF THERE IS A DEFAULT WHAT WHAT'S HOW DOES THAT WHAT DOES THAT TRIGGER.

DIEGO - USDA: SO SO I KNOW WE WERE HAVING OUR SIDEBAR LAST YESTERDAY SO IF I OFF A LITTLE PLEASE CORRECT ME SO FIRST OF ALL USDA IS THE BUSINESS OF OF OF HAVING SUCCESSFUL HOMEOWNERS WE'RE NOT GOING TO FORECLOSE IF YOU'RE 60 90 DAYS BEHIND WE KNOW THERE'S A REASON SO WHEN A BORROW BECOMES DELINQUENT FIRST WE OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SERVICING TOOLS DELINQUENCY WORKOUT AGREEMENTS SUPPLEMENT PAYMENT ASSISTANCE MORATORIUMS ASSUMPTIONS AND SO ON SO THAT IN AND OF ITSELF IF WE DO IT EVEN ON A TIMELY BASIS IT WILL TAKE TWO YEARS BEFORE WE MAKE THAT DETERMINATION AT LEAST TWO YEARS BEFORE WE MAKE THAT DETERMINATION THAT WE HAVE TO FORECLOSE SO TECHNICALLY AFTER WE'VE DONE A LOAN ON CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WE WOULD GET THE SECURITY I I I'M NOT SURE WHAT GUAM HOUSING HAS BUT IN THE OUTER ISLANDS WHERE WE HAVE A DEED OF TRUST FROM THE TRUSTEE IN LEU OF A MORTGAGE SO WE WOULD TELL GUAM HOUSING WE WE'VE SERVICED THIS BAR AS MUCH AS WE CAN WE CAN GET IT THE CURRENT SO THEREFORE WE'RE REFERRING IT TO YOU TO PAY USDA OUR PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST SO TECHNICALLY IF THERE'S NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE THEY WOULD WITHDRAW THAT FUNDS FROM THE ESCRO ACCOUNT LET'S JUST SAY ROUGHLY IT'S 100,000 WE WOULD SURRENDER THE THE LIABILITY TO GUAM HOUSING AND TECHNICALLY THEY WOULD GET ANOTHER CLIENT TO TAKE OVER THE LOAN WHETHER IT BE FROM CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OR SOMEONE WITHIN THEIR INVENTORY AND WE COULD EVEN FUND THAT NEW CLIENT TO TAKE OVER THE LOAN AND THAT WOULD BE ACTUALLY A PRIORITY BECAUSE OF THE HARDSHIP THAT'S PLACING SO SO BASICALLY WHEN WE RELOAN FUNDS FOR THAT SAME DWELLING THE THE PROCEEDS OF THAT LOAN WOULD GO BACK TO REPLENISH THE ESCROW ACCOUNT SO THAT'S TECHNICALLY HOW THAT WOULD WORK.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU IN THE TESTIMONY THAT WAS PROVIDED FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING THERE WERE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE HOUSING CORPORATION REGARDS TO I GUESS LANGUAGE IN THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT I NOTICED THAT THE LANGUAGE HASN'T BEEN CHANGED WOULD YOU RECOMMEND THAT THAT THOSE AMENDMENTS BE MADE BECAUSE I BELIEVE ONE OF THE ISSUES WAS THAT THAT THE ONE OF THE PARTNERS WASN'T MENTIONED IN THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT WHICH WAS THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST OF MAYBE YEAH.

CAMACHO – GHC: IN THE SUBSTITUTE BILL WE DID ADDRESS IT.

SENATOR PEREZ: THE ONE CORRECTED.

CAMACHO – GHC: THE ONE IT'S IN THE SUBSTITUTE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO IT'S BEEN TAKEN CARE OF OKAY GOOD.

CAMACHO – GHC: CORRECT.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND THEN SO THEN BASICALLY THE MOU IS STILL THE SAME AS IT WAS WHEN IT WAS FIRST CREATED THAT WAS BACK IN 2005 HAS IT CHANGED OR IS IT THE SAME.

CAMACHO – GHC: WE MAY HAVE TO CREATE A NEW MOU BEING THAT THE LOAN GUARANTEE WILL BE DESIGNATED.

DIEGO - USDA: YES THE INITIAL MOU IN 2005 WAS WAS EXECUTED BUT BECAUSE OF THE FAIR HOUSING LAWSUIT THAT WAS PRESENTED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IT WAS STALLED UNTIL TWO THREE YEARS AGO SO NOW THAT OPENS AGAIN THE THE PATH TO DO A NEW MOU AND WE'RE WHERE'RE THERE'S

BEEN A LOT OF CHANG TO OUR PROGRAM AND REQUIREMENTS SINCE 2005 SO THAT'S WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON NOW AND AT THAT TIME THEOU IN 2005 WAS ONLY A BIP PARTY MOU BETWEEN RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST I BELIEVE SO IN THIS CASE WE'RE DOING A TRI-PARTY MOU TO INVOLVE GUAM HOUSING SINCE THEY HAVE THE UNDERWRITING EXPERTISE AND THEN CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WITH THE INVENTORY OF PROPERTY SO IT'S GOING TO BE A TRIP PARTY MOU NOW.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THAT'S GOOD AND SO SO BASICALLY WE'RE GOING TO PROTECT THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THATOU IS THAT CORRECT.

DIEGO - USDA: YES SENATOR THAT'S THAT'S THE INTENT WE'RE INCORPORATING SOME OF THOSE SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS INTO THE NEW MOU.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY AND THEN WHAT DO YOU FORESEE MAYBE THIS IS A QUESTION FOR GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION OR EVEN CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO WHAT DO YOU WHAT DO YOU ENVISION THIS PARTICULAR PARTNERSHIP WOULD PROVIDE FOR OUR PEOPLE AS FAR AS HOME WHAT IS THE YEAH WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THIS.

CAMACHO – GHC: THIS PROGRAM WILL ADDRESS FAMILIES IN LOW INCOME AS JOEY DIEGO MENTIONED IT'LL EXPAND LENDING IT'LL EXPAND LOANS FOR THOSE WITH LOW INCOME.

SENATOR PEREZ: HOW ABOUT AS FAR AS THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE WHO OWN HOMES I MEAN CONSIDERING YOU KNOW WHAT MR DIEGO SAID THERE'S NO LIMIT DID YOU GO OUT AND CHECK AND SEE HOW MANY POTENTIAL.

CAMACHO – GHC: SO I THINK A BIG FACTOR HERE WOULD BE CLTC'S LOAN I'M SORRY PROGRAM APPLICA APPLICANTS WE NEED TO LOOK AT HOW MANY OF THEM QUALIFY FOR LOANS AND THEN WHO WOULD QUALIFY FOR EXAMPLE ARE LOW IN THE LOW INCOME WHO ARE MEDIUM INCOME SO WE WILL WORK TOGETHER WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND LOOK AT THEIR LIST OF APPLICANTS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO AT THIS TIME HAVE WE RECEIVED ANY APPLICANTS THIS IS FOR CLTC.

CRUZ - CLTC: APPLICANTS RELATED TO THE 502 AND THE 504.

SENATOR PEREZ: FOUR.

CRUZ - CLTC: PROGRAM YES AT THIS TIME NO.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY SO I GUESS THIS IS YOU KNOW AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE THE COMMUNITY TO HEAR THIS AND YOU KNOW MAYBE LOOK INTO APPLYING BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A IT SEEMS LIKE A GREAT PROGRAM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IT'S A NEW.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH OKAY I THINK I'LL SAVE MY OTHER QUESTIONS FOR THE NEXT ROUND THANK YOU MADAM MADAME CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR VICE SPEAKER TINA MUÑA BARNES YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: GOOD MORNING MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL MANANA SI YU'US THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AS I LISTEN CLOSELY TO JOEY DIEGO AND REALIZING THE PROGRAM THE OPPORTUNITY TO START A THIRD PROGRAM HERE LITERALLY I'M EXCITED TO SEE HOW THIS CAN WORK THE VISION WAS THERE SINCE 2005 WE'RE NOW IN 2024 SO THIS THIS WILL BRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR THOUSANDS OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECIPIENTS WHO ARE ON A WAITING LIST IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN BUT LET ME LET ME SHARE MY PERSPECTIVE AND WHY I THINK THIS PROGRAM IS IS IS GOING TO BE GREAT FOR GUAM IT EXPANDS GUAM HOUSINGS CORPORATIONS LOAN PROGRAMS CURRENTLY IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN RIGHT GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION HAS TWO LOAN PROGRAMS THE REGULAR PORTFOLIO AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN VETERAN LOAN BOTH I THINK IT'S STILL AT 6% INTEREST RATE RIGHT AND.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT IT VARIES IT DEPENDS ON ON THE DATE THAT THEY ACTUALLY APPLIED AND THEY'RE APPROVED SO IT COULD IT COULD GO AS SLOW AS 4% THE 6% PROGRAM ALLOWS IT TO GO AS SLOW AS 4% DEPENDING ON THE PREVAILING RATE AND THEN OF COURSE THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM THAT WE DO PACKAGE THAT ONE VARIES THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION TOO OF THEIR INTEREST RATE SO AND THAT WOULD ONLY BE STRICTLY TO THE VETERANS OF COURSE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU EVEN BETTER NEWS YOU KNOW FOR ME A A THIRD LOAN PROGRAM WILL OPEN THROUGH THE APPROPRIATION AT AN INTEREST RATE ANYWHERE BETWEEN 1 AND 4% DEPENDING ON THE INCOME DEMOGRAPHICS OF THE APPLICANT RIGHT AND FOR ME IT ESTABLISHES IS ANOTHER FINANCING FINANCING OPTION FOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECIPIENTS FINANCING I I I MUST SAY REMAINS THE BIGGEST HURDLE FOR MANY RECIPIENTS FROM BUILDING THEIR HOME MANY ARE LIVING IN TEMPORARY MAKESHIFT HOUSINGS DUE TO THEIR INABILITY TO SECURE MONEY TO BUILD OR IMPROVE THEIR HOMES AND WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE INVESTMENT INTO OUR COMMUNITY I THINK THAT NEW HOUSING WILL DEFINITELY STIMULATE OUR ECONOMY AND IT WILL GENERATE CONSUMER SPENDING CREATE MORE JOBS ACROSS VARIOUS INDUSTRIES IN GUAM AND AGAIN ALWAYS AS I ALWAYS ADVOCATE IT'S ADDING TO OUR TAX BASE SO THAT THE GOVERNMENT CAN PROVIDE THE BASIC SERVICES TO OUR COMMUNITY AND AS I WAS HEARING JOEY DIEGO SPEAK ABOUT THE PROGRAM MY QUESTION WAS IN REFERENCE TO THE ADDED PROVISION AND THE SUBSTITUTE BILL THAT PROTECTS THE ESCROW ACCOUNT AND ENSURES ANOTHER CHAMORRO LAND TRUST APPLICANT CAN TAKE OVER THE LOAN WHEN THE ORIGINAL APPLICANT IS UNABLE TO MAKE PAYMENTS AND MAYBE JUST A REITERATION SO THAT PEOPLE CAN CLEARLY UNDERSTAND BECAUSE I KNOW THAT JOEY TRYING TO EXPLAIN THAT HOW THE PROCESS WORKS AND WHY THIS WHY WE IT IS IMPORTANT TO SPECIFY THIS PROVISION INTO THE LEGISLATION IS LIKE IF ONE DEFAULTS THAT THEN THE OTHER APPLICANT FROM CHAMORRO TRUST ANOTHER RECIPIENT CAN BE ABLE TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AM I SAYING THAT RIGHT SO BETWEEN JOEY AND AND CHAMORRO AND GUAM HOUSING PLEASE SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS AGAIN ON THAT.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES THAT IS ACCURATE HAVING ANOTHER ELIGIBLE CC LEIE TO COME IN IF ONE SHOULD DEFAULT AND THIS EVEN CAN BE PREVENTED FROM BEING IN THE DEFAULT STATUS IF THEY'RE ALREADY NOTED THAT THEY'RE HAVING DIFFICULTIES AND ANOTHER ELIGIBLE APPLICANT FROM CLT SHOULD BE THERE ALREADY WE'RE WE ARE WORKING WITH CHAMORRO TRUST THAT THEY GIVE US EVEN MORE THAN ONE BECAUSE IT'S NOT I KNOW IT HAS TO BE PROCESSED IN THE ORDER OF DATE OF APPLICATION BUT NOT EVERYBODY MIGHT BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE AMOUNT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO TAKE OVER IF ONE SHOULD BE IN DEFAULT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JO JOEY WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADD ANYTHING TO THAT AND

CRUZ - CLTC: YEAH YEAH I AGREE THAT'S THE REASON WHY THAT FAIR HOUSING LAWSUIT WAS PRESENTED BECAUSE IT CHALLENGED THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST BUT NOW THAT THAT'S BEEN SETTLED THIS MOU IS SPECIFIC TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST BENEFICIARIES THE TRUSTEES IN THAT AND AND IT'S SIMILAR TO WHAT USDA DOES FOR THE WAITING LIST WE MANAGE IS THAT WHEN WE FORECLOSE ON A HOME IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE THAT'S NUMBER FIVE OR NUMBER 10 ON OUR WAITING LIST TO MOVE UP BECAUSE IT'S A PRIORITY NOW IN THAT IF THEY WANT TO TAKE OVER A FORECLOSED HOME AND THEY'RE ELIGIBLE FOR IT WE WOULD FINANCE THAT PERSON TO BUY OFF THE THE LIABILITY ON THAT HOME AND THAT'S NOW THEIR NEW HOME THAT THEY CAN NOT ONLY PURCHASE BUT FIX UP AND RENOVATE AND DO ANY REPAIR WORK THAT'S NECESSARY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU JOEY AND THEN TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN ARE WE LOOKING AT THE RECIPIENTS THAT ARE ON THE WAITING LIST ARE WE STILL IN THE THOUSANDS LAST TIME I THOUGHT I THINK IT WAS LIKE FIVE OR 8,000 OR SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT.

CRUZ - CLTC: YES VICE SPEAKER CURRENTLY CLTC HAS A A WAITING LIST OF 8,000 PLUS APPLICANTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: 8,000 PLUS APPLICANTS SO THANK YOU FOR THAT MADAM CHAIR I MADAM CHAIR I BRING UP ALL THESE SENTIMENTS BECAUSE KNOWING THAT THERE WOULD BE A THIRD PROGRAM TO HELP BRING THOSE THAT ARE JUST ON THE CUSP OF TRYING TO BUILD THEIR HOMES THAT THIS IS ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY THAT WE CAN GIVE TO OUR RESIDENTS TO LITERALLY HAVE TRUE HOME OWNERSHIP AND AND AND HAVING THREE DIFFERENT AGENCIES FROM THE FEDERAL COMPONENT THEN TO THE LOCAL

GOVERNMENT'S PERSPECTIVE THIS IS DEFINITELY A WIN-WIN SO I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR THAT AND ONE MORE QUESTION IS IF WITHOUT THIS PROVISION WOULD WE HAVE TO COME DOWN AGAIN AND REQUEST ANOTHER APPROPRIATION TO REPLENISH THE ESCROW ACCOUNT IF THAT PROVISION WAS IN NOT IN IF WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT AMENDMENT IN WE WOULD HAVE EVERY IF THIS PROGRAM WERE TO GO THROUGH THEN WE WOULD ALWAYS HAVE TO YOU WOULD ALWAYS HAVE TO COME BACK DOWN TO ASK FOR FOR FOR MORE RESOURCES IS THAT CORRECT.

DIEGO - USDA: TECHNICALLY WE SHOULDN'T BECAUSE IF WE FOR WORK FORECLOSE AND GUAM HOUSING PAID THE AMOUNT OWED TO USDA FROM THE ESCROW ACCOUNT ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S A GAP FROM LIKE THE ESCROW ACCOUNT NOW DROPS FROM 500 TO 400,000 NOW WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH GUAM HOUSING AND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST TO IDENTIFY THE NEXT ELIGIBLE APPLICANT USDA WOULD FUND THAT ELIGIBLE APPLICANT AND INSTEAD OF THE FUNDS GOING TO THE APPLICANT IT WILL GO BACK INTO THE ESCROW ACCOUNT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OKAY.

DIEGO - USDA: SO THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD REVOLVE ITSELF THAT'S HOW IT'S WORKING IN PALA AT MARSHALL ISLANDS WE HAVEN'T HAD A SITUATION WHERE THEY'VE HAD TO GO BACK TO THEIR LEGISLATORS TO REQUEST FUNDS HELP BECAUSE AGAIN THAT FUND IS ALSO ACCRUING INTEREST SO YOU KNOW THERE ARE GOING TO BE SOME FUNDS THAT ARE RETAIN AIN THERE TO FURTHER SUPPORT THE ESCROW ACCOUNT'S BALANCE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU VERY MUCH JOEY MADAM CHAIR I THINK THIS IS VERY GOOD AND SEEING THAT THE SUCCESSES IN PALAO RMI AND NOW GOING INTO CNMI I REALLY THINK THAT GUAM SHOULD STEP UP TO GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR RESIDENTS TO HAVE HOME OWNERSHIP SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' SAINA MAS!* FOR YOUR FOR YOUR ANSWERS TO MY INQUIRES THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER NEXT IS SENATOR JOANNE BROWN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR CERTAINLY WELCOME TO EVERYONE ON THE PANEL I MEAN I THINK WE CAN ALL AGREE THE NEED HAS BEEN THERE FOR MANY YEARS AND CERTAINLY THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT THE SERVICES THAT CAN BE PROVIDED FROM USDA ALSO FROM THE LAND AT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND ALSO FROM OUR OTHER PARTNERS HERE AT GUAM HOUSING THAT CAN ASSIST I THINK WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT THIS IS TO MOVE FORWARD BUT I DID WANT TO ASK A QUESTION BECAUSE THIS CAME UP YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE DEALING WITH A \$50,000 APPROPRIATION FOR A VETERANS CONFERENCE HAS ANY MONEY BEEN TRANSFERRED TO ADDRESS THIS PARTICULAR LEGISLATION ALREADY FROM THE ADMINISTRATION TO GUAM HOUSING.

CAMACHO – GHC: NOT FOR THIS PROGRAM SENATOR.

SENATOR BROWN: ARE ARE WE AWARE AT ALL IF ANYONE HAS RECEIVED \$500,000.

CAMACHO – GHC: NOT FOR THIS PROGRAM SENATOR WE DID RECEIVE \$500,000 FOR OUR FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

CAMACHO – GHC: ARE FRAP BUT THIS IS A DIFFERENT SEPARATE.

SENATOR BROWN: HOW RECENT WAS THAT HAS IT BEEN A WHILE.

CAMACHO – GHC: NO IT JUST HAPPENED WE MET WITH THE GOVERNOR ABOUT A WEEK OR TWO AGO.

SENATOR BROWN: WOW.

CAMACHO – GHC: WE MENTIONED THAT IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY.

CAMACHO – GHC: LEGISLATION IN FRONT OF US.

SENATOR BROWN: WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE NOT SURPRISED AGAIN BECAUSE YOU KNOW.

CAMACHO – GHC: YEAH.

SENATOR BROWN: OBVIOUSLY.

CAMACHO – GHC: NO.

SENATOR BROWN: THE GOVERNOR SEEMS TO HAVE A LOT OF MONEY TO THROW AROUND THESE DAYS FROM ARP.

CAMACHO – GHC: THAT WAS TO ADDRESS OUR ISSUE WITH PEOPLE ON A WAIT LIST FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL EITHER WAY I MEAN I THINK STILL GOOD TO ALLOW THOSE CERTAINLY I MEAN I THINK ANYONE WHO'S HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A HOME YOU KNOW WE ALL APPRECIATE WHAT IT WAS LIKE THE FIRST TIME WE WERE ABLE TO ACTUALLY SEE OUR OUR OWN HOMES BE CONSTRUCTED OR FOR THOSE THAT ACTUALLY DIRECTLY PURCHASE THEIR HOMES SO I I I DON'T WANT TO BELABOR THAT DISCUSSION BUT I JUST WANTED TO VERIFY BECAUSE YOU KNOW IT'S NICE WHEN YOU CAN BE GOVERNOR AND YOU CAN BE THE LEGISLATURE AND THE ADMINISTRATION AT THE SAME TIME AND HAND OUT MONEY AND AND BE PRAISED FOR IT HOW WONDERFUL I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT BECAUSE I SEE THAT THE APPROPRIATION THIS PARTICULAR BILL 107 IS COMING FROM THE GENERAL FUND AND I DID WANT TO INQUIRE MADAM CHAIR IF I CAN ASK THE MAIN SPONSOR IN IN HIS OVERSIGHT OF OF THE BUDGET WHERE EXACTLY WOULD THIS 500,000 COME FROM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR BROWN: IF HE WOULD YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WOULD YOU LIKE TO YIELD TO THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MADAM MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW BBM ALREADY MENTIONED THAT IT'S GOING TO COME FROM THE THE THE SURPLUS OR THE YEAH THE AVAILABLE CASH OUT OF THE 17 MILLION THE 500,000 WOULD FIT RIGHT IN AND BE ABLE TO BE TAKEN FROM THERE AND THAT WAS REPORTED ALREADY BY MR. JASON FROM BBMR.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE THEN IT DOESN'T AFFECT ANY EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS THAT WE DID IN THE BUDGET LATTER PART OF LAST YEAR SO I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS I THINK WE CAN SIT HERE FOR AN HOUR TWO OR THREE HOURS AND TALK ABOUT HOW GREAT THIS IDEA IS AND HOW BRINGING ALL THESE PARTIES TOGETHER PARTICULARLY USDA JOE AND ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE FOR SO MANY YEARS THE FACT THAT OUR NEIGHBORING ISLANDS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM AND FOR A WHILE AND WE HAVE NOT HERE ON GUAM WHERE OUR USDA OFFICE IS SITUATED IS KIND OF IRONIC BUT NEVERTHELESS MOVING FORWARD PROVIDING WHAT IS LITERALLY IN THE BIGGER PICTURE NOT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT 500,000 IS A LOT OF MONEY TO US INDIVIDUALLY BUT IN TERMS OF OUR GOVERNMENT NOT A VERY BIG CHUNK BUT NEVERTHELESS I THINK THE IMPLICATIONS OF WHERE WE CAN MOVE FORWARD TO HELP A LOT OF FAMILIES OUT THERE AND KEEP THEM HERE ON GUAM I THINK IF ANYTHING IS SO DISCOURAGING LATELY IS THE EXODUS THE EXODUS OF OUR TALENTED OUR OUR TAXPAYING BASE THAT IS LEAVING HERE EVERY DAY AND I KNOW EVERYONE PROBABLY I SAW IT AT CHRISTMAS TIME IN MY OWN FAMILY OUR GATHERINGS HAVE GOTTEN SMALLER AND SMALLER IN THE YOUNGER GENERATION THE YOUNGER CHILDREN THAT ARE GROWING UP THAT WILL NOT EXPERIENCE IN THEIR LIFE GROWING UP ON GUAM I HAVE A LOT OF CHAMORRO COUSINS THAT HAVE NEVER EVEN BEEN HERE THAT HAVE MORE CHORAL BLOOD THAN I HAVE AND I HAVE TREMENDOUS PRIDE THAT WE LIVE HERE ON GUAM AND WE REINVEST BACK IN OUR ISLAND SO IF THERE ARE MORE OF OUR OWN FAMILIES THAT WE CAN KEEP ON THIS ISLAND TO TO RAISE THEIR CHILDREN AND CONTINUE THE LEGACY OF OUR OUR PEOPLE I THINK THAT'S WONDERFUL AND MORE MORE SUPPORT TO ALL OF YOU SO I CERTAINLY SUPPORT THIS BILL AND THE APPROPRIATION AND GOOD LUCK ON YOUR WORKING EXECUTE PARTICULARLY FOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WE WANT TO SEE THAT PROGRESS AND I KNOW FOR YOU AT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST YOU SEE A LOT OF OUR PEOPLE LIVING IN YOU KNOW WOOD AND TIN SHACKS THAT THEY'VE BUILT JUST TO TRY TO HAVE SOME PLACE TO CALL HOME AND IF THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE A MORE SECURE SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT A CLEAN LIVING ENVIRONMENT I THINK THAT'S WHAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE FOR OUR PEOPLE SO THANK YOU CONTINUED WORK TO YOU YOU KNOW

WE'LL KEEP OUR EYE OUT ON YOUR PROGRESS BUT BUT THANK YOU AGAIN THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME THIS MORNING AND SPEAK WITH US.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SO MUCH SENATOR BROWN SENATOR JESSE LUJAN YOU HAVE THE FLOOR SIR.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR MORNING PANEL M MR CRUZ SEE IF I CAN SORRY I CAN'T SEE YOU MR CRUZ WAS MENTIONED THAT THERE WERE 8,000 PLUS APPLICANTS CHAMORRO LAND TRUST HAVE THAT HAVE ALL THAT BEEN AGAIN BEEN UM LOOKED AT AND MAYBE HOW MANY OF THOSE 8,000 HAVE BEEN DEEMED QUALIFIED AND MAYBE HAVE SINCE BEEN REMOVED IS THE 8,000 ALL OR THE 8,000 APPLICANTS ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.

CRUZ - CLTC: AT THIS TIME THE 8,000 PLUS APPLICANTS HAVEN'T BEEN REVIEWED TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAM.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY OKAY SO WE DON'T KNOW HOW MANY QUALIFIED AT THIS POINT AND MAYBE HOW MANY HAVE PASSED OR THINGS LIKE THAT RIGHT WE DON'T WE WE DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER AT THIS POINT.

CRUZ - CLTC: CORRECT.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH OKAY YOU KNOW ON SECTION TWO HERE I SAYS THE EVENT OF THE LOAN DEFAULT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LESSEE THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION SHALL REQUEST CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION CLTC PROVIDE THE NEXT QUALIFIED CLTC APPLICANT OR LESSEE UTILIZING SUBSECTION 75 A 1112 H ONE AND TWO IN REGARDS TO THE NEXT QUALIFIED CLTC APPLICANT WOULD THAT BE I GUESS I'M ASKING BOTH GHC AND CLTC AND THE REASON WHY I'M GOING TO ASK THIS BECAUSE IF THERE'S A DEFAULT AND THE DEFAULT IS BASED ON 120 DAYS OF NON-PAYMENT RIGHT AND ACCORDING TO GHC OR THE GUAM CODE ANNOTATED 120 DAYS AND THEN OF COURSE 60 DAYS IF THEY'RE IN DEFAULT 60 DAYS THE LENDING INSTITUTION WILL ALREADY TELL GHC THAT HEY WATCH OUT THESE FOLKS MAY BE IN DEFAULT BUT SHOULD THERE BE A FORCLOSURE IN A HOUSE ERECTED ON THAT AND THE FORECLOSURE HAPPENS IT BE THE NEXT IN LINE OR WILL YOU UTILIZE OR FIND SOMEBODY IN THE FAMILY THAT MAY QUALIFY BECAUSE YOU KNOW I MEAN THEY'LL COME TO THE LEGISLATURE AND SAY HEY MAN YOU KNOW WE QUALIFY FOR IT WE ALREADY BUILT THIS HOUSE AND THINGS LIKE THAT AND WHY CAN'T IT COME TO US THE LAW DOESN'T STATE THAT IT SAYS THE NEXT QUALIFIED ON THE LISTING SO WILL THAT BE JUST ON THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LISTING THEN AND AND NOT DIVE INTO MAYBE A FAMILY MEMBER THAT WILL THAT THAT WILL QUALIFY FOR THAT PARTICULAR PLACE THIS CUZ IT'S NOT DEFINED HERE IT JUST IT JUST SAYS THE NEXT QUALIFIED PERSON.

CAMACHO – GHC: THERE THERE ARE STILL THINGS THAT THE LESSEE WILL HAVE TO MEET SUCH AS MAYBE A SEVEN-YEAR HOLD ON THAT OR OR HAVING THAT LEASE PERHAPS THEY COULD TRANSFER IT TO A FAMILY MEMBER WHO COULD QUALIFY AND WE DO HOPE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO EXHAUST EVERY EFFORT BEFORE WE GET TO THAT DEFAULT BUT ON CLTC PROPERTIES I BELIEVE WE DO HAVE TO GO TO CLTC TO PROVIDE THE NAMES OF THOSE.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

CAMACHO – GHC: THAT MAY QUALIFY.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE OKAY GREAT I THINK THAT'S ALL GOING TO HAVE BECAUSE AGAIN I'M READING THE GUAM CODE AND IT'S NOT IT'S NOT DEFINED BUT YOU'RE SAYING YOU'RE GOING TO EXHAUST ALL THE MEASURES POSSIBLE TO BE ABLE TO TRY TO SAVE THAT FAMILY'S HOME AND ALL THAT BECAUSE YEAH IF IT'S NOT DEFINED AND YOU KNOW WHEN IT'S HAVE FORCLOSURE THEY THEY ALL FREAK OUT YOU KNOW AND SO THEY'LL COME DOWN AND THEY'LL SAY HEY HEY OF YOU KNOW I I QUALIFY FOR THIS TOO BUT MY NAME IS NOT ON THERE AND WHY WHY AREN'T WE OFFER IT AS A FAMILY MEMBER BEFORE THE NEXT PERSON IN LINE BECAUSE THE HOUSE IS ALREADY THERE AND WE'VE YOU KNOW WHATEVER BUT ANYWAY SO AGAIN WHEN DO WE FORESEE THAT THAT THE REVIEW OF THE 8,000 MAY MAYBE HOW MANY MAYBE A DWINDLE DOWN BECAUSE WE WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE SOME OF THE 8,000 APPLICANTS DO WE HAVE ENOUGH PROPERTIES BASICALLY FOR FOR FOR FOR HOMES.

CRUZ - CLTC: AT THIS TIME OUR CURRENT INVENTORY IS SUFFICIENT.

SENATOR LUJAN: IT'S SUFFICIENT OKAY BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME PROPERTIES I KNOW THAT AGAIN THERE'S PROBABLY UNBUILDABLE RIGHT BECAUSE THEY'RE ON CLIFFS AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE BUT THE 8 THOU BASED ON THE 8,000 THAT HASN'T BEEN VETTED YET THERE IS ENOUGH AND THERE IS ENOUGH INVENTORY FOR FOR AT LEAST THE 8,000 AT THIS POINT RIGHT.

CRUZ - CLTC: IN TERMS OF PROPERTY AVAILABLE IF I REMEMBER CORRECTLY WE ADMINISTER ABOUT 11,000 SOME ACRES IN TERMS OF WHETHER THE PROPERTY IS USABLE OR NOT THAT'S ANOTHER QUESTION THERE MAY BE PROPERTIES THAT WILL REQUIRE SOME TYPE OF INVESTMENT TO GET IT USABLE LIKE YOU MENTIONED BECAUSE OF THE TERRAIN BUT AT THIS TIME WE HAVE NOT STOPPED COLLECTING APPLICATIONS SO.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE SURE.

CRUZ - CLTC: THERE'S SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF PROPERTY.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE SO LET ME HAVE ASK GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION IF IF THEY WANT TO BUILD ON THIS PROPERTY AND AND YOU KNOW I MEAN THERE'S SUFFICIENT INVESTMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BECAUSE IT'S IN A CLIFF AND THINGS OF THAT NATURE BUT THEY'RE LOW INCOME AND THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO IT WHAT WHAT HAPPENS THEN AND IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE A LOT MORE I MEAN A LOT MORE EARTH MOVING BEFORE A HOME IS EVEN ERECTED AND OR EVEN YOU KNOW THE INFRASTRUCTURE PUT IN THERE.

CAMACHO – GHC: IF THE PROPERTY IS DEEMED UNBUILDABLE OR UNUSABLE PERHAPS WE CAN GO BACK TO CLTC AND MAYBE TRANSFER THEM TO A PROPERTY THAT'S MORE SUITABLE THAT MIGHT BE AN OPTION THAT WE COULD EXPLORE.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY BUT THAT BEING DONE WOULD THEY HAVE TO GO TO THEY WON'T HAVE TO GO TO THE BACK OF THE LINE THEN RIGHT TO BE ABLE TO I MEAN IF THE THAT PROPERTY IS DEEMED UNBUILDABLE AT THIS POINT AND THEY WERE UP READY TO GO.

CAMACHO – GHC: IF THEY'RE HOLDING A LEASE ALREADY.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH.

CAMACHO – GHC: THEY'RE NO LONGER IN THAT LINE.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY NO NO BUT IF THEY'RE IF THEY'RE GOING TO GO TO ANOTHER PROPERTY IF IF THAT PROPERTY IS DEEMED UNBUILDABLE WOULD THEY WOULD THEY HAVE TO GO BACK TO THE BACK OF THE LINE AGAIN IN REGARDS TO PROPERTIES AVAILABLE THAT ARE BUILDABLE PROPERTIES.

CRUZ - CLTC: CURRENTLY AN APPLICANT IS GIVEN THREE OPTIONS OR THREE CHANCES THE THIRD ONE THEY HAVE TO TAKE IF NOT NOT THEN THEY GET REMOVED FROM THE WAITING LIST.

SENATOR LUJAN: OH OKAY OKAY THANK YOU M CHAIR THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MR CRUZ AND THANK YOU MS CAMACHO THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR LUHAN A MINORITY LEADER SENATOR FRANK BLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AND HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR JUST FOR PURPOSES OF CLARITY MR BAZA OF THE LETTER THAT WAS THAT YOU READ READ INTO THE RECORD THAT NOTES THE GOVERNOR AUTHORIZING \$500,000 FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM WAS IT YOUR UNDERSTANDING OR YOU KNOW IF IT WAS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WAS THE 500 THAT THIS \$500,000 WAS SUPPOSED TO GO TO THIS OTHER PROGRAM OR.

BAZA - BBMR: MY UNDERSTANDING IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM SO AFTER CLARIFYING WITH GUAM HOUSING THE TWO PROGRAMS IN THE FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM AND THE PROGRAM IN THIS BILL ARE DIFFERENT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO AT LEAST THAT'S CLEAR WE'RE NOT TALKING THE SAME SAME SAME PROGRAM.

BAZA - BBMR: CORRECT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY I I DON'T KNOW WHO THIS QUESTION IS GOING TO BE FOR OR JOE MAYBE YOU CAN ANSWER THIS WITH REGARD TO THE USD PROGRAM THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT SPECIFICALLY HERE WHAT DOES IT WHAT DOES IT SPECIFICALLY COVER WHEN WE'RE TALKING ABOUT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST IN SOME AREAS YOU MAY WANT TO TALK ABOUT HAVING TO PUT IN THE UTILITIES IS THIS THE ASSUMPTION THAT THIS THIS LOT IS ALREADY GOT ALL THAT RIGHT OUTSIDE ITS DOOR AND IT'S JUST A MATTER OF LOOKING IT UP.

DIEGO - USDA: PART OF OUR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS IS THAT THE SITE IS ACCEPTABLE SO INFRASTRUCTURE DOES HAVE TO BE IN PLACE ON THAT NOTE SENATOR WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN PROACTIVE WITH GUAM HOUSING AND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST WITH SOME OF OUR FEDERAL PARTNERS THAT ARE WATCHING THIS MOU BECAUSE AS AN EXAMPLE I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'RE AWARE OF NEIGHBOR WORKS AND RCAC THEY'RE ACTUALLY HERE ON GUAM THEY'RE LOOKING AT THE GIL BAZA ZERO DOWN SUBDIVISIONS AND AND LOOKING AT RESOURCES TO PUT INFRASTRUCTURE THERE SO IF THIS MOU WERE IN PLACE THEY THEY STAND READY TO ENGAGE WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM TO LOOK AT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS FOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST USDA ACTUALLY DOES HAVE A INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHEREIN WE COULD PROVIDE TYPICALLY A 55% GRANT OF OF THE DEVELOPMENT COST AND THAT CAN ACTUALLY GO UP TO 75% SO SO THE THERE WOULD BE A LOAN COMPONENT TYPICALLY OF AT LEAST 25% ADVERTISED OVER 40 YEARS AT A RATE OF 2 TO 4% DEPENDING SO THAT'S THAT'S LOOKING FORWARD ONCE WE GET THE MOU I THINK WE'VE WORKED WITH CHAMORRO LUST ON SOME POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES THAT WE COULD USE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND ALSO AT THE SAME TIME SIMULTANEOUSLY IDENTIFY CHAMORRO LAND TRUST ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS TO ACQUIRE HOMES THERE SO SO EVEN THOUGH THERE MAY BE A LOAN COMPONENT TO THAT INFRASTRUCTURE THAT BE ADDED ON TO THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING AND OWNING A HOME ON THAT PROPERTY AND BASICALLY THE GRANT THAT WE PROVIDE IS INTENDED TO LOWER THE DEVELOPMENT COST FOR INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THAT HOMEOWNER SO MAYBE THE CONSTRUCTION COST FOR THE HOME BE 100,000 BUT THE PRISH SHARE OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COULD BE I DON'T KNOW MAYBE 5 10,000 20,000 THAT'LL BE ADDED ON THE COST OF THE THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOME SO THAT'S JUST LOOKING FORWARD THAT WE HAVE THAT GROUP READY TO ENGAGE WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND GUAM HOUSING ON INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS THAT WE CAN KIND OF WORK TOGETHER TO SEE WHERE WE COULD YOU KNOW LAUNCH THIS INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AND SIMULTANEOUSLY HAVE TRUSTEES OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST READY TO PURCHASE THE PAD READY LOTS I GUESS IF YOU MAY.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO THAT HANDLES THE BACK FRONT END NOW IN THE BACK END WITH IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF IT DOES THAT INCLUDE YOU KNOW OTHER YOU KNOW I GUESS HAZARD MITIGATING ISSUE CONCERNS TYPHOON SHUTTERS AND AND AND AND THE WHATNOT CAN THAT IS THAT INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE.

DIEGO - USDA: YES SENATOR IT IS INCLUDED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO REQUIRE INSURANCE BUT.

SENATOR BLAS: THAT'S THE NEXT QUESTION.

BAZA - BBMR: YES.

SENATOR BLAS: I WAS GOING TO GET TO.

BAZA - BBMR: YES WE REQUIRE THEM TO HAVE INSURANCE IN PLACE AT CLOSING OF THE LOAN SO.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY MR CRUZ NOW WITH REGARD TO JUST HEARING WHAT THIS PROGRAM AND WHAT THE MONEY CAN BE USED FOR AND THEN RECOGNIZING THAT THERE IT CAN BE CONSOLIDATED OR CAN BE COMBINED WITH ANOTHER PROGRAM FOR INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE INVENTORY THE PROPERTY INVENTORY THAT YOU HAVE THAT CAN THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THE 8,000 APPLICANTS OR SO AND GRANTED YOU KNOW YOU TAKE THE YOU TAKE THE AVERAGES OUT OF THE 8,000 THERE THERE MAY BE A COUPLE THOUSAND THAT MAY NOT QUALIFY OKAY AND THE LIKE IS THERE PROPERTY IN YOUR INVENTORY IF THERE WAS A FLOOD OF INDIVIDUALS TO THAT WANT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PROGRAM DO WE HAVE THE SUFFICIENT ENOUGH PROPERTIES IN OUR INVENTORY TO BE ABLE TO MEET THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BUILD FOR FOR IF.

CRUZ - CLTC: IF I UNDERSTAND THE QUESTION CORRECTLY IF DOES CLTC HAVE PROPERTY WITH INFRASTRUCTURE READILY AVAILABLE WE DON'T HAVE ANY CURRENTLY WE ARE WORKING WITH GUAM POWER AUTHORITY AT THE MOMENT AND I BELIEVE THE BOARD HAD ALREADY APPROVED AN MOU WITH GPA TO UTILIZE A PORTION OF OUR PROPERTY IN JIGO RIGHT BEHIND THEIR SUBSTATION AND IN RETURN THEY'LL PROVIDE INK KIND SERVICES TO ENERGIZE CERTAIN PIECES OF PROPERTY DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD BUT AS OF ANY PROPERTY THAT WE HAVE READILY AVAILABLE WITH CURRENT INFRASTRUCTURE NO.

SENATOR BLAS: OOPS.

CRUZ - CLTC: AT THIS TIME OUR LESSEES ARE BURDENED WITH PAYING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDED.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY THEN WHEN MOVED OUT TO GUAM HOUSING JUST HEARING ALL OF THAT HOW DO WE INTEND YOU KNOW IF WE WANT TO ROLL OUT THIS PROGRAM NEXT WEEK HOW DO WE INTEND TO BE ABLE TO TACKLE THAT ISSUE FIRST OFF WE'VE GOT THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEN IN THE BACK END WE'VE GOT THE INSURANCE AND IN THE MIDDLE YOU GOT YOUR PROGRAM SO HOW SIS MARY.

GUERRERO – GHC: OKAY INITIALLY I WOULD LIKE TO JUST DO AN AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS WHAT DOES THE APPLICANT QUALIFY FOR WHAT'S THE MAXIMUM THAT THEY QUALIFY FOR AND FROM THAT THEY CAN DETERMINE AND BREAK DOWN OKAY TO MEET OUR FAMILY NEEDS THIS IS HOW MUCH I NEED FOR CONSTRUCTION AND THIS I CAN USE FOR FOR INFRASTRUCTURE STRUCTURE ALL THIS THOUGH WOULD BE BASED ON THEIR REPAYMENT ABILITY AND THE APPRAISAL VALUE TO SUPPORT THE LOAN AMOUNT THAT THEY ARE REQUESTING SO WHAT WE WOULD WE ARE REQUESTING FROM CLT GIVE US THOSE GIVE US AT LEAST 100 NAMES LET'S SEE HOW THEY FAIRE IN TERMS OF AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS IF YOU WANT TO GIVE US BASED ON AN AREA THAT THEY WANT TO DEVELOP AND THERE'S MORE OF THEM IN THAT AREA THEN YOU CAN ALSO YOU KNOW CAPITALIZE HOW MUCH THEY CAN FOR EACH LOT HOW MUCH CAN GO TO ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE AND THEN WORK IT FROM THERE BUT WE'RE WE'RE WE KNOW THAT THEY HAVE TO BE PROCESSED IN THE ORDER OF APPLICATION BUT WE REALLY SHOULD BE GOING THROUGH THAT ALREADY AND DETERMINING WHAT IS THEIR AFFORDABILITY.

SENATOR BLAS: AND AND AND.

GUERRERO – GHC: BECAUSE THAT CAN START YOUR PLANNING.

SENATOR BLAS: AND I APPRECIATE THAT BUT YOU KNOW AGAIN I APPRECIATE THIS CONVERSATION HERE SO THAT WHEN THIS DOES GET ANNOUNCED WE DO RECOGNIZE OKAY THAT WHEN YOU DO GO IN AND THE ANALYSIS IS GOING TO BE DONE THE ANALYSIS IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE DONE THAT WHILE YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR SO MUCH JUST KNOW THAT SO MUCH OF THAT WILL GO TOWARDS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DOESN'T EXIST YES MA'AM.

CAMACHO – GHC: SENATOR MAY I SO I BELIEVE WE HAVE TO ALL LOOK AT THIS ON A IN A FOCUSED METHOD.

SENATOR BLAS: I UNDERSTAND.

CAMACHO – GHC: METHODOLOGY RIGHT SO WE'RE IN INFRASTRUCTURE IS CLOSEST AND THEN THAT WAY WE CAN REDUCE THE COST OF OF WATER POWER SUER SO I THINK I THINK WITH THE CLTC WE CAN LOOK AT A FOCUSED WAY AND AS YOU BRING IN AS YOU BRING IN HOMES THEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE TO NEIGHBORING.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE SURE.

CAMACHO – GHC: PROPERTIES RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE AND I APPRECIATE THAT I JUST DON'T WANT YOU KNOW A FAMILY NOW TO YOU KNOW HEAR THAT THIS NOW THIS A PROGRAM LIKE THIS EXISTS GREAT INTEREST RATES YOU BE ABLE TO QUALIFY FOR THIS IF YOU FIT THIS CRITERIA THEY GO IN AND THEY SAYS OKAY I'M READY TO BUILD THE HOUSE OH BY THE WAY THIS I'VE GOT YOU KNOW I'VE GOT CLTC OR I'M ON THE LIST I'M NEXT ON THE LIST AND THEN THEY COME IN AND YOU KNOW IT'S NOT TO SAY YOU'RE GOING TO SHOOT THEM DOWN BUT IT'S PART OF THE REAL THE REALITY IS IS THAT THIS SOME OF THAT MONEY IS GOING TO GO TOWARDS HAVING TO PUT IN STUFF THAT AREN'T THERE ISN'T THERE ALREADY AND THEN YOU GOT TO REMEMBER THAT YOU'VE GOT BECAUSE YOU

KNOW THIS IS A LOAN PROGRAM MORTGAGE PROGRAM MOST YOU KNOW PEOPLE WITH HOMES WITH MORTGAGES THERE'S THIS THING CALLED INSURANCE ALL RIGHT THAT UH AND THE TARIFF RATES AND INSURANCE JUST WENT UP FOR THE MOST PART OKAY SO I I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S VERY CLEAR IN THIS THING I APPRECIATE I LOVE GREAT THIS IS A GREAT PROGRAM OKAY I LOVE THE WAY YOU KNOW EVERYBODY IS WORKING AND TRYING TO GET HERE IS JUST THAT WE HAVE TO BRING OUT THE NUANCES SO THAT WE TRULY UNDERSTAND YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS FOR BECAUSE YOU KNOW EVEN AT 500,000 I NOTICE THIS THIS IS JUST AN INITIAL INVESTMENT INTO AN ACCOUNT THAT NEEDS TO BE WHAT SCARES ME IS THAT KNOWING NOW WHAT EVERYTHING ELSE THAT NEEDS TO BE PUT IN OR THAT YOU MAY BE PAYING FOR TO WHETHER OR NOT THE \$500,000 BECAUSE THEN PRIMARILY YOU'RE GOING TO USE THAT \$500,000 TO COVER A DEFAULT AND A LOAN RIGHT UNTIL YOU CAN GET THINGS BACK UP AND RUNNING OKAY AND AND THE WAY THE ECONOMY IS AT RIGHT NOW I I I JUST WANT TO BE ABLE MAKE SURE THAT THAT CAN BE SUSTAINED AND AND THAT THE REVOLVING IN THAT THING YOU KNOW IT CAN HELP MULTIPLE FAMILIES OKAY SO I CAN APPRECIATE THAT I'LL SAY OKAY YEAH MY TIME'S UP THANKS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MADAM MADAM CHAIR IF I MAY ON A POINT OF INQUIRY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SURE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: MAYBE TO ASK JOEY OR ANYONE IN THE PANEL BASED ON THE PREVIOUS QUESTION AND AND STATEMENTS IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE HAVE LIKE THE CHAMORRO THE THE 166 PROGRAM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WE'RE GOING TO WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE ON MADAM VICE SPEAKER AND ALLOW THE NEXT ONE BUT YOU CAN USE THAT ON YOUR SECOND ROUND WE HAVE A SECOND ROUND COMING UP.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WELL I MADAM CHAIR I JUST WANT BECAUSE THE QUESTION WAS FRESH TO ASK BEFORE HE LEAVES SO I'LL GO AHEAD AND ASK ON A SIDEBAR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH THAT'S RIGHT YOU HAVE TO LEAVE YOU'RE YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT MY APOLOGIES MADAME VICE SPEAKER LET'S GO AHEAD AND HAVE MR DIEGO ANSWER THAT QUESTION AND ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAS ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR DIEGO PLEASE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I I WAS TALKING JUST TO BRING HISTORY IN IT WAS THE YIGO AREA ON THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST 166 I JUST THOUGHT I'D BRING IT UP SINCE YOU ASKED THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY OKAY I JUST GOT WORD THAT MR DIEGO CAN STAY JUST A LITTLE BIT LONGER SO I'M GOING TO CONTINUE ON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BUT IF HE CAN ANSWER THAT JUST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SURE OKAY FOR THE SAKE OF TIME AND THAT HE HAS TO LEAVE SOON SO I'LL LET YOU ANSWER THE QUESTION MR DIEGO IF YOU CAN AGAIN MADAM VICE SPEAKER STATE YOUR QUESTION AGAIN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JUST BASED ON ON WHAT WAS PREVIOUSLY ASKED IS THERE ANY S SIMILARITY WITH THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THE CLTC 166 PROGRAM AND MAYBE YOU CAN BRING IT TO LIGHT ON ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED OR WHERE IS IT AT ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THAT.

DIEGO - USDA: I'M SORRY I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THAT VICE SPEAKER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO WE'RE GOING TO MOVE ON THANK YOU SENATOR CHRIS DUEÑAS YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: IT IT'S THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THE 166 LOTS IN THE YIGO AREA NO THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MADAM SPEAKER VICE SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THAT'S CHOMORRO LAND TRUST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH MADAM VICE SPEAKER CAN WE JUST KEEP MOVING ON FOR THE SAKE OF HIS TIME YOU KNOW THEY CAN ANSWER IT LATER BUT I NEED TO GET HIM OUT VERY SHORTLY OKAY SENATOR DUEÑAS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR DIEGO.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TEST TEST *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAME CHAIR AND I DID YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY PLEASE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: WELCOME TO THE PANEL AND WE'LL MOVE ALONG BUT I'LL GET TO JOE FIRST JOE WANTED TO BE SURE ON THIS OF COURSE I SUPPORT THIS BILL THE IS THIS GOING TO BE A LOAN GUARANTEE OR OR IS IT ACTUALLY THE THE REVENUE WOULD BE COMING FROM THE PROGRAMS I'M JUST WONDERING IF ONE HOUSING IS GOING TO UNDERWRITE THE LOAN AND CARRY IT AND THEN YOU'RE A LOAN GUARANTEE I WANTED TO UNDERSTAND THE MECHANISM.

DIEGO - USDA: SO THE MECHANICS ARE AND I MIGHT BE OFF A LITTLE BIT BUT GUAM HOUSING WILL SUBMIT A APPLICATION PACKAGE TO USDA SAYING THEY'VE ALREADY VETTED THIS APPLICANT WITH FROM CHOMORRO LAND TRUST THEY'RE GOING TO PACKAGE IT GIVE IT TO USDA TO UNDERWRITE AND WHEN WE APPROVE IT IN THE OUTER ISLANDS WE GET DEED OF TRUST FROM THE TRUSTEE IN LIEU OF A MORTGAGE SO THAT'S BASICALLY OUR OUR SECURITY INSTRUMENT SO IN THE EVENT OF A DEFAULT WE'LL RETURN THAT DETA TRUST TO GUAM HOUSING SAYING WE'VE TRIED WE CAN'T GET THEM CURRENT PLEASE REIMBURSE US IN ACCORDANCE TO THE MOU SO THEY TAKE THAT DEED OF TRUST REIMBURSE USDA AND THEN NOW THEY HAVE THE TITLE TO THAT PROPERTY THEY'LL WORK WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST TO GET A SUBSTITUTE CLIENT TO TAKE OVER THAT PROPERTY AND THEN THEY'LL COME BACK TO USDA SAY OKAY WE GOT A SUBSTITUTE CLIENT CAN YOU FUND THAT CLIENT TO PAY OFF THE OUTSTANDING LIABILITY ON THAT AND WE WOULD AND THEN THAT FUNDING THAT WE AWARD WOULD GO BACK INTO THE ESCROW ACCOUNT TO REP REPLENISH THE DEFICIENCY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY JOE WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR HERE IS IS IS IS GUAM HOUSING GOING TO BE CARRYING THE LOAN AND AND RURAL BEING THE LOAN GUARANTEE IS IT GOING TO BE ON THEIR PORTFOLIO ON THEIR BOOKS OR ACTUALLY IT'S FINANCED THEY'RE THEY'RE BASICALLY THE LENDER OF RECORD AND MANAGING THE PORTFOLIO IS THAT CORRECT.

DIEGO - USDA: IF IF IF I'M CORRECT SO WE'RE GOING TO CARRY THE LIABILITY SO THE ONLY THING WE'RE GETTING FROM THIS MOU IS IS A LIKE I SAID THE DEED OF TRUST IN LIEU OF A MORTGAGE IF I ANSWER THAT CORRECTLY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO MARY I I WANT TO BRING YOU INTO THIS AND I THINK YOU KNOW WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE IN TERMS OF THE LENDING CAPABILITY OF GUAM HOUSING IN THE IN THE COMPLETE CORPUS OF WHAT YOU HAVE AVAILABLE THAT THAT'S NOT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AND AND THAT IT'S BEING CAPITALIZED BASICALLY UNDER THE PROGRAM OF USDA.

GUERRERO – GHC: RIGHT THIS THIS BILL PROVIDES FOR THE DIRECT LOAN WITH USDA BUT GUAM HOUSING'S ROLE WOULD BE TO PACKAGE THE LOAN APPLICATIONS SO THAT WE CAN THEN THEY CAN MOVE FORWARD FORWARD WE WOULD ADDRESS THE CLTC ELIGIBILITY ALL THAT WOULD BE DONE BY GUAM HOUSING AS A PACKAGER SO OUR ROLE IS JUST THAT AND THEN WE MOVE IT FORWARD TO TO USDA WE'VE ALREADY WOULD DETERMINED THAT THEY DO HAVE CAN WE KIND OF DO A PRELIMINARY THAT THEY ARE IN FACT ELIGIBLE FOR THE LOAN AND SO THEN WE WOULD MOVE FORWARD TO THEM BUT IT WOULD BE A DIRECT LOAN WITH WITH USDA.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: EXCELLENT AND AND ONCE AGAIN GOING BACK FOR THE LISTENING AUDIENCE AND PEOPLE WHO MAYBE MIGHT NOT UNDERSTAND IS THAT THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION IS BASICALLY THE ONLY LENDER THAT'S ABLE TO DO MORTGAGES ON CLTC PROPERTY CORRECT.

GUERRERO – GHC: GUAM HOUSING HAS LOANS OUT THERE WITH WITH THE CLTC BUT WE HAVE A FEW A HANDFUL FROM THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: VETERANS CORRECT.

GUERRERO – GHC: RIGHT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY SO JOE ONE FINAL QUESTION IS THERE ANY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE BECAUSE WE'RE WE'RE TYING THIS INTO THIS PROGRAM AND USING THE BENEFIT IS THERE ANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT FUNDS THROUGH USDA BASED ON THIS BEING MAYBE A GATEWAY TO FUNDING CAPABILITIES UNDER THAT ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS.

DIEGO - USDA: YES THANK YOU SENATOR SO GUAM IN THE WESTERN PACIFIC DOES GET AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR WATER WASTE WATER WE TYPICALLY GET ABOUT A MILLION DOLLAR ON EACH BUT THAT'S JUST A STARTING POINT THAT DOESN'T LIMIT HOW MUCH WE CAN GET AS AN EXAMPLE WE JUST RECENTLY AWARDED LAST FISCAL YEAR MARSHALL ISLANDS 10.8 MILLION FOR SEWAGE OUTFALL PROJECT SO THEIR FUNDING ARE THERE BIDEN'S BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LEGISLATION HAS PUT IN A LOT MORE MONEY TO TO STRENGTHEN AND REBUILD OUR NATION'S INFRASTRUCTURE SO THERE IS FUNDING OUT THERE AND LIKE I SAID IT'S GOING TO BE A CONCERTED EFFORT TO WORK WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND GUAM HOUSING TO LOOK AT SOME OF THE PROPERTIES I BELIEVE IT'S UP NORTH WHERE THEY HAVE SOME SITES THAT THEY COULD DEVELOP THEY'LL NEED THE INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS AND WITH OUR INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM AGAIN WE DO THE UNDERWRITING FOR FREE WE DO THE LEGAL REVIEW FOR FREE AND WE THROW IN GRANTS TO LOWER THE DEVELOPMENT COST THAT'S PASSED ON TO THE EVENTUAL HOMEOWNER.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: EXCELLENT MADAM CHAIR CAN I MAKE A RECOMMENDATION IN RESPECT OF JOE'S TIME AND WANTING TO MAKE SURE OUR PANEL OUR GROUP HAS AN OPPORTUNITY CAN I FREEZE MY.

TIME AND THEN COME BACK TO ME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ABSOLUTELY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU FOR THAT YEAH THANK YOU FOR THAT CONSIDERATION SENATOR BARNETT DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR JOE DIRECTLY AND THEN I CAN COME BACK TO YOU AGAIN.

SENATOR BARNETT: NOT FOR JOE DIRECTLY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR JOE DIRECTLY AND THEN I'LL COME BACK TO YOU AGAIN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU YEAH I JUST WANT TO THANK USDA FOR ITS WORK IN THIS AND ASSURANCES IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS THE 11 MILLION THAT WAS SECURED BY A \$500,000 ESCROW HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS IS THAT.

DIEGO - USDA: THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION I IT IT'S WE'D HAVE TO GO BACK CUZ IT'S ABOUT TWO DECADES MY LAST REPORT OVER THE LAST 15 YEARS WE'VE DONE 160 ABOUT 180 HOMES IN THE LAST DECADE IN THE MARSHALL ISLANDS CUZ RIGHT NOW THEY'RE CONSTRUCTING 18 HOMES EVERY TWO YEARS SO THAT'S BEEN WHAT THEY'VE BEEN DOING SINCE 2005.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY THANK YOU YOU AND THE PROGRAM SOUNDS GREAT OF COURSE WONDERING YEAH TOO BAD WE WAITED SO LONG ON THIS THING YEAH THE POVERTY LEVELS THAT YOU DISCUSSED OR NOT THE POV BUT THE INCOME LEVELS FOR HUD FAMILY OF FOUR \$64,000 FAMILY OF EIGHT \$85,000 ARE ACTUALLY YOU KNOW SIGNIFICANT TO ME ARE IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS A THE 2020 CENSUS SAID THAT OUR AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME ON GUAM IS \$58,000 THE MEDIUM THE HALF \$58,000 IN 2019 SO AND GR GUAM RANKED 45TH OUT OF 50 STATES PUERTO RICO AND DC IN THIS LEVEL MEANING IT'S QUITE LOW AND I WAS TRYING TO GET MY HEAD AROUND IT AGAIN AS I DID AFTER THE CENSUS CAME OUT BUT IT'S LIKE WE'VE GOT 5,694 FAMILIES LIVING IN POVERTY ACCORDING TO THE.

CENSUS 20% OF INDIVIDUALS ON GUAM ARE ONE IN FIVE LIVING IN POVERTY ACCORDING TO THAT CENSUS AND SO I WOULD WAGER THAT WE HAVE MANY QUALIFIED APPLICANTS ON THAT LIST ESPECIALLY GIVEN HOW LONG THAT THEY'VE BEEN WAITING SO THE 1% INTEREST THAT'S CORRECT RIGHT 1% INTEREST OVER 38 YEARS IS THAT SIMILAR TO THE SBA.

DIEGO - USDA: FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND AT LEAST FROM SBA'S DISASTER PROGRAM FOR THE HOME OWNERS THEY'RE OFFERING ABOUT A 3% RATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OH SO THIS IS EVEN BETTER.

DIEGO - USDA: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: GREAT THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE I KNOW THAT WE PUT \$500,000 IN THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST TO GUARANTEE THOSE SBA LOANS BUT AND THOSE WERE LOWER AT THE TIME THAN I THINK THE GUAM HOUSING LOANS BUT SO THIS WE'RE JUST GETTING BETTER AND BETTER SO IT'S GREAT.

DIEGO - USDA: AND AND ONE MORE THING YOU KNOW JUST TO LET YOU KNOW COFA CITIZENS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR OUR PROGRAMS AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

DIEGO - USDA: SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND DOES YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECIPIENT TO AVAIL OF THIS LOAN THAT'S CORRECT.

DIEGO - USDA: THAT'S CORRECT WE'RE ALREADY IT'S ALREADY AVAILABLE ON ISLAND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL OVER GUAM.

DIEGO - USDA: IT'S JUST NOT ON CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RIGHT NOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

DIEGO - USDA: SO THAT'S WHAT THIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY GREAT.

DIEGO - USDA: WE'RE GOING TO BE DOING NOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT SO IN THE OTHER CASES THE GUARANTEE IS FROM THEM THEMSELVES THE APPLICANT.

DIEGO - USDA: IT'S ON PRIVATE LAND SO WE DO TAKE MORTGAGES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

DIEGO - USDA: SO IT'S JUST CHAMORRO LAND TRUST BEING THAT WE CANNOT TAKE A MORTGAGE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH.

DIEGO - USDA: THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT THIS MOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT OKAY I GUESS MY OTHER QUESTIONS ARE FOR THE OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PANEL *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'*.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU THANK YOU SO MUCH MR DIEGO YOU ARE EXCUSED TO LEAVE OH I'M SORRY SENATOR SAN NICOLAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR DIEGO.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES GOOD MORNING MR DIEGO THANK YOU SIR WHAT IS THE INTEREST RATES FOR THESE TYPES OF LOANS THAT YOU THAT THAT THE RECIPIENT MAY QUALIFY FOR ARE YOU IF YOU'RE ABLE TO ANSWER THAT FOR ME.

DIEGO - USDA: YES SO OUR OUR OUR CEILING RATE ADJUST EVERY QUARTER SO RIGHT NOW THE MAXIMUM RATE WE WOULD CHARGES 3.875 SO EVEN AT THAT RATE IF A FAMILY IS STILL HAVING TROUBLE WITH A MORTGAGE TO THAT AMOUNT WE CAN LOWER THE RATE DOWN TO 2% AND DOWN TO 1% AND AS AS I MENTIONED IN OR IN OUR EFFORT TO MAKE A FAMILY A SUCCESSFUL HOMEOWNER AS AN EXAMPLE AFTER TYPHOON MAWAR WE GAVE ALL OUR CLIENTS A SIX-MONTH MORATORIUM WHERE THEY DIDN'T HAVE TO

WORRY ABOUT PAYING USDA AND IF THEY NEED IT MORE THAN 6 MONTHS WE CAN GO UP TO TWO YEARS THOSE IN THE HOTEL INDUSTRY THAT SUFFERED CUTS IN PAY WE GAVE THEM MORATORIUM OR WE LOWERED THEIR PAYMENT SO WE'RE THERE TO HELP THEM BECOME A SUCCESSFUL HOMEOWNER SO YEAH THANK YOU FOR YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES THANK YOU SIR CAN I COME UP THERE AND HUG YOU NOW OR WAIT TILL YOU LEAVE BUT THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR FOR POINTING THAT OUT BECAUSE YOU KNOW THE MARKET AND THE INTEREST RATES HAVE BEEN CLIMBING BUT IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE LET THE PEOPLE KNOW THAT THE INTEREST RATES FOR YOU KNOW FOR THEIR SITUATIONS VERY GOOD AND AND AND DECENT ENOUGH SO THAT THEY CAN THEY CAN AVAIL OF THE PROGRAM BUT ONE OF THE MOST DIGNIFIED WAYS TO LIVE IS ACTUALLY TO HAVE A ROOF OVER YOUR HEAD AND I' LIKE I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE REST FOR HELPING TO FACILITATE THIS SO WE CAN BETTER THE LIVES OF OUR PEOPLE THANK YOU SIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH NOTHING FURTHER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR DIEGO.

SENATOR QUINATA: NOT FOR MR DIEGO BUT CLTC.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY I'LL COME BACK TO YOU SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR MR OKAY I WILL COME BACK TO YOU AND THEN SENATOR PEREZ I KNOW THIS IS ROUND TWO SO ANYBODY ELSE ON ROUND TWO FOR MR DIEGO SENATOR PEREZ YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR SO YEAH I JUST HAVE A QUESTION BECAUSE YOU KNOW SHOULD CLTC THINK OF MORE OF A HOLISTIC APPROACH ON YOU KNOW DEVELOPING HOUSING LET'S SAY FOR INSTANCE THEY'VE IDENTIFIED LOCATION OF THEIR PROPERTIES THAT ALREADY HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE AND LET'S SAY THEY'RE YOU KNOW THE PROPOSED TO BUILD A LIKE A CONDO UNIT OF SOME SORT TO HOUSE FAMILIES INSTEAD OF INDIVIDUAL SEPARATE HOUSING IS THERE ANYTHING IN THE USDA PROGRAM THAT ALLOWS FOR THAT.

DIEGO - USDA: WE WE MAY HAVE A PROGRAM WE HAVE A DIRECT PROGRAM THE LAST TIME WE USED THIS DIRECT PROGRAM IS *GUMA TRANKILIDAT* IT'S A MULTIFAMILY SENIOR LIVING HOME NOW FROM WHAT I UNDERSTAND BECAUSE THERE'S SO MANY MULTIFAMILY HOMES ACROSS THE NATION OUR NATIONAL OFFICE HAS RESERVED THE FUNDING TO REFUND EXISTING PROJECTS SO THEY'RE NOT LOOKING AT NEW PROJECTS BUT I THINK YOU KNOW WE CAN LOBBY THAT THIS IS DEFINITELY WE HAVEN'T DONE ONE SINCE THE EARLY 80S SO IN FACT A MULTIFAMILY HOUSING SPECIALIST WILL BE IN GUAM IN APRIL FOR THE FIRST TIME AND I'M GOING TO KIND OF BRING UP THESE QUESTIONS SO WE DO HAVE A PROGRAM YES AND TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION TO SUPPORT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING PROGRAMS.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANKS AND ONE MORE QUESTION SO SEWER CONNECTIONS SO IN GWA STUDY ON A CESSPOOL AND SEPTIC TANK ELIMINATION STUDY THEY MENTIONED IN THEIR PROGRAM THAT THE 504 SECTION 504 CAN HELP PAY FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS I GUESS IF THERE IS AN EXISTING INFRASTRUCTURE AVAILABLE SO DO YOU CONCUR IS THAT CAN YOU CONFIRM IF THAT'S ACCURATE.

DIEGO - USDA: YES SENATOR THAT IS ACCURATE WE CAN DO THOSE SEWER CONNECTIONS THE CHALLENGE WE HAVE HERE IN GUAM IS YOU KNOW WE HAVE EXTENDED FAMILIES LIVING IN ONE HOME SO WE COUNT EVERYBODY'S INCOME SO FOR THE MOST PART THEY DON'T QUALIFY FOR THE VERY LOW INCOME THRESHOLD WHICH BASICALLY MEANS A FAMILY OF FOUR CANNOT EXCEED 40,400 TO AVAIL TO THIS PROGRAM SO BUT IF THEY'RE WITHIN THAT INCOME THRESHOLD THEN YES THIS CAN BE USED FOR SEWER HOOKUPS AND WE ARE PLANNING TO MEET WITH THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL IN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS TO KIND OF TALK ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS BECAUSE ON THAT NOTE I I PUT IN AN EXCEPTION REQUEST BECAUSE OF MAWAR TO INCREASE THE INCOME THRESHOLD FOR THIS PROGRAM TO NOT JUST FOCUS ON THE VERY LOW INCOME FAMILIES BUT THE LOW INCOME FAMILIES SO AGAIN THAT'LL BRING UP THE INCOME NOW THAT UH LIMITATION ON THE HOUSEHOLD OF FOUR AT 40,400 NOW THAT'S GOING TO GO UP TO 64,000 AND AND THAT WILL EXPAND ELIGIBILITY FOR FAMILIES FOR THIS PROGRAM SO WE'RE HOPING THAT GOES THROUGH WE'VE ALREADY MADE AN SUBMITTED THE REQUEST.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY YEAH AND GWA IS ALSO TRYING TO INCREASE THEIR LOAN AMOUNTS PER FAMILY TO FROM 9,000 TO 25,000 SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN IN COMMUNICATION WITH GWA ON THEIR SEWER LOAN RULES.

DIEGO - USDA: WE WE HAVEN'T BUT YEAH THAT WOULD BE A GREAT LEVERAGE BECAUSE THERE COULD BE SOME SOME GAPS THAT MAY BE NEEDED AND AS AN EXAMPLE IF IF YOU'RE AN ELDERLY HOUSEHOLD WE CAN GIVE YOU THE \$40,000 GRANT AS WELL SUBJECT TO MEETING THE INCOME THRESHOLDS AND SO THAT WOULD BE IN ADDITION TO THE UP TO 40 4 \$440,000 MAX THAT COULD BE THE.

DIEGO - USDA: 440 IS FOR A FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNER SO THIS 40,000 IS IF YOU'RE ALREADY AN EXISTING HOMEOWNER AND YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE DECENT AND SANITARY WHETHER IT BE TO FIX ELECTRICAL OR PLUMBING OR EVEN MAKE YOUR YOUR HOME ACCESSIBLE FOR THE ELDERLY THAT'S WHAT THIS PROGRAM CAN DO FOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: AND IT DOESN'T NECESSARILY APPLY TO CLTC.

DIEGO - USDA: IT IF WE GET IF WE GET THEOU IN PLACE WE COULD DO WHAT WE CALL SECURED 504 LOANS ANYTHING ABOVE 7500 BUT CURRENTLY WE CAN GO INTO CLTC FOR REQUEST UNDER 7500 CUZ IT'LL BE UNSECURED WHERE WE'LL JUST THEY JUST SIGN A PROMISER NOTE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY BUT FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT ON CLTC PROPERTIES DOES THIS IS THIS PROGRAM ALSO AVAIL AVAILABLE FOR THOSE THAT ARE NOT ON CLTC PROPERTIES.

DIEGO - USDA: YES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY.

DIEGO - USDA: YES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR PEREZ: MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME OKAY WE'RE GOING TO GO BACK TO SENATOR DUEÑAS IF THERE'S NO MORE QUESTIONS FOR MR DGO I'D LIKE TO EXCUSE HIM ANY OF THE MEMBERS HERE WOULD LIKE ANY OTHER OKAY THANK YOU SO MUCH MR DIEGO I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND THE EXTENSION OF GOING OVER A LITTLE TIME I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BUT APPRECIATE.

DIEGO - USDA: THANK YOU SENATOR IT'S IS MY HONOR TO BE HERE AND I'LL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK AGAIN AT ANOTHER TIME THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: GREATLY APPRECIATE IT SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE BACK AT 3 MINUTES AND N SECONDS I BELIEVE OKAY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU JOE AS YOU DEPART FOR ALL THE HARD WORK YOU'VE DONE AND GREAT PROGRAMS YOU CONTINUE TO BRING TO GUAM HAVE A GREAT DAY MADAM CHAIR SO IT'S ALWAYS NICE TO BE WITH WHAT I CONSIDER MY FAMILY THE GUAM HOUSING FAMILY AND CLTC FAMILY AS WELL THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY I'M GOING TO MAKE A SHAMELESS REQUEST TO THE CHAIRMAN THAT I BE THE FIRST CO-SPONSOR ONCE THE BILL COMES UP FOR CONSIDERATION IN IN IN THE OTHER TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE MADAM CHAIR AND PANEL I I JUST WANT TO ONCE AGAIN YOU KNOW SPEAK TO BBMR AND SAY I I AM A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED THOUGH AND I KNOW IT'S NOT YOUR DECISION PER SE BUT IF THERE'S ANY PROGRAM THAT I THINK SHOULD GET ARP FUNDING IS THIS PROGRAM GIVEN THE FACT THAT COVID HAS AFFECTED INDIVIDUALS SO HARSHLY WITH REGARD TO HOUSING I'M JUST MAKING THAT RECOMMENDATION BUT I'M GOING TO FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL BUT I THINK THAT OF OF THE THE FIRSTTIME HOMEOWNERS OWNERS PROGRAM AS WELL AS YOU KNOW THE THIS PROGRAM REALLY ARE APPROPRIATE TO BE FUNDED GIVEN THE MASSIVE IMPACTS ON INDIVIDUALS LIVES WITH REGARD TO COVID JUST WANTED TO MENTION THAT BUT NOT WITHSTANDING WE'LL MOVE FORWARD JOEY WE WERE DISCUSSED I GUESS EXTENSIVELY YOUR LIST AS WELL AS I WANTED TO GO TO THE ELIGIBLE LIST WHAT ARE WE LOOKING AT HERE

IN TERMS OF THOSE WHO ARE ACTUALLY ACT BETWEEN GUAM HOUSING AND CLTC ACTIVELY APPLYING FOR AND SEEKING ASSISTANCE TO TO BUILD THEIR HOME.

CRUZ - CLTC: DUE TO THE RECENT TYPHOON I BELIEVE WE HAD A NUMBER OF 27 LESSES WHO CAME IN TO REQUEST FOR LOAN GUARANTEES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY MARY CAN YOU SPEAK OR GUAM HOUSING CAN YOU SPEAK TO TO YOU KNOW WHAT WHAT THE OFFERING HOW IT'S CURRENTLY ATTRACTING INDIVIDUALS TO COME IN AND EITHER APPLY OR OR OR CALL IN OR JUST YOU KNOW LOOKING TO TO WORK WITH GUAM HOUSING AND HOW THIS PROGRAM WILL REALLY ONCE IT'S IN PLACE AND IT'S ANNOUNCED YOU KNOW INCREASE THE TRAFFIC TO GUAM HOUSING FOR THIS PURPOSE.

GUERRERO – GHC: THIS THIS PROGRAM WILL BE CATERED IT'S AN INCOME DRIVEN ONE FOR OUR FOR 502 BUT BECAUSE WE'RE PACKAGING AND IF SHOULD THEY EXCEED THAT INCOME THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES IF THEY VETERAN WILL WILL HELP PACKAGE FOR THE VETERAN WILL DO OUR HOUSING OUR GUAM HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM SO THEY HAVE OPTIONS WITH THE CLTC YOU KNOW IF THEY EXCEED THE INCOME AND THAT INCOME I BELIEVE IS THE LIMIT IS AN ADJUSTED INCOME SO THEY DO DEDUCT SOME AMOUNT SO THE ADJUSTED INCOME SHOULDN'T EXCEED WHAT IS PROVIDED TO YOU.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I WANTED TO GET THAT ON THE AIR MARY BECAUSE I THINK THE GUAM LEGISLATURE NOW IS GETTING SUPER HIGH RATINGS WITH VIEWERSHIP SO I KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE WATCHING AND I DON'T WANT THEM TO DISQUALIFY THEMSELVES FROM A PORTION OF AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT EXIST AT GUAM HOUSING BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU KNOW YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE TO HELP AND AND YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE TO MAKE SURE YOU FILL THE NEED MARY WHAT IS THE WHAT IS THE ARE IS GUAM HOUSING GOING TO ASSESS A PERCENTAGE OR IS THIS GOING TO BE A MANAGEMENT FEE IN TERMS OF HOW YOU ALSO CONTINUE TO SUSTAIN THE OPERATION AND BOOST YOUR PORTFOLIO GOING FORWARD ARE YOU GOING TO GET THIS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE UNDER THIS STRUCTURE.

GUERRERO – GHC: IN THE MOU IT'S PROPOSED FOR UP TO 2%.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: AND FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE PART FOR OUR ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SO THAT'S ALREADY STIPULATED IN THE PROPOSED MOU FOR THIS PARTNERSHIP.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THAT'S GREAT BECAUSE I MEAN AND ONCE AGAIN FOR THOSE LISTENING THIS IS WHAT CONTINUES TO ADD TO YOU KNOW GUAM HOUSING'S ABILITY TO ONCE AGAIN LOAN AS WELL BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATIVE FEE BEING ABLE TO SUBSIDIZE THEIR OPERATIONS IT MEANS THAT THEIR CORPORATE OF FUNDING CONTINUES TO GROW SO WITH THEIR OTHER PROGRAMS OF INCOME ELIGIBILITY IT IT'S IT REALLY JUST ALLOWS FOR SUSTAINABILITY OF GHC AND AND THAT'S WHY IT'S SO IMPORTANT SO ONCE AGAIN MADAM CHAIR I SUPPORT THIS BILL I JUST ONCE AGAIN IN TERMS OF RETAINING OUR GENERAL FUND AS HEALTHY AS POSSIBLE IF THERE'S A RECONSIDERATION TO GO AHEAD AND USE ARP THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL IF NOT WE'LL PASS THIS BILL AND GET THE MONEY THERE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE THIS IS THIS IS WHAT WE CALL A NO-BRAINER THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU HAVE THE FLOOR ANY QUESTIONS NO QUESTIONS SENATOR CHRIS BARNETT YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS SIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: GOOD MORNING TO THE PANEL I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO START MR BAZA MADAM CHAIR IF YOU'D PLEASE INDULGE ME IF I COULD GET A FOLLOW UP YESTERDAY WE HAD ASKED ABOUT THE GRANT FOR THE VETERANS WERE YOU ABLE TO GET ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THAT SIR.

BAZA - BBMR: YEAH MY STAFF WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ONE SECOND SO ACCORDING TO OUR ANALYST THE OVA GRANT WAS NEVER ACTUALLY RECEIVED IT WAS INITIALLY AWARDED BUT THEN WE NEVER ACTUALLY RECEIVED THE GRANT FUNDING I BELIEVE OVA'S DIRECTOR PROBABLY HAS MORE INFORMATION ON

THAT ALL WE KNOW IS THAT WE DON'T ACTUALLY HAVE THE FUNDING AND AN ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED FOR IT AT THE MOMENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR BAZA WELL THAT'S INTERESTING BECAUSE I I THINK THE PRESS RELEASE FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR SAID SOMETHING COMPLETELY DIFFERENT BUT I I GUESS I JUST WANTED TO KIND OF EXPAND ON WHAT SENATOR DUEÑAS WAS ASKING ABOUT IN YOUR ESTIMATION WOULD THE USE OF ARP FUNDS BE ALLOWABLE FOR A PROGRAM LIKE THE ONE WE'RE DISCUSSING IN THIS BILL.

BAZA - BBMR: SO IT APPEARS THAT THERE'S A WITH THE MOU HERE THERE NEEDS TO BE A U MINIMUM DEPOSIT OF 500,000 ARP FUNDS THERE'S A RESTRICTION ON USING ARP FUNDS FOR THE NON-FEDERAL MATCH COMPONENT OF FUNDING AND CONSIDERING THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP WITH USDA I THINK THAT WOULD MAKE IT INELIGIBLE TO USE ARP FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM.

SENATOR BARNETT: INELIGIBLE THANK YOU SIR GOOD MORNING MR JOEY I KNOW YOU HAD SAID IN YOUR TESTIMONY THAT THERE WERE HOW MANY PEOPLE ON THE LIST TO RECEIVE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST LEASES A WAITING LIST OF ABOUT 8,000 PLUS APPLICANTS 8,000 PLUS.

SENATOR BARNETT: 8,000 PLUS AND SO THIS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO AVAIL THIS PROGRAM OBVIOUSLY RIGHT IT'S CURRENT LEAS HOLDERS OF CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY.

BAZA - BBMR: AT THIS TIME YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY SO WHAT IF THERE ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE WATCHING BECAUSE THE SENATOR DUEÑAS HAD MENTIONED OUR RATINGS ARE UP IT'S A GOOD SEASON HERE AT THE 37 GUAM LEGISLATURE *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM FOR WATCHING BUT WHAT ABOUT THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE THE WAITING LIST AND WHEN I GUESS WHAT MY QUESTION IS WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE ISSUED A LEASE BECAUSE I KNOW THERE'S 8,000 PEOPLE WAITING AND THEY'RE HEARING ABOUT THIS PROGRAM BUT THEY CAN'T AVAIL OF IT UNTIL THEY GET THAT LEASE SO WHERE ARE WE WITH THE ISSUING OF THE LEASES FOR THE RESIDENTIAL CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SLOTS HOW MANY HAVE WE ISSUED IN WELL HOW JUST GO.

BAZA - BBMR: AS OF YEAR END SEPTEMBER 30 2022 THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST HAS ISSUED ABOUT 2,911 LEASES FROM THAT PERIOD TO TODAY THERE HAS NO LEASE BEEN ISSUED.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHY IS THAT SO YOU'RE SAYING IN SINCE 2022 WE HAVEN'T ISSUED ANY LEASES.

BAZA - BBMR: CORRECT WHAT WE'VE HAD IT DISCOVERED THROUGH THE ISSUANCE OF OUR PREVIOUS LEASES IS THAT THERE WERE MANY DURING THE PROCESS OF THE LEASE ISSUANCE THERE WAS A LOT OF ACTIONS THAT WEREN'T COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW FOR EXAMPLE THE SUCCESSION OF A LEASE BY A GRANDCHILD IN THE LAW A GRANDCHILD IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE LINE OF SUCCESSION THERE'S ALSO OTHER ISSUES OF SWITCHING APPLICATION DATE AND TIMES THE FORMER AG ELIZABETH BARRETT ANDERSON HAD DEEMED 102 LEASES THAT WERE AWARDED BASED ON THE SWITCH AND DATE OF TIME AND THE TAKEOVER OF AN APPLICATION BY LIVING THE TRANSFER OF A LIVING APPLICATION BY LIVING APPLICANT TO BE NULL AND VOID THERE ARE MANY OTHER ISSUES THAT WE ARE ENCOUNTERING AND EXPERIENCING THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS TODAY THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST HAS MOVED THE LINE FROM THE NEXT FIVE IN LINE NOT NECESSARILY THAT THEY'RE THE THEY'RE NUMBERS 1 THROUGH FIVE IN APPLICATION SEQUENCE BUT THEY'RE THE IN THE NEXT NEXT FIVE IN LINE WE STOPPED AT 6 THE SIX APPLICANT WAS TAKEN OVER THE SIX ORIGINAL APPLICANT IS DECEASED THAT APPLICANT HAD NAMED HIS GRANDCHILD AS A SUCCESSOR TO HIS APPLICATION ALTHOUGH AGAIN THE GRANDCHILD IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO TAKE OVER THE APPLICATION SO THAT'S PART OF THE ISSUES THAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: I MEAN I GET THAT OBVIOUSLY YOU DON'T WANT TO ISSUE A A LEASE TO ANYBODY WHO YOU KNOW SKIPPED THE LINE OR OTHERWISE BEEN DEEMED INELIGIBLE BUT WHAT ABOUT THE THOUSANDS OF OTHER PEOPLE WHO PROBABLY DIDN'T DO ANY OF THOSE THINGS.

BAZA - BBMR: BASED ON THE ACT WE HAVE TO PROCESS LEASE AWARDS BASED ON HOW IT'S RECEIVED WHICH IS THEIR DATE AND TIME SO CURRENTLY WE'RE WE ARE WORKING ON I BELIEVE 8:07 A.M. OF DECEMBER 2ND 1995.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M JUST STILL TRYING TO WRAP MY SO WE HAVEN'T ISSUED A SINGLE LEASE SINCE 2022.

BAZA - BBMR: CORRECT BUT WE ARE WORKING TO COMMENCE THE LEASE ISSUANCE WE'VE NOTIFIED THE FIRST OR THE NEXT FIVE.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHAT'S THE TIMELINE ON THAT.

BAZA - BBMR: I I CAN'T SAY SENATOR BUT WE ARE WORKING ON IT THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU VERY WELCOME SENATOR BARNETT SPEAKER TERESE TERLAJE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU I WAS GOING TO ASK PRE OTHER QUESTIONS BUT I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THIS LINE OF QUESTIONING BECAUSE YEAH THAT'S ONE OF THE ISSUES IS THAT WHEN THE AG CAME UP WITH YOU KNOW A LIST OF NULL AND VOID LEASES OR THOSE THAT WERE VOIDABLE OR COULD BE CONFORMED UPON BOARD ACT THERE WERE DIFFERENT REMEDIES HOWEVER EVEN THROUGH THAT I BELIEVE THE THE PREVIOUS CHAIR PEOPLE AND THE PREVIOUS GOVERNOR WERE ISSUING LEASES EVEN THROUGH THE LAWSUIT THEY WERE ISSUING LEASES AND I THINK EVEN WHEN ANGELA YOU WERE CHAIR YOU BROUGHT IN A PLAN OF THESE ARE THE NEXT LEASES THAT WE'RE GOING TO LEASE WHICH TRACKS OF LAND WE'RE GOING TO DIVIDE UP AND TRY TO ISSUE LEASES AND IF WE COULD GET WATER IN THERE WE OR SEWER IF WE COULD GET SEWER IN THERE WE WERE GOING TO BE ABLE TO DIVIDE THOSE UP SMALLER AND I DON'T KNOW I JUST FEEL LIKE THERE'S A LOT OF TURNOVER AT THE LAND TRUST AND SOMETIMES THEY GET DISTRACTED BY PRIVATE INTEREST COMING IN LOOKS TO ME AND ASKING FOR YOU KNOW THIS SPECIAL PROJECT THAT SPECIAL PROJECT THIS SPECIAL PROJECT SO I AGREE AND I'M VERY MUCH HOPING THAT THEY ARE FOCUSING ON THEIR TRACKS OF LAND AND HOW THEY CAN DIVIDE THOSE UP INTO QUARTER ACRES INSTEAD OF HALF ACRES WITH SEWER IN THERE AND THERE'S SO MANY PROGRAMS AVAILABLE NOW WITH SEWER AND THEY'RE WORKING WITH GWA AND SO THAT'S WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND THAT'S WHAT YOU KNOW WE'VE HAD OVERSIGHT HEARINGS TO HAVE THEM LAY OUT THOSE PLANS AS WELL AND THEY HAVE THEN IT JUST SEEMS TO BE DELAYED SO WE'RE FOLLOWING UP I THINK THE BOARD AT THIS POINT IS VERY ACTIVE IN TRYING TO GET THIS DONE RIGHT SO WE'RE GOING TO SEE SOME LEASES HOPEFULLY IN 2024 I THINK WE'RE I'M HOPING WE'RE ALSO GOING TO SEE SOME INFRASTRUCTURE IN 2024 AND MAYBE THAT GOES TO MY NEXT QUESTION I WAS GOING TO ASK BBMR IF WE ARE YOU KNOW THIS IS MAYBE THE THIRD OR FOURTH TIME YOU'VE BEEN ASKED BUT I JUST WANT YOU TO CLARIFY AGAIN ARP FUNDS COULD BE USED FOR YOU SAID ALMOST ANYTHING IF THERE WAS A LACK OF REVENUE OR SOMETHING BECAUSE OF COVID AND IF THAT'S THE CASE BUT YOU'RE SAYING THEY CANNOT BE USED FOR THIS \$500,000 MATCHING.

BAZA - BBMR: YEAH IT CAN'T BE USED FOR THE NON-FEDERAL COMPONENT OF MATCHING GRANTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO IS THIS DESCRIBED AS A MATCHING GRANT THIS LOAN GUARANTEE.

BAZA - BBMR: MAYBE GUAM HOUSING CAN CONFIRM BUT IT SAYS HERE ON THE LEGISLATION IT'S A MOU WITH GHC AND USDA AS AN OBLIGATION FOR THE MINIMUM DEPOSIT SO THAT SOUNDS LIKE IN ORDER TO ACCESS FUNDING FROM THE USDA THEY NEED TO HAVE THIS 500,000 IN THERE SO I WOULD CONSIDER THAT A MATCHING REQUIREMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY THANK YOU AND I KNOW THAT WE HAD DISCUSSIONS EARLY ON WITH CHAMORRO LAND TRUST AND GWA IN FACT WHEN ARP MONEY WAS AVAILABLE FOR FOR THAT SEWER TO BE LAID DOWN IN SOME OF THESE TRACKS SO THAT WE CAN ENSURE THAT THE HOUSE THE LOTS COULD BE DIVIDED UP INTO TO MORE AND NOW WE HAVE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AVAILABLE I BELIEVE MY COLLEAGUE IN THE LAST BUDGET PUT IN MONEY FOR SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE AND I'M NOT SURE IF THE LAST TIME BBMR CAME IN THEY TOLD US THAT THEY TOOK THAT MONEY AWAY TO GIVE TO THE HOSPITAL WHEN THEY SAID THERE WERE THEY MADE A LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS THAT WERE LIKE DE-APPROPRIATED SO WE'D HAVE TO FOLLOW UP WITH THAT BUT HOPEFULLY WITH USDA'S TESTIMONY TODAY THERE ARE OTHER LEASES OF I MEAN OTHER METHODS OF BRING HAVING THE INDIVIDUALS APPLY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE HOPEFULLY THE ENTIRE LAND TRUST APPLY FOR THE INFRASTRUCTURE THE I I GUESS HE'S GONE BUT YEAH HE WAS TALKING ABOUT A \$64,000 FAMILY OF FOUR INCOME LEVEL FOR THIS PROGRAM WHAT WHAT IS YOUR NORMAL WHAT ARE YOUR OTHER INCOME LEVELS FOR YOUR OTHER PROGRAMS FOR.

GUERRERO – GHC: GUAM HOUSINGS WE CAN GO 200% OF THE MEDIAN INCOME SO IT COULD BE TIMES TWO FOR THAT SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WHAT IS YOUR MEDIAN INCOME SAME.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT'S THE SAME THAT'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: FOR GUAM SO WE WOULD BASE IT AT 200 FOR OUR DIRECT PROGRAM THEY WOULD HAVE TO BE DENIED BY ANOTHER FINANCIAL INSTITUTION BEFORE THEY COME TO GUAM HOUSING SO EVEN IF THEY EXCEED THE 64 OR UP TO TWO I MEAN THEY WOULD STILL HAVE TO COME THEY WOULD MEET THAT STATUTORY REQUIREMENT OF BEING DENIED SO THEN WE CAN GO AHEAD AND PURSUE WHEN WE DO THE AFFORDABILITY ANALYSIS WE LOOK AT HOW HOW WHAT PROGRAM WOULD BEST NEED MEET THE NEEDS OF WHAT THEY'RE REQUESTING SO WE'VE ALSO DEVELOPED A PROGRAM THAT IS A LEVERAGE PROGRAM THAT IT'S JOINT WITH RURAL DEVELOPMENT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING IN ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR USDA AND GUAM HOUSING WILL DO A FIRST MORTGAGE OF 20% FINANCING USDA WOULD DO THE 80% SO IN TOTAL THEY STILL GET THE 100% BUT AT LEAST THE 80% WOULD GIVE THEM A HIGHER BUYING POWER BECAUSE OF THE SUBSIDY THAT THEY WOULD RECEIVE GUAM HOUSE WILL GO AHEAD AND GIVE THE 20% AT WHATEVER PREVAILING AND EVEN IF THE PREVAILING IS AT 7 WE DID I DID REPORT TO THE BOARD THAT GOING THAT HIGH WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ASSISTING ANYBODY SO THEY CAPPED IT AND THEY SAID OKAY DO NOT EXCEED 6% THAT'S ALREADY BY LAW BUT IT WAS AMENDED TO EVEN GO AS SLOW AS FOUR DEPENDING ON THE PREVAILING SO WE'RE REALLY TRYING TO SEE HOW BEST WE CAN CAN DELIVER A PROGRAM WHETHER IT'S A COMBINATION OF OF RD ROAD DEVELOPMENTS PROGRAM OUR PROGRAM WE HAVE OUR DIRECT PROGRAM WE HAVE A PROGRAM CALLED THE CAHAT WHICH IS UP TO 40% INTEREST FREE WE TAKE A SECOND MORTGAGE THE FIR THE BANK WOULD TAKE THE THE THE FIRST MORTGAGE AND THEY WOULD GIVE UP TO 80 AND THEN WE CAN COME IN AND REALLY FOR A \$40,000 LOAN FOR 30 YEARS IT'S ONLY LIKE 116 IT'S AN INTEREST FREE LOAN SO WE HAVE PRODUCTS OUT THERE THAT ARE MET ARE DESIGNED TO EITHER BE A DIRECT OR A A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE FEDERAL AS WELL AS WITH THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE AND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECIPIENTS ARE ABLE TO AVAIL OF ANY OF THOSE.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL OF THEM.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU I WANT TO THANK YOU AND THE BOARD FOR YOUR WORK ON THIS I KNOW YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN DILIGENT ALL THESE YEARS CONTINUING TO FIND WAYS TO GET THESE LOANS OUT CAN THE ARP BE USED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE.

BAZA - BBMR: I WOULD NEED TO SEE WHAT PARTICULAR INFRASTRUCTURE IT DOES ALLOW FOR THERE IS SOME INFRASTRUCTURE ITEMS LISTED IN THE FINAL RULE OVERVIEW BUT I WOULD HAVE TO GET BACK TO ON THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT I THOUGHT IT WAS ACTUALLY A LISTED.

BAZA - BBMR: YEAH I KNOW.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: USE OF ARP.

BAZA - BBMR: YEAH THERE THERE'S ACTUALLY THEY LINE ITEM CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE ELIGIBLE AND SOME THAT ARE INELIGIBLE LIKE AN INELIGIBLE ONE WOULD BE PRISONS I BELIEVE IS INELIGIBLE FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY AND COULD YOU JUST STATE THE RULE AGAIN ABOUT WHAT IT CAN BE USED FOR IT CAN BE USED FOR ENERGY CREDIT.

BAZA - BBMR: SO WITH THE ENERGY CREDIT THERE'S ALSO THE THE RULE ABOUT IMPACT TO HOMES ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS THE ENERGY CREDIT WOULD BE AN ASSISTANCE TO HOUSEHOLDS BUT IT HAS TO BE LOW OR MODERATE INCOME HOUSEHOLDER COMMUNITIES AND THOSE ARE THE INCOME LIMIT OF 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINE FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF THREE IS 65,8 880 AND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SORRY CAN YOU REPEAT THAT I'M NOT HEARING YOU.

BAZA - BBMR: THE INCOME LIMIT FOR 300% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINE FOR A HOUSEHOLD OF THREE IS 65,880 PER YEAR AND SO TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THIS ASSISTANCE THE HOUSEHOLDS YOU HAVE TO FALL WITHIN THAT THRESHOLD SO IF YOU'RE DOING ENERGY CREDIT TO THE ENTIRE ISLAND I DON'T THINK EVERYBODY FALLS WITHIN THAT THRESHOLD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO NOT EVERYONE BUT CLEARLY IT WAS NOT BASED ON WHETHER IT WAS CAUSED BY THE WAR OR CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC RIGHT THAT'S WHAT THE REASON WE WERE GIVEN IN THE PAST ALL RIGHT WHERE IN WHETHER THE INCREASED RATES AT GPA WERE CAUSE WHAT WAS THE CAUSE OF THEIR INCREASE RATE BUT ALL RIGHT OKAY APPRECIATE.

BAZA - BBMR: I THINK IT ALSO DOES HAVE TO BE PANDEMIC RELATED TO TO ADD TO THAT YEAH BUT THE THRESHOLD LIMIT ALSO APPLIES AS WELL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER THEN WE'RE GOING TO MOVE TO THE BACK SENATOR FISER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND GOOD MORNING I WANTED THE BBMR TOLD US THAT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THIS TOLD US THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD AUTHORIZED ALLOCATIONS FROM THE ARP FUNDS TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION FOR \$500,000 FOR THE FIRSTTIME HOMEOWNERS IS THAT A PERMISSIBLE USE OF ARP MONEY.

BAZA - BBMR: SEEING THAT THE THE INCOME THRESHOLD LIMIT AND MAYBE GUAM HOUSING CAN CONFIRM WHAT WHAT ELIGIBLE OR WHO ARE THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS FOR THIS BUT WE CONSIDER THAT AS A ELIGIBLE EXPENSE.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO THAT IS ELIGIBLE UNDER ARP AND SHE AS A VETERAN THANK YOU GOVERNOR BUT YOU ALL SHE ALSO GAVE \$100,000 IN ARP MONEY IS THAT A PERMISSIBLE USE.

BAZA - BBMR: YES SIR.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY OKAY THANK YOU I JUST GOT A LITTLE CONFUSED THERE BUT I THINK THE TESTIMONY IS THAT IF YOU CONTRIBUTE THE \$500,000 INTO THE ESCROW ACCOUNT THAT IS NOT PERMISSIBLE CORRECT.

BAZA - BBMR: SO THE WAY THAT THIS PARTICULAR PROGRAM THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY ON IT SOUNDS LIKE THERE'S A AGREEMENT BETWEEN GUAM HOUSING AND USDA TO HAVE A MINIMUM DEPOSIT OF 500,000 WHICH IF I'M NOT TOO SURE WHAT THE DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM MAYBE GUAM HOUSING CAN CLARIFY MORE BUT IF THEY NEED 500,000 TO BE IN THIS ESCROW ACCOUNT IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE USDA FUNDS I CONSIDER THAT A MATCHING REQUIREMENT AND THEN THE ARP FUNDS ARE INELIGIBLE TO BE USED FOR THE NONFEDERAL MATCHING COMPONENT.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THANK YOU AND THAT SEEMS TO MAKE SENSE BECAUSE IN I WAS GETTING THE YOU KNOW I'M HEARING ARP I'M HEARING UH THE ESCROW ACCOUNT AND ALSO FIRST-TIME HOMEOWNERS AND THESE ARE ACTUALLY SEPARATE THINGS OKAY SO THANK YOU FOR THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR FISHER WOULD YOU LIKE FOR GUAM HOUSING TO CHIME IN ON ON THE AVAILABILITY OF THE.

SENATOR FISHER: CERTAINLY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CAP AMOUNT TO BE ABLE TO USE THE ARP FUNDING.

GUERRERO – GHC: OKAY FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IT'S NOT AN INCOME DRIVEN PROGRAM IT'S MORE COST OKAY SO THE COST OF HOME IS GOING TO BE OVER 400 20,000 IT WOULD BE INELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE GRANT SO IT'S A COST-DRIVEN PROGRAM OKAY FOR THE FIRSTTIME HOMEOWNER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT BECAUSE ANOTHER QUESTION I HAD WAS IN THE BILL WE SAY THAT THE MEDIAN HOME PRICE IS \$420,000 BUT ELIGIBLE TRANSACTIONS ARE CAPPED AT \$ 375 SHOULD WE CHANGE THE CAP ON ELIGIBLE TRANSACTIONS TO MATCH MEDIAN HOME PRICES ON GUAM.

GUERRERO – GHC: EVEN WITH 420 PEOPLE ARE HAVING A DIFFICULT TIME TRYING TO FIND A HOME.

SENATOR FISHER: YEAH.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT IT IT EVEN IF THEY SAID IT'S 3275 THERE'S USUALLY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT SO THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO THE REPAIRS.

SENATOR FISHER: ABSOLUTELY.

GUERRERO – GHC: SO THE TOTAL THEN MAY EVEN EXCEED THE 420 BUT FOR TOGETHER GRANT IT'S AT 420.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: NOW BUT IF IF THE DATA SUPPORTS A LOWER AMOUNT.

SENATOR FISHER: THEN WELL IS IT MA'AM IS IT IS IT TRUE THAT TODAY TODAY AND ELIGIBLE TRANSACTIONS ARE CAPPED AT 375 ARE.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT'S 420 FOR THIS PROGRAM BUT.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SHOULD.

GUERRERO – GHC: 420 IS WHAT IT IS.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: FOR THE FIRST TIME HOME OWNER.

SENATOR FISHER: I'M GETTING A LITTLE CONFUSED BECAUSE WHEN I LOOKED AT CHAPTER 7 12 GCA THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION ENACTMENT IT REFERS TO 375 AS BEING A CAP FOR AN ELIGIBLE TRANSACTION COULD YOU HELP ME WITH THAT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: PLEASE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: PLEASE TAKE YOUR POINT SORRY SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: FOR MY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR DUEÑAS YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH FOR MY GOOD COLLEAGUE THIS HAS BEEN CHANGED BY LAW AND IN FACT AND THEN AND THEN A SUBSEQUENT LAW NOW ALLOWS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO AUTOMATICALLY CHANGE AS NEEDED SO THEY DON'T NEED TO COME BACK TO THE LEGISLATURE ANYMORE SO JUST I WANTED TO HELP MY FRIEND WITH THAT THAT THIS IS ALL NOW BASED ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT GUAM HOUSING TO TO MAKE THOSE CHANGES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND IT'S CONCURRED BY GUAM HOUSING CONCUR IT PLEASE PLEASE.

GUERRERO – GHC: THAT IS CORRECT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY YOU MAY CONTINUE SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: DID THEY DO CONCUR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES SIR THEY SAID THEY DO CONCUR.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY AND THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS FOR THAT CLARIFICATION THAT GCA JUST HASN'T BEEN UPDATED TO REFLECT THAT OKAY UM NOW FOR THE ESCROW PROGRAM WHO IS THE ESCROW OR WHAT IS THE ESCROW IS I'M SURE IT'S A LOCAL BANK I WOULD ASSUME.

GUERRERO – GHC: WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE ESCROW FOR THE FOR THE ON THE PROPOSED BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM.

GUERRERO – GHC: OKAY THAT WOULD BE A JOINT ACCOUNT ESCRO ACCOUNT THAT WOULD BE FOR GUAM HOUSING AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO USE IN THE EVENT THERE'S A DEFAULT AND THAT'S AN ACTUAL PAYMENT TO THE LENDER THAT TO RD THAT IT'S IT'S IN DEFAULT BUT IF IT'S JUST A NON-PERFORMING LOAN AND THEY THEY'RE STILL THEY'RE NOT ACCELERATING THE PAYMENT THAT F THAT THOSE FUNDS WOULD NOT BE USED SO THERE WOULD ACTUALLY BE IN THE FORECLOSURE OR THEY EVEN AT FOR CLOSURE THEY COULD CURE IT BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY LOSE THEIR HOME BUT THIS ESCROW ACCOUNT IS STRICTLY FOR PAYMENT IN THE EVENT THEY WE THEY DO FOR CLOSING THE HOME AND THE LENDER WOULD HAVE TO BE PAID.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY YES MA'AM THAT'S UNDERSTOOD BUT MY MY QUESTION IS REALLY I MEAN WE' HEARD WE REFER TO IT AS AN ESCROW ACCOUNT WHEN WE HAVE AN WHEN WE SET UP AN ESCROW THERE IS AN ESCROW AND I'M JUST WONDERING WHO WHO HOLDS THE WHO IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT'S A JOINT ACCOUNT WITH QUAM HOUSING AND AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT IT'S NOT GOING TO ANY ESCROW IT'S JUST THAT IT'S A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT OKAY SO.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO IT'S IT'S KIND OF INACCURATE TO REFER TO IT AS AN ESCROW IS THAT CORRECT.

GUERRERO – GHC: I GUESS IN WITH THE INTENT THAT IT'D BE SPECIFIC IN THE PURPOSE OF THE OF THE ACCOUNT OF THE FUNDS.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY ALL RIGHT IF I WANTED TO IF I WAS IF I WAS I WAS I PRESENTED AN ELIGIBLE TRANSACTION AND IT WAS APPROVED AS PART OF MY AS PART OF CLOSING WOULD I RECEIVE AS THE RECIPIENT WOULD I RECEIVE ESCROW INSTRUCTIONS.

GUERRERO – GHC: INSTRUCTIONS WILL GO TO THE TITLE COMPANY AND THE TITLE COMPANY WOULD BE THE ESCROW TO DISPERSE THE PHONE THE THE FUNDS.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: ACCORDINGLY BASED ON THE LENDER'S INSTRUCTION SOME MAY BE A JOINT WHERE THE BORROWER WOULD HAVE TO PUT IN THEIR SHARE PART OF THE LOAN PROCEEDS AND THEN IT WOULD BE ESTABLISHED WHICH WOULD GO TO AN ESCROW AND USUALLY WHEN IT GOES INTO AN ESCROW IT'S A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT SURE IF THEY REQUIRE ONE FULL PAYMENT FOR AN INSURANCE PREMIUM THAT WOULD USUALLY GO TO AN ESCRA ACCOUNT STRICTLY FOR FOR PAYMENT OF INSURANCE AND TAXES BUT MOST OF THE FUNDS WOULD GO INTO THE ESCROW WHERE AT THE BEGINNING AT THE INCEPTION OF THE CLOSING THE ESCRA THE TITLE COMPANY WOULD BE THE ONE TO DISPERSE ACCORDINGLY BUT IT WILL BE AT THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE LENDER

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THAT SO YES OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH THAT'S THAT'S WHAT I WAS DRIVING AT THERE ARE INSTRUCTIONS FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM ESCROW.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES BY THE LENDER.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY THANK YOU ON ANY GIVEN TRANSACTION UNDER THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS WHAT WOULD GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION'S TOTAL EXPOSURE BE NO MORE THAN 10,000.

GUERRERO – GHC: FOR F FOR FTAP THE MAXIMUM YOU CAN GET IS FOUR IT'S 10,000 BUT IT'S 4% OF THE SELLING PRICE.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY SO ESSENTIALLY YOU'RE THIS IS I'M SURE THIS IS THE WRONG WORD BUT YOU'RE KIND OF LIKE A GUARANTOR FOR THE FIRST 10,000.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT'S COMING FROM WHAT NOT NECESSARILY WE WON'T BE DISPERSING ALTHOUGH WE RECEIVE APPLICATIONS WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WE WON'T DISPERSE UNTIL WE ACTUALLY HAVE THE FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT ON THE FTAP ACCOUNT.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY NOW THE LOAN IS SECURED BY THE PROPERTY CORRECT.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES THROUGH MORTGAGE.

SENATOR FISHER: AND THROUGH MORTGAGE AND DOES GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION FILE A LEAN AS A LEAN HOLDER AGAINST THE PROPERTY.

GUERRERO – GHC: YES IT'S IN FAVOR OF GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION.

SENATOR FISHER: OKAY ALL RIGHT THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ANSWERS I DON'T HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER SENATOR QUINATA DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SENATOR QUINATA: TO CLTC.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YES WELL TO ANYONE IN THE PANEL RIGHT HERE SIR YEAH YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY MR JOEY DO YOU GUYS HAVE LEGAL COUNCEL.

CRUZ - CLTC: AT THIS TIME WE DO.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY YOUR LEGAL COUNCIL IS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE RIGHT.

CRUZ - CLTC: IS AN ATTORNEY FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE CORRECT.

SENATOR QUINATA: DO YOU IS IT IS IN YOUR OPINION THAT YOU GUYS NEED YOUR OWN LEGAL COUNSEL BECAUSE YOUR LEGAL COUNSEL.

SENATOR QUINATA: SENATOR SENATOR QUINATA CAN WE CAN WE STICK TO THE BILL ITSELF I'VE BEEN ADVISED BY THE CHAIR SENDING ME A TEXT THAT WE HAVE TO KIND OF STAY ON STAY ON THE PATH HERE ON THE BILL SO IF WE CAN KEEP IT TO THAT THANK YOU.

SENATOR QUINATA: OKAY I'M JUST ASKING BECAUSE YOU GUYS HAVE A LOT OF LEGAL ISSUES AND YOU GOT 8,000 CLIENTS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GO THROUGH RIGHT ALONG WITH ALL OF YOU PEOPLE UP HERE WE'RE TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET TO SOLUTIONS AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE HAVE LIKE A HIGH TURNOVER WITH THE AG'S OFFICE AND YOU GUYS ARE REALLY MUCH AFFECTED CUZ ONE DAY YOU HAVE THIS ATTORNEY A AND THEN ATTORNEY B THEN TOMORROW YOU HAVE ATTORNEY C ALL OF THEM SINGING DIFFERENT SONGS SO I'M JUST TRYING TO FIND OUT WHAT'S THE BEST WAY FOR YOU GUYS TO HAVE A BETTER LEGAL COUNSEL AND I THINK IT'S HIRING YOUR OWN PERSONAL FOR YOUR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA LIKE I SAID WE'LL STAY TO THE WHAT IS ON THE BILL.

SENATOR QUINATA: JUST ANSWER THE QUESTION YES OR NO.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND THAT IS NOT ON THE BILL ON THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SO WE'LL IF YOU HAVE ANOTHER QUESTION THAT PERTAINS TO THE BILL ON THESE FUNDS THAT ARE BEING APPROPRIATED PLEASE ASK IT IF NOT THEN I'LL MOVE FORWARD TO THE NEXT PERSON.

SENATOR QUINATA: *BASTA* THEN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN NICOLAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL YES YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YOU HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW I DON'T WANT TO STAND IN A WAY OF PROGRESS BUT I DO HAVE SOME QUESTIONS I DO SUPPORT THE MEASURE IS THIS KIND OF LIKE SUBPRIME LENDING THOUGH WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE REMEMBER THE HOUSING BUBBLE 2000 2008 WHERE WE ALL GOT

IN TROUBLE BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE'RE SO YOU KNOW THIS IS NOT SUBPRIME LENDING TO TO PEOPLE WHO MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO AFFORD THE LOANS.

GUERRERO – GHC: NO IT'S RURAL DEVELOPMENTS LOAN PROGRAM HAS NEVER BEEN LABELED AS BEING SUBPRIME THEY CAN GO AS LOW AS 1% BUT AS AS THEIR INCOME INCREASES THEY CAN GO UP TO THE NOTE RATE BUT BECAUSE OF THEIR THEIR OF THEIR INCOME THEY CAN BE HAVE A SUBSIDY TO REDUCE THAT LOAN RATE SO THEY CAN STILL RETAIN HOME OWNERSHIP.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES MA'AM OKAY THANK YOU JUST FOR I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY I I SUPPORT THE MEASURE AND I APPLAUD EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TO PROVIDE HOUSING TO EVERYBODY BUT ALSO LIKE IN IN CASES OF DEFAULT OR OR AREAR OR WHAT ARE THE PROGRAMS THAT YOU GUYS HAVE OR HOW DO YOU ASSIST BECAUSE YOU KNOW WE WANT TO PROTECT THE GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE RIGHT SO HOW WOULD YOU ASSIST SOMEBODY WHO'S KIND OF LIKE BEHIND IMP PAYMENTS AND TO HELP TO HELP THEM ALONG WITH THE THE TO KEEP THE LOAN CUZ I WOULDN'T WANT ANYBODY TO DEFAULT OR YOU KNOW SO DO YOU HAVE A A WAY TO MANAGE THAT COULD YOU EXPLAIN THAT.

GUERRERO – GHC: I DO I AM AWARE THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT HAS NUMEROUS SERVICING OPTIONS I MEAN THEY REALLY GO THEY CAN GO HAVE A MORATORIUM WHEN THEY WON'T EVEN HAVE TO PAY FOR A YEAR DEPENDING ON ON THE REASON WHY THEY'RE IN DEFAULT SO THEY HAVE MANY OPTIONS FOR SERVICING AND THEY WOULD EXPLORE ALL OF THAT BEFORE THEY TRIED TO MOVE FORWARD IF GUAM HOUSING BECAUSE OF THE CLTC GUAM HOUSING WILL BE INVOLVED WE WILL LOOK AT OPTIONS ALSO IF THEY CAN REFINANCE IF THEY NO LONGER ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT WE WILL LOOK AT OPTIONS HOW BEST WE CAN HELP THEM TO PREVENT FORECLOSURE AND TO RETAIN HOME OWNERSHIP.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OKAY YES MA'AM THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR THAT SO SO WHEN THEY WHEN THEY'RE KIND OF HAVING PROBLEMS WITH ONE PROGRAM WE CAN ALSO TRY TO M AT IT SO THAT THEY CAN GO INTO ANOTHER MORE MANAGEABLE PRO PROGRAM AND YOU ALSO MENTIONED FORBEARANCE AND OTHER OTHER PROGRAMS WHERE YOU CAN HELP THEM SUSTAIN THEM THROUGH YOU KNOW PROBABLY SOME TOUGH TIMES AND I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT I I DO SUPPORT THE MEASURE AND I JUST WANTED TO TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND IT FURTHER AND I DIDN'T MEAN TO CALL IT A SUBPRIME IT'S JUST THE WAY I SEE IT IS THOUGH WHEN SOMEBODY GETS DENIED FROM A A REGULAR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION THEN THAT'S THAT MEANS YOU WOULD OFFER THEM THE THE THE LOAN RIGHT.

GUERRERO – GHC: THAT'S IN OUR STATUTE YES.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: AND IT'S IT'S IS IT IT'S NOT BASED SOLELY ON CREDIT HISTORY OR DOES THAT MAKE DOES THAT PLAY A PART IN YOUR IN YOUR HOW YOU DOLE OUT THE LOAN.

GUERRERO – GHC: NO IT FOR LIKE FOR CLTC LESSES ALREADY THE BANKS WOULD DENY THEM BECAUSE THE COLLATERAL ISN'T ELIGIBLE THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT IN THE EVENT THE LOAN IS IN DEFAULT SO THAT WOULD BE SUFFICIENT FOR THEM TO BE REFERRED TO GUAM HOUSING.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OKAY SO YEAH SO OKAY NOW I IT'S MUCH MORE CLEARER TO ME SO YOU KNOW THE THE COLLATERAL IT'S A IT'S MORE TOWARD LEANING TOWARD COLLATERAL MORE THAN IT IS LEANING TO CREDIT HISTORY.

GUERRERO – GHC: RIGHT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: OKAY YES THANK YOU MA'AM.

GUERRERO – GHC: YOUR WELCOME.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU FOR CLARIFYING THAT I HAVE NO NOTHING FURTHER AND I DO SUPPORT THE MEASURE THANK YOU MADAM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS AT THIS TIME MY COLLEAGUES WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A SHORT LIKE FIVE MINUTE BREAK TO ALLOW THE PANEL TO GET UP STRETCH THEIR LEGS AND AND FOR JOEY TO THAW OUT IT'S FREEZING UP HERE AS HE SAID SO WE'LL BE BACK AND WHEN WE COME BACK WE'RE

GOING TO BEGIN ON THE FRONT ROW WITH MINORITY LEADER SENATOR BLAS ASKING THE FIRST QUESTIONS FOR THE SECOND ROUND SO WE'LL BE RIGHT BACK IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES RECESS UNTIL THEN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RECESS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES WE'RE ON THE SECOND ROUND JUST ADVISE EVERYONE ALSO THAT ON THE AMENDMENT SECTION ON THE THIRD ROUND I DO HAVE AN AMENDMENT AND THAT'S JUST TO IDENTIFY THAT WE ARE WE'RE GOING TO EX WE'RE GOING TO THE BILL WOULD INCORPORATE THE EXCESS REVENUE IDENTIFIED IN IN IN THE IN THE BUDGET SENATOR FRANK YOU'RE UP THAN.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR CHAIR JUST ONE QUESTION FOR A POINT OF CLARIFICATION AND THIS WILL START OFF WITH MR BAZA THE USE OF THE ARP FUNDS FOR THE GUAM FOR THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM \$500,000 ISN'T THERE A PROVISION WITHIN ARP THAT THE FUNDS HAVE TO BE EITHER EXPEND OR ENCUMBERED AND THEN BY 2020 SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR.

BAZA - BBMR: DECEMBER.

SENATOR BLAS: DECEMBER.

BAZA - BBMR: OF 24 ENCUMBERED BY DECEMBER OF 24 OR OBLIGATED BEFORE DECEMBER OF 24 AND THEN EXPENDITURE AND DAT IS DECEMBER OF 2026.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY QUESTION TO GUAM HOUSING ON THE FIRST TIME HOMEOWNERS PROGRAM YOU GOT THE 500 ,000 INTO YOUR ACCOUNT WILL YOU BE ABLE TO MEET.

CAMACHO – GHC: WE CURRENTLY HAVE 24 APPLICANTS ON A WAIT LIST.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO YOU.

CAMACHO – GHC: YEAH IT'S IT'S THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN PRETTY POPULAR AND MANY HOME BUYERS WITHIN THAT PRICE RANGE ARE COMING IN TO APPLY WHICH WE'RE VERY HAPPY ABOUT.

SENATOR BLAS: SO YOU'RE CONFIDENT THAT THAT BASICALLY THE \$500,000 IN ITS FORM I MEAN WHEN IT REVOLVES THAT'S A DIFFERENT STORY BUT IN IN THE INITIAL EXPENDITURE YOU BE ABLE TO.

GUERRERO – GHC: WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO IT SEEMS LIKE I SAID WE DON'T WE DON'T STOP THE APPLICATION PROCESS WE CONTINUE.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: BECAUSE WE WANT TO SHOW THE NEED SO RIGHT NOW ALREADY HALF WOULD BE DISPERSED THE MONEY'S NOT THERE BUT WE ALREADY HAVE REVIEWED ALL THESE APPLICATIONS THEY'RE ELIGIBLE SO WHAT ONCE WE GET THAT MONEY ALREADY HALF WOULD BE COMMITTED.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: AND WE ARE CONTINUING TO RECEIVE MORE.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT'S IT MR CHAIR ONLY I'M DONE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S ONE PLUS ONE PLUS ONE BUT IT WAS GOOD THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS SENATOR DUEÑAS DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS NONE SENATOR PARKINSON DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION NONE SENATOR PEREZ DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTION FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR PEREZ: JUST PERHAPS FOR CHAMORRO LAND TRUST DO YOU ENVISION DOING MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS AND ALSO WHEN YOU YOU KNOW GIVE OUT LAND TO CHAMORRO LAND TRUST APPLICANTS ARE YOU GOING TO ASSIST WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND DO YOU IS IT YOUR INTENTION TO COMPLY WITH THE SUBDIVISION LAW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I STANDBY IS IS THAT IN REFERENCE TO THE BILL I WANT TO MAKE MAKE SURE WE'RE CONSISTENT ANYTHING OUTSIDE OF THIS BILL I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE WE'RE WE'RE IN LINE WITH THAT.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH I THINK IT IT'S IRRELEVANT BECAUSE IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AFFORDABILITY YOU KNOW SOME OF THESE EVEN GIVING OUT A LOAN FOR 440,000 MAY NOT BE AFFORDABLE TO SOME FAMILIES AND THE IDEA IS THAT IF THERE'S MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MAYBE IT WOULD HELP.

SENATOR PEREZ: THAT CAN MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR PEREZ: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: GO AHEAD AND CONTINUE JOY.

CRUZ - CLTC: IF THE MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING HIGH RISES I IN THE PAST THAT WAS A DISCUSSION AT THIS TIME I CAN'T FURTHER COMMENT ON THAT AS MANAGEMENT WILL HAVE TO DECIDE THAT AND DISCUSS THAT IN RELATION TO ASSISTING OUR CONSTITUENTS WITH INFRASTRUCTURE CLTC IN THE PAST UNDER EVEN THE DIRECTORSHIP OF MS CAMACHO WE HAVE MET WITH RCAC AS MENTIONED BY MR DIEGO IT'S A NONPROFIT GROUP OUT OF HAWAII WE'VE EXPLORED THE SUDA PROGRAM IN THE PAST WE WERE HERE AT THE LEGISLATURE BUT ON THE OTHER SIDE AND WE HAD DISCLOSED THAT OUR PILOT PROJECT WAS TRACK 1022 IN DEDEDO TO INSTALL WASTE WATER AND WATER BUT THAT HAD A PRICE TAG OF \$50 MILLION YES WE WE DID GO BACK AND RESEARCH AND TRY TO IDENTIFY A FUNDING SOURCE IN THE EVENT THAT IT BECAME A LOAN AND A GRANT THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF THE RECENTLY ENACTED UNDER SEA WATER CABLE LAW THAT'S A FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE'VE IDENTIFIED THAT CAN BE USED TOWARDS TO SECURITIZE TOWARDS THE LOAN AS A PAYBACK METHOD ALTHOUGH WE'RE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT'S OUR COST RECOVERY METHOD WE CAN SECURITIZE THE SIX CABLE OR THE \$600,000 YEARLY REVENUE BUT HOW DO WE MOVE TO THE NEXT PROJECT SO YES WE WE HAVE HAD EXPLORED OTHER ALTERNATIVES FOR FINANCING IN TERMS OF THE INSTALLATION OF INFRASTRUCTURE LIKE I MENTIONED EARLIER THE BOARD HAD APPROVED AN MOU FOR THE USAGE OF OUR PROPERTY BEHIND THE YIGO SUBSTATION PLANT IN RETURN GPA WILL PROVIDE INK KIND SERVICES OF PROVIDING POWER POLLS AND ENERGIZING SPECIFIC TRACKS THAT ARE IDENTIFIED BY THE BOARD.

SENATOR PEREZ: APPRECIATE THAT RESPONSE THIS IS FOR THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION SO HOW DO YOU ENSURE FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY.

GUERRERO – GHC: WE FOLLOW OUR OUR LOAN UNDERWRITING CRITERIA SO THERE IS A A PERCENTAGE HOW MUCH WOULD GO FOR THE THE HOUSE PAYMENT IN REFERENCE IN COMPARISON TO THEIR TOTAL INCOME AS WELL AS THEIR TOTAL THEIR BACK RATIO WIS INCLUDES THE PROPOSED HOUSING THEIR CURRENT DEBTS AND ANYTHING THAT IT DOES NOT EXCEED 41% AND THAT'S BY STATUTE.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANK YOU I FEEL LIKE THERE'S ONE MORE QUESTION I HAD EXCUSE ME OH IN YOUR TESTIMONY YOU MENTIONED THAT WHERE DO YOU GET ADDITIONAL FUNDING SO 50 500,000 500,000 IS I GUESS THE BOTTOM THRESHOLD DO YOU ENVISION WAYS OF SUPPLEMENTING IT SO THAT WE CONTINUALLY HAVE 500,000 IN THE ACCOUNT.

GUERRERO – GHC: WHEN THE FUNDS ARE DISPERSED FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING OFF A LOAN WHEN THE LOAN IT WHEN THAT ASSET IS RE FINANCED ANOTHER LOAN TO SELL AND THAT WOULD STILL BE UNDER CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THEY WOULD SEEK THE NEXT QUALIFIED THEN THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THAT WOULD GO BACK INTO THE ESCROW ACCOUNT SO 500,000 IS INTENDED TO BE SUSTAINED IN THAT THAT WAY.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THANKS AND THEN ALSO AS FAR AS LOANS ARE CONCERNED IS IT A FIXED LOAN OR IS IT GOING TO BE IS IT GOING TO DECREASE BASED ON WHAT'S LEFT ON THE PRINCIPAL.

GUERRERO – GHC: OH YES THEY WOULD ONLY PAY OFF WHAT'S WHAT'S THE THE BALANCE ON THAT ON THAT LOAN.

SENATOR PEREZ: BUT AS FAR AS THE INTEREST HOW IS IT APPLIED IS IT A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT BORROWED OR WILL THAT THE AMOUNT DECREASE AS THE THE PRINCIPAL DECREASES.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT DECREASES AS THE PRINCIPAL DECREASES.

SENATOR PEREZ: OH THAT THAT MAKES IT MUCH MORE AFFORDABLE AFFORDABLE OKAY THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR WHAT IS THE TERM FOR THAT SO I DON'T HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE WHOLE IS THERE A TERM FOR THAT AS FAR AS THE TYPE OF LOAN INTEREST HOW IT'S APPLIED.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT'S NOT A BLOCK INTEREST IT'S JUST THE ADVERTISE INTEREST AS AS THE PRINCIPAL IS REDUCED AND THAT INTEREST.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY.

GUERRERO – GHC: WOULD ONLY BE CHARGED ON WHAT'S SO IF THEY PAY IT OFF OR THEY MAKE EXTRA PAYMENTS THEN THAT WOULD EVEN DECREASE FURTHER ANY INTEREST TO ACCRUED.

SENATOR PEREZ: OKAY THAT'S GOOD TO HEAR THANK YOU THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM VICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MR CHAIR I'M GOING TO TRY THIS AGAIN BASED ON PREVIOUS QUESTIONS AND JUST A QU SOME ANSWERS THAT WERE ALREADY BROUGHT UP BY CHAMORRO LAND TRUST I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO THE 166 LOTS OR 100 PLUS LOTS THAT ARE THERE IN YIGO AND I WANT TO SAY BASED ON KNOWLEDGE AND BEING HERE A VERY LONG TIME OVER 20 YEARS THE PROPERTY IN YIGO IS CHAMORRO LAND TRUST THE 166 LOTS THAT THAT I'M TALKING ABOUT RIGHT AND IT WAS REZONE IN 2013 IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AM I RIGHT SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT AND AND THE REQUEST FOR INVITATION FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN 20122 WAS WAS ISSUED AND IN 2022 THAT THAT WAS IN 2022 IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN AND THEN FROM THERE IT JUST ENDED SO WHY DIDN'T IT MOVE FORWARD I KNOW WE WERE LOOKING AT SUDA AND OTHER PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT YOU JUST KIND OF TALKED ABOUT LATER SO MAYBE JUST A STATUS ON THAT BECAUSE AGAIN I'M GOING TO RATE MR CHAIR THAT THIS IS CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY AND IF THIS BILL GOES THROUGH THE OPPORTUNITY FOR THOSE LOTS TO BE AVAILABLE TO THESE TO THESE LAND RECIPIENTS ON THE WAITING LIST THAT COULD ASCERTAIN ALL THIS IT WOULD BE A WIN SO FIRST OF ALL THAT UPDATE SIR.

CRUZ - CLTC: SPEAKER YOU ARE CORRECT THE 166 SLOT TRACK YOU ARE REFERRING TO IS LEGALLY KNOWN AS TRACK 10123 IT'S ACROSS THE YIGO BASKETBALL COURT OR IT'S THE PROPERTY RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE PARADISE MEADOWS AND YOU ARE CORRECT THAT IT WAS REZONED FROM AGRICULTURE TO RESIDENTIAL UM AND THROUGH THE AGREEMENT WITH THE DEVELOPERS OF PARADISE MEADOWS THE CAMORRO LAND TRUST OR AT THAT TIME HAD PROVIDED ACCESS THROUGH THAT EASMEN THERE IS INFRASTRUCTURE THAT RUNS THROUGH THAT EASMEN THAT IT COULD BE AVAIL THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRACK 10123 THE CLTC BOARD HAD IDENTIFIED THAT TRACK FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUBDIVISION AND SO AS WE EXPLORE THE BILL AND ITS INTENTIONS THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT CLTC CAN HOPEFULLY ENGAGE IN AN RFP FOR SOME DEVELOPER TO COME IN TO BUILD TURNKEY WHICH WOULD GO IN LINE AND WORK WORK WELL WITH THE 502 PROGRAM OF USDA YES YOU ARE CORRECT THERE WAS AN RFI ISSUED IN 2022 A REQUEST FOR INTEREST THERE WAS SOME DEVELOPERS WHO HAVE WHO HAD SUBMITTED IN INTERESTS IN DEVELOPING THAT PROPERTY UNFORTUNATELY WE HAVE NOT MOVED ON TO THE RFP PORTION OF THE WHOLE PROCUREMENT PROCESS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SO THANK YOU FOR THAT JOEY AND AND AND JUST BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO BRING HISTORY IN AND WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE AND HOW THIS POLICYMAKING BODY WOULD DO GOOD BY AT LEAST OPENING GETTING CREATIVE STEPPING OUT OF THE BOX AND GETTING CREATIVE TO PROVIDE THIS KICKOFF SO THAT THAT THAT THIS PROGRAMS LIKE THIS OR THINGS THAT ARE ALMOST SHOVEL READY CAN BE ABLE TO TO TAG ON TO HOOKIE RIGHT OR WHATEVER INTO INTO GETTING TRUE OWNERSHIP FOR FOR OUR OUR OUR APPLICANTS WHO WHO MAY QUALIFY BECAUSE AGAIN IT'S CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY RIGHT NUMBER TWO MR CHAIR JUST ONE MORE I PROMISE AND IN REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC OF A PUBLIC HEARING THAT WAS DONE GUAM WATERWORKS AUTHORITY RIGHT AND AND CHAMORRO LAND TRUST COMMISSION SAID THAT THEY WOULD BRING INFRASTRUCTURE IN ADACAO FOR 300 FAMILY LOTS JOEY AGAIN ASKING YOU HOW IS THAT BEING FUNDED WHAT'S GOING ON WHAT'S THE UPDATE BECAUSE AGAIN ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

CRUZ - CLTC: YES THERE IS A PROJECT WITH GWA AND CLTC IN REGARDS TO UPGRADING THE WATER SYSTEM SYSTEM AND INSTALLING WASTE WATER IN THE ADACAO AREA I BELIEVE THAT WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH A A GRANT OR THE ARP WITH GWA CLTC IS CURRENT CURRENTLY WORKING ON INFORMING THE CONSTITUENTS

OF THE PROJECT THAT WILL BEGIN BUT YES YOU ARE CORRECT THERE IS A PROJECT OF THE INSTALLATION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: HENCEFORTH THIS BILL MR CHAIR IS PROBABLY OF VERY GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO SHOW THAT WE WANT TO PROVIDE H HOUSES NEW HOUSES FOR OUR RECIPIENTS IN IN OUR ISLAND WHO QUALIFY FOR THESE PROGRAMS SO MR CHAIR WITH THAT BEING SAID AGAIN I WILL CONTINUE TO SHARE MY SUPPORT ON THIS EFFORT AND ASK THAT WE LOOK AT THIS MEASURE AND MOVE IT FORWARD IMMEDIATELY SO THANK YOU MR AND THANK YOU FOR ANSWERING MY QUESTIONS THIS MORNING *SAINA MA'ÁSE*'.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL NONE SENATOR LUJAN DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES JUST A COUPLE QUESTIONS THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR LUJAN: MR CHAIRMAN M MR CRUZ ACTUALLY THE QUESTION WAS PRETTY MUCH ANSWERED ALREADY BY MR CRUZ BY ASKED BY SENATOR SENATOR PEREZ BUT LET ME LET ME LET ME ASK THIS BECAUSE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT INFRASTRUCTURE AND FOR FOLKS THAT ARE CHAMORRO AN TRUST PROPERTIES THAT HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE NOW LET ME ASK BECAUSE THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL FOLKS THAT ARE LIVING ON CHAMORRO LAND TRUST PROPERTY THAT HAVE INFRASTRUCTURE WITHIN A FEW EITHER 100 YARDS OR SO FROM FROM AGAIN MAIN INFRASTRUCTURE FOR WATER AND POWER THEY'VE ALREADY HAVE A PEDESTAL ERECTED WATER WAS WITHIN I THINK A FEW YARDS THE AUTHORIZATION TO GET GET POWER AND WATER UTILITIES CONNECTED THE AUTHORIZATION IS IS SOUGHT FROM CLTC TO THE UTILITIES SO WHEN THOSE AUTHORIZATIONS WERE BROUGHT FORTH TO THE UTILITIES NOW THEY'RE SAYING THEY NEED TO GO BACK AND ASK FOR A LEASE AGREEMENT FROM CLTC IS THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF POLICY BECAUSE IN IN IN THE PAST THE AUTHORIZATIONS GIVEN BY CLTC FOR UTILITIES HAVE BEEN HONORED BY THE UTILITIES BUT THESE FEW AGAIN HOME HOME OWNERS DWELLERS IN CLTC PROPERTY HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN AND SAID NOW THEY HAD THEY NEED TO GO BACK TO CLTC TO AGAIN AND THEY'RE REQUIRING NOW LEASE AGREEMENTS FROM THE CLTC IN ORDER FOR THOSE UTILITIES TO BE AGAIN CONNECTED.

CRUZ - CLTC: SENATOR I I'M NOT TOO SURE IF THE UTILITY AGENCIES PROCESS OR POLICIES HAD CHANGED BUT CLTC TO DATE CONTINUES TO ISSUE UTILITY AUTHORIZATIONS FOR POWER AND WATER WE DO HAVE A CONSTITUENCY THAT ARE ON CLTC PROPERTY THROUGH OTHER GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS OF THE PAST SO THEY'RE CONSIDERED PREOCCUPIED AND THOSE PEOPLE DO NOT SOME SOME OF THEM DON'T HAVE LEASES SO WE DO ISSUE THEM THE UTILITY AUTHORIZATIONS.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY JUST YEAH AND THOSE AUTHORIZATION MY UNDERSTANDING THEY'RE AS THEY'RE ISSU THEY'RE ONLY GOOD FOR 30 DAYS AT A TIME RIGHT.

CRUZ - CLTC: THAT'S A POLICY DECISION OF THE UTILITY.

SENATOR LUJAN: OF THE UTILITY.

CRUZ - CLTC: COMPANY.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY YEAH BECAUSE IT'S BEEN I THINK THREE TIMES ALREADY RENEWED AND THEY'RE THEY'RE NEEDING AGAIN THE UTILITIES ARE TELLING THEM THEY NEED A LEASE AGREEMENT BUT I KNOW WITHIN THE SAME TRACK THERE HAVE BEEN INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE HAVE HAD THEIR THEIR UTILITIES CONNECTED WITH JUST THE AUTHORIZATIONS FROM FROM CLTC BUT AGAIN I DON'T KNOW WOULD WE BE ABLE TO FIND OUT IF THAT HAS CHANGED NOW.

CRUZ - CLTC: WE CAN INQUIRE.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR TELO DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: NO THANK YOU MR CHAIR JUST TO THANK THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE THIS AFTERNOON AND GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND AND AND ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR FISCHER NONE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN NICOLAS DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING NONE MADAME SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS WITH THE PANEL YOU'LL BE THE LAST.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE A REASON THAT THIS PROGRAM WASN'T CONSIDERED SOONER.

GUERRERO – GHC: IT WAS CONSIDERED SINCE 2005 WHEN A MOU WAS SIGNED BUT I KNOW THAT THERE WERE SOME CHANGES THAT RURAL DEVELOPMENT ALSO HAD THAT THEY HAD TO ADDRESS BECAUSE GUESS IT'S CHAMORRO LAND TRUST SO I THINK AFTER THAT WAS ADDRESSED THAT'S WHEN IT WAS OPENED AGAIN FOR US TO CONTINUE BUT IT'S GONE BACK SINCE 2005 AND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT CHAMORRO LAND TRUST RECIPIENTS HAVE ALREADY RE BEEN RECIPIENTS OF THIS PROGRAM THE 502.

GUERRERO – GHC: NONE OF THE 502 BUT FOR GU FOR GUAM HOUSINGS PROGRAM WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE BUT 502 NO BECAUSE THEY HAD SOME SOME ISSUES THAT THEY HAD TO ADDRESS BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY SO HOW SOON DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IF THIS BILL'S PASSED.

GUERRERO – GHC: I'M NOT SURE BUT I'M ENCOURAGING SALC TO GO AHEAD AND LET A START.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VETTING.

GUERRERO – GHC: DOING DOING THE ANALYSIS THE LOAN ANALYSIS TO SEE WHERE THEY FAIRE SO THAT WHEN THEY'RE GIVEN THE LEASE THEY'RE READY TO MOVE SO BUT IN TERMS I THINK THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT BUT I THINK THEY'RE JUST WAITING TO GET THE ESCROW AND WE SHOULD BE ABLE BECAUSE GUAM HOUSING WILL BE THE ONE TO PACKAGE THE LOAN APPLICATION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY I THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA I HOPE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU 100 APPLICANTS AND YEAH THEY CAN CONTINUE TO CONTROL THE ORDER HOWEVER YEAH THERE'S NO REASON WHY THEY CAN'T BE VETTED I DON'T THINK IF WITH THEIR THEIR CONSENT ALL RIGHT WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALL YOUR WORK ON THIS PROGRAM AND ALL THE OTHER PROGRAMS AT GUAM HOUSING JOEY SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE' FOR YOUR WORK AT THE CHAMORRO LAND TRUST FOR MANY MANY YEARS AND THROUGH GOOD AND BAD AND HOPEFULLY ALL GOOD FROM HERE ON AND THANKS AGAIN TO MR BAZA FROM BBMR FOR BEING VERY FRANK WITH US WE APPRECIATE YOUR HONEST ANSWERS THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS POINT I'D LIKE TO EXCUSE THE PANELIST AND I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING TODAY PLEASE BE SAFE THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE AT THIS POINT WE WILL RECESS AND THEN COME BACK TO THE THIRD ROUND THE THIRD ROUND IS ONLY AMENDMENTS AND COMMENTS THERE IS ONLY ONE AMENDMENT SO WE WILL COME BACK HOPEFULLY IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES AND WE CAN WRAP THIS UP THIS BILL THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FROM THAT SHORT RECESS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW MADAM CHAIR I HAVE AN AMENDMENT IT WAS ACTUALLY PUSHED FORWARD BY YOURSELF AND VICE SPEAKER AND I ONLY PUT MY NAME IN THE FRONT SO IT'S REALLY IT'S REALLY THE VICE SPEAKER TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AND YOURSELF VICE WHAT IT IS IS THAT ON PAGE LINE ON LINE FOUR PAGE THREE TO JUST ADD ON THAT YOU KNOW WE DISCUSSED THIS EARLIER IT'S ACTUALLY IT'S A REVENUE COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42 THAT'S WHAT THE THE AMENDMENT IS ACTUALLY SAYING AND AND THAT'S ALL IS IS IDENTIFYING IT'S NOT JUST GENERAL FUND NO IT'S SPECIFICALLY TO REVENUE COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42 AND THAT'S THE AMENDMENT FOR THAT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN WOULD ANYBODY LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS AMENDMENT ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON IT THERE'S NOBODY RAISING THEIR HANDS OKAY IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO OBJECTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SEEING NO OBJECTION OKAY SENATOR SNOG WOULD YOU LIKE TO CLOSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO NO NEED TO CLOSE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO WITH NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED OKAY ANYONE ELSE WITH ANY AMENDMENTS I MEAN THAT'S THE ONLY ONE I'VE SEEN ON THE GOOGLE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM CHAIR I' LIKE TO UNLESS ANYBODY HAS AN OBJECTION THAT WE GO AHEAD AND RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BECAUSE OH YOU YOU WANT TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK OKAY I GUESS SOME OF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON ON ON THE BILL NO PROBLEM OH AND OH I WAS GOING TO IDENTIFY THAT TO ADD CO-SPONSORS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SENATOR STINE YOU'RE RECOGNIZED CONTINUE PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT I WANTED TO ADD UM YOURSELF MADAM VICE TO AS CO-SPONSOR AND WE HAVE YOU KNOW I GOT LAN I HAVE SENATOR ESPECIALLY SENATOR DUEÑAS CUZ HE YOU KNOW HE'S HE'S HE'S COME FROM GUAM HOUSING HE'S ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG SUPPORTER SENATOR BROWN AND I THINK EVERYBODY ACTUALLY EVERYBODY'S IN SUPPORT OF TAKING CARE OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO ACTUALLY TO ADD EVERYONE AS CO-SPONSORS

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SO IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS TO ADDING THESE CO-SPONSORS STARTING WITH SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR I THINK IT WAS NEXT SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR BROWN AND THEN SENATOR PARKINSON AND EVERYONE ELSE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY OKAY OKAY THERE'S NO OBJECTION SO ORDERED OKAY ANYTHING ELSE SENATOR SANAGUSTIN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I UNLESS ANYONE REALLY HAS AN OBJECTION THAT WE GO AHEAD AND WE JUST RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND AND ACCEPT THE AMENDED AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATE AND SUBSTITUTE IN THE COMMIT OF THE WHOLE AND THE AMENDMENT IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO THE BILL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY THERE'S A MOTION TO RISE INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTIONS SO ORDERED OKAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOW WE RECESS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WE ARE NOW GOING TO TAKE JUST A SHORT RECESS AS WE RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AND WE'VE RISEN FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SAN AGUSTIN APPROPRIATIONS CHAIR YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAME SPEAKER I WISH THE REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER DELIBERATION OF BILL 114-37 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION APPROPRIATES AND SUBSTITUTED IN THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE THE HOLD IS TO BE PLACED ON THE THIRD READING FILE OF 114 DO YOU WANT ME TO GO AHEAD AND READ THE OTHER BILL ALSO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: 114 ON THAT MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PUT THE BILL AS AMENDED AND SUBSTITUTED ONTO THE THIRD READING FILE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WISH THE REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER DELIBERATION ON BILL 107 AS37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION

APPROPRIATION AND SUB AND FURTHER AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HALL TO BE PLACED ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO PLACE BILL 107 AS SUBSTITUTED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND FURTHER AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ONTO THE THIRD READING IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BERNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOT WITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 116-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF RECONSIDERATION OF BILL 116 NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'VE EXHAUSTED OUR OH NO THERE'S STILL THAT SENATOR PARKINSON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AT THIS TIME I WOULD MAKE TO MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES TO THE SESSION AGENDA AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTIVE LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU SENATOR SO I'M GOING TO CONSIDER THAT AS A MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: FOR THAT PURPOSE ON THAT MOTION TO GO BACK TO MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SO WE'RE NOW IN MOTION AT SENATOR PARKINSON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO READ THAT MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MAYBE AN ABBREVIATED VERSION.

SENATOR PARKINSON: SURE I WOULD AT THIS TIME I WOULD LIKE TO MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR TO THE SESSION AGENDA THREE-MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRĀMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY PROGRAM CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMER CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARDS THEIR ACCOUNT TO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO PLACE THAT BILL NOT WITHSTANDING THE RULES ONTO THE BOTTOM OF THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES IS THERE ANOTHER MOTION SENATOR BROWN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO PLACE BILL WHICH WAS REALLY BILL 30-37 I WON'T READ THE ENTIRE TITLE BUT WAS RELATIVE THE PROHIBITION OF EMPLOYMENT OF IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM OF INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT ON THIRD READING FOR AN OVERRIDE VOTE ON THE GOVERNOR'S VETO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES SO THIS WOULD BE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* TO PLACE VETO BILL NUMBER 30 -37 ONTO THE VOTING FILE FOR OVERWRITE ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK THIS WOULD BE THE TIME FOR DEBATE OF THAT MOTION IF THERE'S NO ONE THEN THE SPONSOR MAY CLOSE SPONSOR OF THE MOTION.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I APPRECIATE THE CONSIDERATION OF THE BODY I KNOW WE WE DISCUSSED THIS DURING OUR PREVIOUS SESSION AND I CERTAINLY AM ASKING MY COLLEAGUES TO REALLY SERIOUSLY CONSIDER OVERRIDING THE GOVERNOR'S VETO THE GOVERNOR'S JUSTIFICATION IS THAT SHE BELIEVES IN TERMS OF THE LANGUAGE OF THIS BILL THAT IT WOULD ALLOW EXISTING EMPLOYEES THAT HAVE SINCE BEEN HIRED THAT HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED OF OFFICIOUS CONDUCT THAT IT MIGHT ADVERSELY AFFECT THEIR ABILITY TO STAY EMPLOYED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GOAM BUT I VERY SPECIFICALLY DISCUSSED THE LANGUAGE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL BEFORE THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED TO

SPECIFY AND UNDERSTAND AND MAKE SURE AND THERE'S NOTHING SPECIFICALLY IN THIS BILL THAT RETROACTIVE THIS BILL WAIL WE RECOGNIZE THERE ARE SOME WELL-KNOWN INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE SINCE BEEN HIRED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT IN THE GOVERNMENT THIS PARTICULAR BILL WAS DELAYED IN IN THE LAST LEGISLATURE AND COMMITTEE IT NEVER SAW THE LIGHT OF DAY SO I DON'T THINK THOSE INDIVIDUALS ARE GOING TO BE AFFECTED BUT THE LANGUAGE SPECIFICALLY HAD TO DO WITH INDIVIDUALS THAT MAY BE CURRENTLY EMPLOYED IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THEN CONICT COMMIT AN ACT THAT THEY GET CONVICTED OF OFFICIAL MISCONDUCT THEIR EMPLOYMENT WOULD TERMINATE AUTOMATICALLY AND THAT ALSO INCLUDES FORMER INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE THAT HAVE STEPPED OUT OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT AS A RESULT OF ACTIONS THEY MAY HAVE DONE AND WANT TO COME BACK MOVING FORWARD ONCE THIS PARTICULAR BILL BECOMES LAW THEN OBVIOUSLY WOULD PROHIBIT THOSE INDIVIDUALS FROM COMING BACK THERE'S NO INTENT EVEN THOUGH THE FOCUS OF THE GOVERNOR'S VETO MESSAGE WHICH WAS QUITE LARGE I ALMOST TOOK UP THE WHOLE PAGE THAT WAS NEVER THE INTENT OBVIOUSLY IT'S A PROSPECTIVE BILL WE DID NOT SPECIFY ANYTHING BEING RETRO SO I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE LANGUAGE AND I HAVE CONFERRED AGAIN WITH LEGAL COUNSEL THAT THAT INDEED WAS OUR INTENT WHEN WE ORIGINALLY PASSED THIS BILL AND THAT'S WHERE THE LANGUAGE STANDS TODAY SO I HOPE MY COLLEAGUES WILL STAY WITH THEIR ORIGINAL VOTE TO VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S VETO I THINK THE TIME HAS COME MADAM SPEAKER WE CONTINUE TO SEE THE CRIMES IN THIS COMMUNITY THE CRIMES AGAINST OUR PEOPLE AND THE CRIMES UNFORTUNATELY THAT HAVE BEEN PERFORMED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS THAT ARE IN POSITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND I JUST DON'T THINK THAT SHOULD BE REWARDED I THINK OUR PEOPLE HAVE SUFFERED ENOUGH WE STILL SEE IT EVERY DAY WE SEE IT EVERY WEEK WE SEE EVERY MONTH IN OUR COMMUNITY WITH THE MISUSE OF AUTHORITY AND POWER THAT'S BEEN GIVEN TO INDIVIDUALS OF POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT THAT THEY'VE USED AND ABUSED IT I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD REWARD THEM I DON'T THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHOULD HAVE TO CARRY THAT BURDEN SO I ASK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THEIR VOTE TO OVERRIDE THE GOVERNOR'S BETO ON BILL 30-37 WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS BILL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* SENATOR BROWN ON THAT MOTION NOT STANDING THE OBJECTIONS OF *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* TO PLACE VETO BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR IN THE VOTING FILE FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THE OVERRIDE OR FOR AN OVERRIDE RECONSIDERATION OF THE VETO IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THAT MOTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'RE STILL UNDER MOTION SO IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION IF NOT WE HAVE SORRY IN SECOND READING THEN WE WE HAVE BILL 124-37 SENATOR PARIS AND WE HAVE BILL 208 THAT WAS JUST PLACED INTO THE SECOND READ SENATOR BARNETT YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY RELATIVE TO BILL NUMBER 185-37 MA'AM'.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RE-CONSIDERER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL NUMBER 185 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: MA'AM I'D ALSO LIKE TO MAKE THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE RULES TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY ON BILL 184-37 AS WELL MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES TO MAKE TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY IN BILL NUMBER 184 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SIGNAL OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION ALL RIGHT SO TO RECAP WE'VE GOT BILL 124-37 CO ON SECOND READING AND BILL 208 SENATOR PEREZ RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PEREZ: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO SET ASIDE BILL 124-37.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THERE'S A MOTION TO SET ASIDE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SO ON BILL NUMBER 208 WE WILL AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THIS BILL BECAUSE OF IT'S AN APPROPRIATIONS BILL MADAM.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SPEAKER I HAVE A MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I MY MOTION IS THAT WE WAIVE THE COMMITTEE THE WHOLE THAT WAS DISCUSSED IN IN THE OTHER TWO BILLS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND THEN WE JUST GOHE AND GO RIGHT TO THE BILL AND DISCUSS IT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S A MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF WAIVING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND MOTION FAILS SO WE WILL RESUME INTO IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT 2 PM SO WE'RE GOING TO RECESS TILL 2 P.M AND WE WILL GO STRAIGHT INTO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AND BILL 208.

RECESS

NOTE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK IS CALLED TO ORDER WE WE DON'T HAVE A QUORUM SO AT THIS TIME WE ONLY HAVE SENATOR PARKSON THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL BILL 208-37 AND SENATOR QUINATA UNTIL WE GET ALL THE PANEL MEMBERS HERE AND A CORUM THEN WE WILL CONTINUE WE WILL CONTINUE WE WILL RETURN BACK TO RECESS.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER SENATOR PARKSON YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES SIR AT THIS TIME NOTWITHSTANDING HOUSE RULES I'D LIKE TO RECONSIDER THE ACTIONS OF THE BODY AND WAIVE THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WE HAVE MET WITH BBMR WE HAVE SEEN THEIR WRITTEN STATEMENTS WE KNOW THE MONEY IS THERE THIS MEETING THIS C COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS SUPERFLUOUS SO I SAY WE SHOULD WAIVE IT I MAKE A MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOR THIS BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES THERE'S A MOTION TO WAIVE THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION THERE'S AN OBJECTION ALL IN FAVOR OF WAIVING THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PLEASE RAISE YOUR ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION PASSES WE ARE NOW WE WILL COMMIT THE WHOLE IS NOW WE ARE NOW IN RECESS SO WE CAN RETURN BACK TO THE SPEAKER IN CHARGE THANK YOU WE'RE IN RECESS AT THIS TIME.

RECESS

NOTE ROSE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS AND WE ARE PROCEEDING WITH THE SECOND READING WITH BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR SPONSOR SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 208-37 TO THE THIRD READING AND I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: MY COLLEAGUES TODAY WE HAVE BEFORE US BILL 208-37 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$15,828, 000 FROM FISCAL YEAR GENERAL FUND TO FUND A 3-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE POWER CREDITS THE REASON I INTRODUCED THIS EXTENSION WAS AS THE POWER CHAIR I SAW THAT OUR POWER CREDITS THAT WE HAD APPROVED PREVIOUSLY WERE EXPIRING JUST AS THE PUC HAD APPROVED RATE HIKES FOR SOME HOUSEHOLDS THAT MEANT THAT THEY WERE GOING TO SEE A \$130 INCREASE TO THEIR POWER BILLS IN ONE SINGLE MONTH WITH THE HIGH COST OF LIVING THAT IS A BACKBREAKING AMOUNT AND I THOUGHT IT PRUDENT TO GET AHEAD OF THAT AND REINTRODUCE THIS TAX CREDIT THAT WE HAVE ALREADY APPROVED AND EXTENDED MULTIPLE TIMES TO CONTINUE THE RELIEF TO OUR PEOPLE OF GUAM THIS IS A NECESSARY THING TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS WE TRY TO GET TOWARDS OUR NEW POWER PLANT AND HELP OUR LONG-TERM COST FOR ENERGY GO DOWN THAT BEING SAID WHILE I HAVE INTRODUCED THIS EXTENSION AND I FULLY SUPPORT IT WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY COST LOST WHEN WE DO THIS AS A CHAIR OF OTHER COMMITTEES I RECOGNIZE THAT THERE ARE FIRE TRUCKS THAT NEED TO BE REPLACED ROADS THAT NEED TO BE REBUILT PAY RAISES FOR ESSENTIAL INDUSTRIES LIKE THE NURSES AND WHILE WHAT WE'RE DOING IS GOOD WE HAVE TO AT LEAST COME TO TERMS AS A BODY AS AN ISLAND THAT WHEN WE DO THIS WE ARE MISSING OUT ON SOMETHING ELSE AND WHETHER WE COME ON ONE SIDE OF THAT CONVERSATION OR THE OTHER AS LONG AS WE GO INTO IT WITH BOTH EYES OPEN AND DOING IT TOGETHER WE CAN'T FAIL WE ARE SETTING OTHER CRITICAL NEEDS ASIDE TO USE THIS MONEY TO PUT IT DIRECTLY INTO THE POCKETS OF PEOPLE BECAUSE THE NEED FOR RELIEF FOR OUR PEOPLE IS GREAT I REALLY LIKE THIS MECHANISM FOR HELPING PEOPLE BECAUSE IT'S FASTER THAN A STIMULUS CHECK WE WERE ALL AROUND HERE FOR THE PANDEMIC AND WE'VE SEEN SOMETIMES HOW DIFFICULT IT WAS TO GET FROM THE POLICY OF YOU KNOW SETTING ASIDE THIS MONEY AND GETTING IT DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE'S POCKETS CAN SOMETIMES BE DIFFICULT WHEN THERE'S MEAN TESTING OR OTHER BARRIERS TO GETTING THAT MONEY OUT BUT WITH THIS SYSTEM WE CAN GET MONEY OUT DIRECTLY TO PEOPLE THROUGH THEIR POWER CREDITS AND GET THAT MONEY CIRCULATING DIRECTLY INTO THE SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY AND I HAVE TO SAY FOR THOSE WATCHING THIS IS NOT THE FIRST EXTENSION THIS ISN'T EVEN THE SIXTH EXTENSION THIS ISN'T EVEN THIS IS THE SEVENTH THIS IS GOING TO BE THE SEVENTH EXTENSION SO FOR PEOPLE WATCHING WHEN YOU ASK WHAT THE 37TH GUAM LEGISLATURE HAS DONE FOR YOU WE HAVE PUT \$1,800 INTO THE POCKETS OF EVERY FAMILY THAT HAS A POWER BILL IF WE PASS THIS BILL TODAY IT'LL BE \$2,100 AND THE REASON WE'RE ABLE TO HEAR THIS LEGISLATION SO FAST IS BECAUSE WE'RE STANDING ON THE WORK OF PEOPLE WHO DID THE WORK AND DID IT RIGHT IN THIS MEASURE I'D LIKE TO THANK CHAIRMAN SENATOR JOE SAN AUGUSTIN FOR THE ORIGINAL \$300 POWER CREDIT AND I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK SPEAKER TERLAJE FOR THE EXTENSIONS THAT CAME AFTERWARDS AS WELL AS HER WISDOM IN WAIVING THE PUBLIC HEARINGS AND ALL THE ROADBLOCKS TO GETTING THIS DONE BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M A FRESHMAN SENATOR THE ONLY REASON I'M ABLE TO GET SOME OF THESE BILLS OUT QUICKLY IS BECAUSE I'VE STOOD ON THE SHOULDERS OF THESE POLITICAL GIANTS KNOWING THAT THEY PUT IN THE WORK AND WE JUST GOT TO SAY YES OR NO TO THE EXTENSION YOU KNOW AS A FRESHMAN SENATOR I RECOGNIZE THAT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I'M KIND OF AN EXPERIMENT PEOPLE HAVE MADE A BET ON ME HAD SOME SORT OF HOPE IN ME BUT THIS FIRST TERM IS KIND OF AN EXPERIMENT ON HOW THAT WORKS OUT AND SO FOR THOSE WHO PUT THEIR FAITH AND MYSELF AND EVERYBODY IN THIS CHAMBER I WANT YOU TO PLEASE SEE AND RECOGNIZE THAT WHEN WE HAD TO DO THE TRIAGE OF HOW WE TOOK CARE OF THIS ISLAND WE CHOSE TO PUT AS MUCH OF IT BACK TO THE PEOPLE AS WE COULD NOT JUST MYSELF NOT JUST CHAIRMAN JOE NOT JUST THE SPEAKER BUT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US SO MADAM SPEAKER WITH THAT AT THIS TIME I'D LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD SENATOR JOE AS A CO-SPONSOR AS A PRIMARY CO-SPONSOR FOLLOWED BY SENATOR SPEAKER TERLAJE AND THEN EVERYONE ELSE IN THE BODY TO BE CO-SPONSORS TO THIS LEGISLATION ON THE MOTION TO ADD CO-SPONSORS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR PARKINSON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'M A BIG BELIEVER THAT THE PEOPLE NEED THIS HELP BUT AS THE POWER CHAIR I RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO HAVE A DEEPER CONVERSATION ABOUT WHAT WE DO MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE THERE'S CLEARLY A NEED FOR THIS POWER CREDIT AND I SEE EVEN IN THE SHORT TERM THERE MIGHT BE NEED FOR FURTHER EXTENSIONS AND SO WE NEED TO HAVE A COME TO JESUS WITH GPA AND TALK TO THEM ABOUT WHAT DO WE GOT TO DO SO THAT WE CAN CUT COST FOR OUR CONSUMERS WHAT CAN WE DO TO SAVE PEOPLE MONEY THAT ISN'T GOING TO THREATEN THEIR ABILITY TO PAY THE BOND AND SPREAD THAT BURDEN OUT AMONG THE REST OF US I FULLY INTEND TO HAVE THESE OVERSIGHT HEARINGS IN GPA IN THE COMING MONTHS BECAUSE WHILE WHAT WE ARE DOING IS GOOD THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY COST WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT DOING THE NAPKIN MATH IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE OVER A

HUNDRED MILLION THROUGH THIS PROGRAM ALONE PUT INTO THE POCKETS OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT'S A BEAUTIFUL THING IN THIS TIME OF NEED AND THIS TIME OF HARDSHIP AS WE TRY TO GET BACK TO A BETTER PLACE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY COST AND SO AS WE CONTINUE ON THIS GREAT EXPERIMENT IN MAKING A MORE PERFECT UNION I ASK MY COLLEAGUES TO SUPPORT ME IN THIS LEGISLATION WHILE ALSO KEEPING AN EYE TOWARDS WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IN THE FUTURE WITH GPA WITH THESE POWER CREDITS HOW SUSTAINABLE IT IS HOW LONG ARE WE GOING TO DO THEM I'LL BE HAVING THESE OVERSIGHTS WITH GPA AND I WELCOME ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES TO ASK GPA THESE QUESTIONS WITH ME BECAUSE THE MORE I IDEAS GET CHALLENGED THE MORE WE PUT THESE FEET TO THE FIRE THE MORE WE CAN DO OUR JOBS BETTER IN THIS CHAMBER TO SERVE THE PEOPLE BETTER SO THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES WHO SUPPORTED AND WITH THAT MADAM SPEAKER I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE MOTION TO PLACE A BILL ON THIRD READING IS THERE ANY SENATOR WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL YOU KNOW AND AND LIKE YOURSELF MADAM SPEAKER WE WE WE BOTH PUSH FOR AND AND EVEN WHAT MINORITY LEADER HAS ALWAYS MENTIONED BEFORE IS THAT WE NEED TO TRUST TO FIND A WAY TO BRING BACK OR GIVE BACK THE THE FUNDS TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IF THIS IS IF THIS IS THE BEST WAY WE CAN DO IT FOR NOW THEN LET'S DO THIS BUT AT THE SAME TOKEN IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED EARLIER DURING THE OTHER COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WHEN THEY WERE DISCUSSING ARP FUNDS AND I THINK WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO COMMUNICATE TO THE GOVERNOR THAT THIS IS WHERE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE REVENUE BASE WAS IT DROPPED AND AND AND THAT WAS THE BASIS OF USING ARP MONEY AND I BELIEVE THAT MAYBE ON THE NEXT ROUND HOPE HOPEFULLY THE ADMINISTRATION CAN PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 3 MONTHS SUPPORT TO THE THE YOU KNOW \$100 A MONTH SUPPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM EVEN AND AND IF IT CAN BE LONGER EVEN BETTER UNTIL UNTIL GPA HAS GOT THE PROGRAM TOGETHER AND THEY GET THEY FIND A WAY TO REDUCE THE COST OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS EFFORT AND THANK THE GOOD SPONSOR FOR INTRODUCING THE MEASURE AND OF COURSE LIKE HE SAID EARLIER THE EFFORTS THAT YOU'VE DONE AND SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN AND LITERALLY ALL OF US HERE WHO BELIEVE THAT THIS PROGRAM THIS CREDIT PROGRAM REALLY IS BENEFICIAL TO THE CUSTOMERS HERE ON OUR ISLAND SO I I DO RISE IN SUPPORT I KNOW THAT THAT A LOT OF US ARE LITERALLY AFFECTED BY THE POWER RATES THAT ARE ARE EXCRUCIATINGLY HIGH I MEAN I LITERALLY PERSONALLY HAVE DONE EVERYTHING I CAN TO TRY AND REDUCE THE POWER CONSUMPTION I'VE GIVEN UP ON A COUPLE OF ICE BOX FREEZERS AND AND AND LITERALLY TRY TO TURN OFF EVERYTHING AND E GET SOME LED LIGHTS INTO THE WHOLE HOUSE AND STILL WITH THE POWER BEING HIGH I CAN UNDERSTAND HOW A LOT OF OTHER FOLKS FEEL AND I JUST THINK THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY AS WE CONTINUE TO TRY TO COME BACK TO WHERE WE WERE AT PRE-PANDEMIC AND JUST LITERALLY BUILD ON THE ECONOMY THIS THIS IS ONE PIECE OF LEGISLATION AND PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP OUR COMMUNITY SO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO RISE IN SUPPORT OF THIS MEASURE AND *SAINA MA'ÁSE'*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SAINA MA'ÁSE'* VICE SPEAKER ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO' LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL SENATOR SAN NICOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW WHEN I WAS A YOUNG BOY MY DAD WOULD ALWAYS SAY YOU KNOW *MUÑGA MAMÁLÃO ANGEN MÅOLEK BIDÁDÁ-MU* DON'T BE ASHAMED WHEN YOU'RE DOING SOMETHING GOOD I UNDERSTAND EVEN ME I WAS SHOCKED WHEN I I SAW THE H THE THE THE CREDIT THE BENEFIT HOW HOW IT HOW THESE THINGS AFFECT US AND I LIKE TO APPLAUD THE AUTHOR ALL ALL WEEK I WAS CALLING HIM MY HERO FOR THE ADA BILLS BUT THIS IS ANOTHER ONE WHERE IT ACTUALLY IS REALLY HELPING EVERYBODY ON THE ISLAND WHO HAS A POWER BILL AND EVEN EVEN I IF I COULD SAVE A COUPLE BUCKS IT'S A WONDERFUL THING AND SO KNOWING THE THE RATE INCREASES AND HOW HOW THESE THINGS CAN AFFECT US AFFECT THE AFFECT EVERYONE AMONGST US THIS IS A WONDERFUL THING AND LIKE TO AGAIN APPLAUD THE AUTHOR AND AND HOWEVER WE WE GOT THE ABILITY TO SAVE THIS MONEY OR WE'VE GOTTEN

THIS MONEY IT'S SUCH A BLESSING SO I GUESS WE COULD JUST PASS IT ALONG I GUESS THIS IS KIND OF LIKE AN EARLY CHRISTMAS THING AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE ALL ABOUT AMEN THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR SAN NICOLAS ON THE BILL IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON THE BILL ON THE BILL.

NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: COLLEAGUES WE'RE STILL ON 208-37 COR AND IT THIS TIME UNDERSTAND SPEAKER TERLAJE YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON THE MAIN MOTION YOU MAY PROCEED AT THIS TIME YES SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO BELABOR THE POINT OF THE NEED FOR ANY TYPE OF ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHEN THEY'RE FACING RATES THAT ARE GOING UP ON POWER WHEN THEY WE ALREADY KNEW BEFORE THAT THEY WERE REALLY HAVING A HARD TIME WITH POWER AND RATES OF EVERYTHING ELSE RISING THAT WAS ONE OF THE QUICKEST WAYS THAT WE COULD ASSIST THEM WE WERE VERY FORTUNATE THANKS TO I THINK OUR OWN BUDGETING THAT WE BUDGETED BENEATH THE REVENUE PROJECTIONS OR YOU KNOW WE WE PROJECTED REVENUE THAT WE HAVE NOW EXCEEDED SO WE ARE ABLE TO DO THIS TODAY AND THAT THE CRER REPORT WAS JUST RELEASED UH YES YESTERDAY OR THE DAY BEFORE SO WE JUST FOUND OUT ON THAT DAY AS WELL BUT WHAT WE ALSO FOUND OUT IN THE LAST TWO DAYS OF HEARINGS IS SOMETHING VERY INTERESTING AND I THINK WE HEARD HEARD IT BEFORE BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY ACTION ON IT AS FAR AS I CAN TELL IS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAS THE POWER WITH ARP FUNDS TO ASSIST THOSE ESPECIALLY IN THE LOWER INCOME LEVELS BASED ON THE RULES OF THE CORONAVIRUS FUNDS THE ARP THE CORONAVIRUS FUNDS ACCORDING TO BBMR THIS MORNING AND SHE COULD SHE COULD DO THIS OR WE COULD CUT THIS IN HALF AND SHE COULD TAKE CARE OF THE OTHER HALF WITH THE ARP FUNDS FOR THOSE WHO FIT THE INCOME LEVELS OR COME UP WITH ANOTHER PROGRAM AND WE KNOW THAT THESE FUNDS ARE COMING TO AN END SOON BUT WE'VE ALSO SEEN IN THE LAST FEW DAYS THESE FUNDS ARE BEING USED WIDELY THROUGHOUT OUR GOVERNMENT FOR SALARIES FOR HIRING OF PERSONNEL NOT NECESSARILY RELATED TO THE PANDEMIC AND AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO BE FACED IN THE UPCOMING BUDGETS WITH DO WE KEEP ALL OF THAT THOSE PERSONNEL THAT WOULD HIRE WITH THESE SPECIAL FUNDS ON OR WERE THEY HIRED WITH VERY CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT WHEN THE FUNDING RUNS OUT I I'M NOT SURE WHAT THE PLAN IS THAT HASN'T REALLY BEEN SHARED WITH THE US BUT OF COURSE I I'M EQUALLY CONCERNED WITH ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES ABOUT YOU KNOW WHAT COULD HAPPEN IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS IF WE PUT THIS MONEY OVER HERE VERSUS YOU KNOW USING IT FOR ANY OF OUR OTHER NEEDS WE HAVE VERY MANY CRITICAL NEEDS BUT WHAT I WHAT REALLY SWAYS ME IS WHEN I SEE THAT ARP FUNDS WERE AVAILABLE AND WE'RE NOT USED FOR THIS PROGRAM THAT ARP FUNDS ARE BEING USED TO HIRE MORE PERSONNEL THAT EVEN LAWYERS GET A PAY RAISE THAT I DON'T KNOW THIS IS THE BEST WAY AND THE QUICKEST WAY THAT WE AS A LEGISLATURE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO FIND TO JUST TAKE CARE OF HOUSEHOLDS HOUSEHOLDS WITH CHILDREN AND ELDERLY AND JUST TAKE CARE OF THEM DIRECTLY IT'S NOT THE PERFECT WAY AND NOT EVERYBODY NEEDS IT AND SOME PEOPLE CALL MY OFFICE AND AND SAY STOP THAT WE DON'T NEED THAT PEOPLE DON'T NEED THAT WELL I DON'T THINK THEY'VE SEEN ALL THE PEOPLE THAT WE'VE SEEN AND THAT'S REALLY THE DIFFERENCE BECAUSE I FEEL LIKE IF THEY COULD SEE THE PEOPLE WE'VE SEEN THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN CLAMORING THAT THAT ARP MONEY BE SPENT FASTER AND SOONER AND HELP THESE PEOPLE SO I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS ASSISTANCE TO THE HOUSEHOLDS OF GUAM AND UNTIL WE COME UP WITH A BETTER SOLUTION AND I WISH GPA WAS IN HERE BECAUSE I REALLY WOULD LIKE TO TELL THEM THAT IF WE CAN'T AFFORD THEIR PAY RAISES NOW OR THEIR YEAH THEIR PAY RAISES AND THEIR RATE RAISES IF WE CAN'T AFFORD THOSE NOW WE CAN'T AFFORD THOSE PERIOD THEY ARE EXCEEDING OUR ABILITY TO TAKE CARE OF OUR FAMILIES SO SOMETHING HAS GOT TO GIVE AND I KNOW THEY HAVE A PLAN TO BUILD A NEW SYSTEM AND THAT'S GOING TO CUT BACK ON THE FUEL COSTS SO I HOPE THAT THAT WILL BALANCE OUT BUT I HAVE PEOPLE FROM MIDDLE INCOME FAMILIES DESPERATELY ASKING FOR THIS TYPE OF AID AND WE KNOW THAT THESE PROBLEMS ARE ALSO EXACERBATED BY OTHER THINGS THAT ARE NOT BEING TAKEN CARE OF INCLUDING THE DRUG PROBLEM I GETTING CALLS EVERYDAY NOW BAGS OF THINGS EVERYWHERE I JUST THINK THIS IS NOT ALL THAT THE PEOPLE NEED THEY NEED A LOT MORE WE NEED TO TAKE CARE OF SO MUCH MORE GMH YES BUT WE'VE GIVEN THEM MONEY AND WE STILL CAN'T GET IT TAKEN CARE OF SOME OF THESE THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO BOIL DOWN TO MANAGEMENT WE'VE GIVEN MONEY WE CAN'T GET AN RFP OUT ON THE *GUMA MINA'ÅSE* CHILDREN'S SHELTER AND THAT LOOKS LIKE NOTHING BUT INCOMPETENCE TO ME AND I DON'T

MEAN THE INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES I MEAN THE MANAGE THE MANAGEMENT THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH MANAGEMENT BECAUSE MONEY CAN'T SOLVE THOSE THINGS IF YOU REALLY WANT TO DO IT GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND GET IT DONE ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND STOP FLIPPING BACK AND FORTH AND HOW THEY NEED TO GET THAT DONE AND JUST GET IT DONE ANYWAY SO I DIDN'T MEAN TO GET ALL BUT IT'S IT'S JUST THOSE ARE THE THINGS WE WEIGH AND SOME OF IT CAN BE SOLVED WITH MONEY SOME OF IT IT TAKES EFFORT SO I'M JUST ASKING AGAIN WE'RE GOING TO PUT THIS MONEY OVER TO GPA GPA I HOPE YOU GET THE MESSAGE STRAIGHT WE'RE NOT BAILING YOU OUT YOU NEED TO BAIL YOURSELF OUT YOU NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU ARE GOING TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR INHOUSE BUSINESS AND MAKE IT AFFORDABLE FOR ALL OF US AND IT DOESN'T HELP WHEN WE SEE PAY RAISES IN THE NEWSPAPER AND ALL KINDS OF THINGS LIKE THAT WHEN PEOPLE CALL US AND TELL US THEY CAN'T PAY THEIR BILLS AS SIMPLE AS THAT SO THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THAT ANYONE ELSE ON THE MAIN MOTION ANYONE ELSE IF NOT SENATOR PARKINSON YOU MAY CLOSE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: I THINK IT'S ENOUGH HAS BEEN SAID MADAM CHAIR I'LL WAIVE MY CLOSE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THE MOTION TO PUT IN THE THIRD READING VOTING FILE PLEASE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A MOTION TO ADD THIS BILL TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: CAN YOU READ THE NUMBER PLEASE.

SENATOR PARKINSON: YES MA'AM MOTION TO PLACE BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR TO THE THIRD READING FILE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AS AMENDED SIR ON THE FLOOR.

SENATOR PARKINSON: AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR YES MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU ON THAT MOTION COLLEAGUES ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS SEEING OR HEARING NONE MOTION CARRIES WE ARE GOING TO JUST TAKE A MOMENT'S MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

NOTE SPEAKER TERLAJE PRESIDES

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THE CLERKS HAVE SAID WE SHOULD BE READY TO VOTE BY 2:00 TOMORROW IS THERE ANY OKAY WE'RE BACK WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE GOING TO RECESS UNTIL 2:00 P.M. TOMORROW FOR VOTING 2:00 P.M. TOMORROW 2:00 P.M.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÅHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS WELCOME BACK COLLEAGUES WE'RE NOW ON ITEM 18 CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'LL BEGIN WITH BILL NUMBER 48-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 48-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES *HAGÅTÑA* REVITALIZATION REGIONAL AFFAIRS PUBLIC LIBRARIES TELECOMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND FEDERAL AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JESSE A LUJAN JOANNE BROWN SABINA FLORES PEREZ WILLIAM A PARKINSON TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES DWAYNE TD SAN NICHOLAS FRANK BLAS JR JOE S SAN AGUSTIN CHRIS BARNETT CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS TELO T TAITAGUE THOMAS J FISHER ROY AB QUINATA AMANDA L SHELTON THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 3134 TO ARTICLE 1 OF CHAPTER 3 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING THE CONSISTENT ONLINE POSTING OF REPORTS FOR EVERY SCHOOL INSPECTION CONDUCTED TO BE ON A DEDICATED GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WEBSITE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 48-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES ZERO NAYS AND IS DULY PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON BILL NUMBER 81-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 81-37 LS AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS TELO T TAITAGUE THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 40111 OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 40 TITLE 5 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR'S COUNCIL OF GUAM TO SELECT THE TIME AND DATE OF THE OATH TAKING AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF THE MAYORS AND VICE MAYORS OF GUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 81-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 98-37COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 98-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE ARTS INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 55 A DIVISION 5 TITLE 17 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING THAT ALL GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE GUAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADA COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 98-37COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FIRE AGRICULTURE POWER AND ENERGY UTILITIES PUBLIC TRANSIT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE AND UNIVERSAL HEALTH INSURANCE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 8502C2B AND 8505B3 OF ARTICLE 5 CHAPTER 8 TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO NET METERING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (NAY) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (NAY) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (NAY).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 142-37 COR RECEIVED 11 AYES AND 4 NAYS AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6505 AND 6507 AND REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 6506 OF ARTICLE 5 CHAPTER 6 TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE USE OF TOBACCO FEES AND PENALTIES TO PROTECT GUAM'S YOUTH FROM THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF NICOTINE AND TOBACCO USE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (PASS) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (PASS) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS) SENATOR QUINATA (PASS) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE). SENATOR FISHER (PASS/ NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 186-37 LS RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE NAY BILL NUMBER 186 IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 187 37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 187-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M. DUEÑAS THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA JOE S SAN AGUSTIN DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L SHELTON TELO T TAITAGUE THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 6102 F OF ARTICLE 1 TO AMEND SECTION 6201 6202 6206 AND 6209 AND REPEAL SECTION 6205 ALL OF ARTICLE 2 TO AMEND SECTION 6301A OF ARTICLE 3 TO REPEAL SECTION 6403 OF ARTICLE 4 TO AMEND SECTION 6507 OF ARTICLE 5 TO AMEND SECTION 6702B 6702P AND 6702 R OF ARTICLE 7 AND TO APPEAL SECTION 6802 C AND 6811 OF ARTICLE 8 ALL OF CHAPTER 6 TITLE 11 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO PROHIBITING THE SALES OF TOBACCO NICOTINE PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES THROUGH VENDING MACHINES ON GUAM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE)

SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 187-37 LS RECEIVED 15 I'S AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON AN ACT TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER 81 TO DIVISION 2 OF TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO MANDATING ALL GOVERNMENT OF GUAM LEASED OFFICES TO BE ADA COMPLIANT AND TO CITE THIS ACT AS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ADA COMPLIANCE ACT 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (NAY) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (NAY).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 191-37 COR RECEIVED 12 I'S AND THREE NAYS AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 209-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 209-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE CHRIS BARNETT JOANNE BROWN SABINA FLORES PEREZ JOE S SAN AGUSTIN FRANK BLAS JR TELO T TAITAGUE CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L SHELTON AND ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 3803 3805 3806 3807 3808 3809 3810 3811 3813 AND 3814 OF ARTICLE 8 CHAPTER 3 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO UPDATING THE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER PROGRAM ITS ADVISORY COUNCIL AND THE DUTIES OF THE COUNCIL CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 209-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 212-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 212-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY JESSE A LUJAN CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS TELO T TAITAGUE TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES CHRIS BARNETT DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AN AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF A 707 SQUARE METER PORTION OF LOT NUMBER 5173 NEW-3 FROM THE *CHAMORU* LAND TRUST COMMISSION TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF *TAMUNING TUMON* AND *HARMON*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL **CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:** SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 212-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS JOE S SAN AGUSTIN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES AMANDA L SHELTON WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS

SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T TAITAGUE THERESE M TERLAJE AND ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 79607 TO ARTICLE 6 OF CHAPTER 79 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO AUTHORIZING THE INDEPENDENT VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION OF GUAM TO USE A PORTION OF THE SKINNER PLAZA TO ESTABLISH THE VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL MONUMENT HONORING THE 77 SONS OF GUAM WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE AND ALL OF THE VIETNAM VETERANS IN SERVICE OF OUR ISLAND AND COUNTRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (PASS) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE)) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 170-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 228 -37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 228-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT TELO T TAITAGUE ROY AB QUINATA SABINA FLORES PEREZ JOE S SAN AGUSTIN AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 75A 109A OF ARTICLE 1 CHAPTER 75A AND SECTION

75109 A1 OF CHAPTER 75 TITLE 21 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED AND REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 6 A112 AND 6 A132 OF CHAPTER 6A AND REPEAL AND REENACT SECTION 6112 AND AMEND SECTION 6132 OF CHAPTER 6 TITLE 18 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO SUCCESSORS TO *CHAMORU* LAND TRUST LEASEES AND APPLICANTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (PASS).SENATOR FISHER (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 228-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 171-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 171-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT REVENUE AND TAXATION LABOR PROCUREMENT AND STATISTICS RESEARCH AND PLANNING SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY SABINA FLORES PEREZ CHRIS BARNETT TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S SAN AGUSTIN TELO T TAITAGUE AMANDA L SHELTON DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS FRANK BLAS JR THERESE M TERLAJE JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS THOMAS J FISHER JESSE A LUJAN WILLIAM A PARKINSON ROY AB QUINATA AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 51202 E AND 51207 A AND B AND ADD A NEW SECTION 51203 D OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 51 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO INCREASING THE FINES FOR SUBSTANTIAL LITTERING VIOLATIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 171-37 CO RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 226-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 226-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT TELO T TAITAGUE THERESE M TERLAJE JESSE A LUJAN SABINA FLORES PEREZ AMANDA L SHELTON TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES JOE S SAN AGUSTIN DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS JOANNE BROWN FRANK BLAS JR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 21103 OF CHAPTER 21 TITLE 10 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING SANITARY PERMITS TO BE RENEWED EVERY YEAR ON THE ANNIVERSARY DATE OF ISSUS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 226-37 COR RECEIVED 14 AYES AND ONE NAY AND IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 114-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 114-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS AND SUBSTITUTED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE JOE S SAN AGUSTIN DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$50,000 TO THE GUAM OFFICE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO FUNDING THE APRIL 2024 ISLAND WIDE VETERANS CONVENTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (PASS) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 114-37 LS RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 107-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 107-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AND APPROPRIATIONS SUBSTITUTE IT AND FURTHER AMEND IT IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY JOE S SAN AGUSTIN ROY AB QUINATA TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS WILLIAM A PARKINSON AMANDA L SHELTON TELO T TAITAGUE JESSE A LUJAN CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS JOANNE BROWN CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR THOMAS J FISHER SABINA FLORES PEREZ THERESE M TERLAJE AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE \$500,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RELATIVE TO FUNDING AND MAINTAINING THE GUAM HOUSING CORPORATION RURAL HOUSING SERVICE ESCROW SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 107-37 RECEIVED 15 EYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS DOES EVERYBODY HAVE COPIES OF THE BILLS THAT WERE JUST PASSED OUT ARE 116 184 AND 185 SENATOR FISHER YOU NEED A COPY.

SENATOR FISHER: I'M NOT I'M NOT REAL SURE I RECEIVED TWO COPIES OF 184 ARE THERE COMPETING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SENATOR FISHER: THAT'S ALL RIGHT CAUSE I GOT 184.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'LL PROCEED WE LEFT OFF ON BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR AS AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY WILLIAM A PARKINSON JOE S SAN AGUSTIN THERESE M TERLAJE CHRIS BARNETT FRANK BLAS JR JOANNE BROWN CHRISTOPHER M DUEÑAS THOMAS JAY FISHER JESSE A LUJAN TINA ROSE MUÑA BARNES SABINA FLORES PEREZ ROY AB QUINATA DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS AMANDA L SHELTON TELO T TAITAGUE AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE 15 MILLION 828,000 FROM FISCAL YEAR 2024 GENERAL FUND REVENUES COLLECTED IN EXCESS OF THE ADOPTED LEVELS ENUMERATED IN PUBLIC LAW 37-42 AS AMENDED TO THE GUAM POWER AUTHORITY FOR 3MONTH EXTENSION TO THE *PRUGRAMAN AYUDA PARA I TAOTAO-TA* ENERGY CREDIT PROGRAM RELATIVE TO PROVIDING CUSTOMERS WITH \$300 CREDIT TOWARD THEIR ACCOUNT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 208-37 COR RECEIVED 15 AYES AND IS UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW ON THE VOTING FILE ON THE NOMINATION OF NADINE T CEPEDA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE NOMINATION OF NADINE T CEPEDA IS PASSED UNANIMOUS BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF RONALD T LAGUATNA TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ANCESTRAL LANDS COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE NOMINATION OF RONALD T LAGUATNA IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF DR JEFFREY C JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HANDS.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DR JEFFREY C JOHNSON IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED I'M SORRY COLLEAGUES I WAS DISTRACTED CAN WE PLEASE UH ALL IN FAVOR OF THE NOMINATION OF DR JEFFREY C JOHNSON TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND DR JEFFREY C JOHNSON IS CONFIRMED BY MAJORITY OF THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF DAPHNE MAY H LEON GUERRERO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: DAPHNE MAY H LEON GUERRERO IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF MARGARET ER TYQUIENGCO TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MARGARET ER TYQUIENGCO IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED AS A MEMBER OF THE GUAM ETHICS COMMISSIONED BY THIS BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF JOSEPH M MCDONALD TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER COMMUNITY AT LARGE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND.

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: JOSEPH M MCDONALD IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS

BODY ON THE NOMINATION OF PETER B MONTINOLA TO SERVE AS A COMMISSIONER

TELECOMMUNICATIONS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PETER B MONTINOLA IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY AS THE COMMISSIONER TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ON THE NOMINATION OF RAY C TAJALLE TO SERVICE A MEMBER PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS ALL IN FAVOR PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND

SHOW OF HANDS:

SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BROWN SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR FISHER SENATOR LUJAN VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN NICOLAS SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR TAITAGUE SPEAKER TERLAJE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: RAY TAJALLE IS UNANIMOUSLY CONFIRMED BY THIS BODY TO THE GUAM BOARD OF ALLIED HEALTH EXAMINERS WE'RE NOW ON NUMBER BILL NUMBER 116- 37COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR AS SUBSTITUTED BY COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMENDED AND FURTHER SUBSTITUTE IT AND AMENDED ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY THERESE M TERLAJE SABINA FLORES PEREZ TELO T TAITAGUE CHRIS BARNETT JOANNE BROWN AND ACT TO ADD NEW SUBSECTIONS MM NN AND O O TO SECTION 61103 OF ARTICLE 1 AND AMEND SECTION 61304 B7 61309 B AND 61310 OF ARTICLE 3 CHAPTER 61 AND AMEND SECTION 66201 POINT1 OF ARTICLE 2 CHAPTER 66 ALL OF TITLE 21 WHILE CODE ANNOTATED AND TO ADD NEW SECTIONS 10104 D8 1010483 10104 C5 E 10104 C5F 10107 G 10103 C 88 AND 89 AND 1010 7 G4 AND AMEND SECTION 10106 B6 ALL OF CHAPTER 10 TITLE 22 GUAM ADMINISTRATIVE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATIVE TO STRENGTHENING AND HARMONIZING GOVERNMENT AGENCY ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITIES AND ENSURING BEST MINING OR ACQUIRING PRACTICES.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (NAY) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (NAY) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 116-37 COR RECEIVED SIX AYES AND NINE NAYS AND DULY FAILED BY THIS BODY NOT WITHSTANDING THE OBJECTION OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* SHALL VETOED BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR BE OVERRIDDEN.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (AYE) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (NAY) SENATOR PARKINSON (NAY) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (NAY) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VETOED BILL NUMBER 90- 37COR RECEIVED SIX AYES NINE NAYS VETOED BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR FAILED OVERRIDE BILL NUMBER 185- 37 LS I'LL REPEAT THAT VETOED BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR RECEIVED SIX AYES AND NINE NAYS VETOED BILL NUMBER 30-37 COR FAILED OVERRIDE BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE AND FURTHER AMEND IT ON THE FLOOR INTRODUCED BY CHRIS BARNETT AN ACT TO ADD A NEW SECTION 831-17 TO CHAPTER 83 OF TITLE 12 GUAM CODE ANNOTATED RELATIVE TO REQUIRING ANY NEW HOSPITAL CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO THE GUAM 21ST CENTURY HEALTH CARE CENTER ACT OF 2021 TO BE CONSTRUCTED ON LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-R7 LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-7 AND LOT 5173-1-R2 NEW-6 AND IN THE VILLAGE OF *TAMUNING*.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (AYE) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (AYE) SENATOR DUEÑAS (AYE) SENATOR FISHER (NAY) SENATOR LUJAN (AYE) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (NAY) SENATOR PARKINSON (NAY) SENATOR PEREZ (AYE) SENATOR QUINATA (NAY) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (NAY) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (PASS) SENATOR SHELTON (NAY) SENATOR TAITAGUE (AYE) SPEAKER TERLAJE (AYE).SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE)

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS RECEIVED EIGHT AYES AND SEVEN NAYS BILL NUMBER 185-37 LS IS DULY PASSED BY THIS BODY BILL NUMBER 18437 COR CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 184-37 COR AS AMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH LAND JUSTICE AND CULTURE INTRODUCED BY BY COMMITTEE ON RULES BY REQUEST OF *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* THE GOVERNOR OF GUAM IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ORGANIC ACT OF GUAM AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GUAM ESSENTIAL LANDS COMMISSION TO SELL OR LEASE LOTS 2453 24531 2454 2455 2457 AND 2457 D1 IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF *BARRIGADA* TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AT FAIR MARKET VALUE FOR USE AS THE SITE OF A NEW MEDICAL COMP.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: SENATOR BARNETT (NAY) SENATOR BLAS (NAY) SENATOR BROWN (NAY) SENATOR DUEÑAS (NAY) SENATOR FISHER (AYE) SENATOR LUJAN (NAY) VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES (AYE) SENATOR PARKINSON (AYE) SENATOR PEREZ (NAY) SENATOR QUINATA (AYE) SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN (AYE) SENATOR SAN NICOLAS (AYE) SENATOR SHELTON (AYE) SENATOR TAITAGUE (NAY) SPEAKER TERLAJE (NAY).

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 18437 RECEIVED SEVEN EYES AND 8 NAYS BILL NUMBER 184-37 COR IS DULY FAILED BY THIS BODY WE'RE NOW IN BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS THE FLOOR IS OPEN IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF IF NOT BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED

SENATOR PARKINSON: I'LL BE BRIEF SPEAKER THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE FLOOR I JUST WANTED TO THANK ALL MY COLLEAGUES FOR SUPPORTED MY BILLS I APPRECIATE THE GOOD WORK WE DID AND THE VIGOROUS

DISCUSSION THANK YOU ALL DRIVE HOME SAFE AND LET'S ALL MAKE GOOD DECISIONS THIS WEEKEND THANK YOU.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE ELSE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED IF NOT THE ONLY ANNOUNCEMENT I HAVE RIGHT NOW IS THAT MARCH WE WILL BE BEGIN THE CELEBRATION OF *MES CHAMORU* SO THE LEGISLATURE HAS ACTIVITIES PLANNED OF COURSE GDOE UH ALL AROUND GUAM WE WILL BE CELEBRATING ACTIVITIES INCLUDING *UMATAC* ON MARCH 4TH SO *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAME SPEAKER I MOVE TO ADJOURN TODAY'S SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER IS THERE ANY OBJECTIONS NO OBJECTION WE ARE ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.

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