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SPEAKER TERLAJE: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS CALLED TO ORDER WE ARE HERE FOR AN EMERGENCY SESSION MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED OH.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SORRY ONE CLERKS PLEASE TAKE A ROLL CALL TO SEE IF WE HAVE A QUORUM.

SUBSTITUTE 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 NO QUORUM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ACCORDING TO THE CLERKS THERE IS NOT A CLERKS A QUORUM THERE IS ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN WE NEED EIGHT FOR A QUORUM THE CALL TO EMERGENCY SESSION WAS SENT AT WAS SENT AT 4:21 PM FOR 9:00 A.M. TODAY IT'S NOW 9:24 9:34 SO WE WILL WAIT I'M GONNA WAIT 15 MORE MINUTES UNTIL WE HAVE A QUORUM AND THEN I'M GONNA CALL IT WE'LL BE IN RECESS FOR 15 MINUTES

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE DIDN'T HAVE A QUORUM EARLIER THE SESSION AGAIN WAS CALLED FOR 9:00 A.M. THIS IS AN EMERGENCY SESSION CALLED FOR 9:00 A.M. TODAY IT IS NOW 9:52 CLERKS PLEASE TAKE ROLL.

SUBSTITUTE 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 NO QUORUM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* CLERKS THERE'S ONLY SEVEN OUT OF EIGHT THAT WE NEED FOR OUR QUORUM SO WE DO NOT HAVE A QUORUM.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER POINT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR BARNETT YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR BARNETT: POINT OF INQUIRY THANK YOU MA'AM WHAT'S THE PROCEDURE WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE A QUORUM BECAUSE I I KNOW THE EMAIL AND THE NOTICES HAD ALL GONE OUT AND I BELIEVE I EVEN SAW THE EMERGENCY SESSION REPORTED IN THE MEDIA SO WAS THERE A GLITCH IN THE MATRIX THAT'S PRESENTING HALF OF THE PREVENTING HALF OF THE BODY FROM BEING HERE BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M NEW AT THIS WHAT'S THE PROTOCOL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'VE NOT BEEN TOLD ANY REASON HERE EXCEPT FOR SENATOR PEREZ WHO'S WAITING FOR A CARETAKER.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: TO TAKE CARE OF HER PARENTS.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: VICE SPEAKER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANKS ON THE POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPEAKER I WAS INFORMED THAT SENATOR JOHN JOE SAN AGUSTIN WAS AWAITING SOME UTILITY EFFORTS IN HIS HOUSE IN YIGO SO THAT'S WHAT HIS HOLD UP IS WATER AND POWER I THINK.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M GETTING SIGNAL IS HE HERE ALL RIGHT WE'LL TAKE A ONE MINUTE RECESS THEY SAID THERE'S ANOTHER SENATOR HERE SO WE CAN HAVE A QUORUM ONE MINUTE RECESS.

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE GOING TO TRY ONE MORE TIME FOR A QUORUM CLERKS PLEASE TAKE ROLL.

SUBSTITUTE 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: WE NOW HAVE A QUORUM FOR OUR EMERGENCY SESSION MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO ADOPT TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA DATED JUNE 1ST 2023.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS TWO THROUGH SIX.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO WAIVE ITEMS TWO THROUGH SIX WHICH INCLUDE THE PRAYER THE RECIPIENT *I MILÁYAN MÂS TAKHILO NA SAKRAFISU* THE *INIFRESI* AND THE SINGING OF THE HYMNS IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE'VE ALREADY ESTABLISHED THE ROLL MAJORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 8 THROUGH 12 WHICH ARE THE CALL OF THE APPROVAL OF THE LEGISLATIVE JOURNAL COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS MESSAGES FROM *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES AND REPORTS OF SELECT COMMITTEES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO WAIVE IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES MAJORITY LEADER YOU RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE THAT BILL'S INTRODUCED BILL NO. 129-37 LS AND RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION NO. 141-37 LS BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN GIVEN THEIR FIRST READING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT 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 MOVE TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT THERE'S BEEN AN OBJECTION ON THAT MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATORS NOT PRESENT FOR TODAY'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION PLEASE RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU ARE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I WITHDRAW MY MOTION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THE MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE ARE NOW IN MOTIONS.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER I MOVE TO EXCUSE SENATOR SABINA PEREZ FROM TODAY'S SESSION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THE MOTION TO EXCUSE SENATOR PEREZ FROM TODAY'S SESSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO MOTION CARRIES WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* I MOVE TO PLACE BILL NO. 129-37 LS ON THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MADAM SPEAKER THIS IS A BILL INTRODUCED BY MYSELF SENATOR ROY QUINATA SENATOR WILL PARKINSON AND SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'HĀGAN GUĀHAN* TO UTILIZE UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR A POST TYPHOON MAWAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR GUAM FAMILIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THAT THE BILL AS INTRODUCED.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM SPEAKER AS SUBSTITUTED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: HAS THAT BEEN.

SENATOR SHELTON: IT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE CLERKS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT WE'LL ENTERTAIN THE MOTION ON THE INTRODUCED VERSION AT THIS TIME UNTIL WE GET TO THE SECOND READING.

SENATOR SHELTON: UNDERSTOOD.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO ON THE MOTION TO PLACE ON THE AGENDA BILL NO. 129-37 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES THAT WE'RE STILL ON MOTIONS IS THERE ANY OTHER MOTION SEEING NO OTHER MOTION WE WILL PROCEED OH MAJORITY LEADER WE ARE NOW ON LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND CONSENT CALENDAR YOU ARE RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUSE RULES I MOVE TO WAIVE LEGISLATIVE SESSION AGENDA ITEMS 15 AND 16 THE LEGISLATIVE CONCURRENCE AND THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE NOW ON THE SECOND READING FILE MAJORITY LEADER YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO SUBSTITUTE BILL NO. 129-37 LS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: HAVE COPIES BEEN PASSED OUT SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF THIS BILL HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CLERKS IT'S PLACED ON THE SESSION DRIVE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM SPEAKER WE TAKE A.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: AND COPIES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: RECESS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ARE BEING MADE OR BEING PASSED OUT SORRY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I'M CALLING FOR RECESS TO REVIEW THE SUBSTITUTE BEFORE WE ACCEPT IT.

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

RECESS

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS THE COPIES OF THE BILL HAVE BEEN PASSED OUT THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION SENATOR SHELTON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S.

SENATOR SHELTON: THE MOTION WAS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BEEN A MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE THE BILL.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO ACCEPTING THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED ON BILL NO. 129-37 LS AS SUBSTITUTED YES YES THIS IS AN APPROPRIATION MEASURE SO WE WILL GO TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AUTOMATICALLY SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO SPEAK FIRST ABOUT THE BILL SO THAT WHEN WE DO GO TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WE ALL UNDERSTAND WHERE WE'RE GOING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S EITHER WE GO TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR OR WE DON'T YEAH SO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO YOU'RE

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE AUTOMATIC.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I I UNDERSTAND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE SPEAK IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I UNDERSTAND THE AUTOMATIC BUT WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND I JUST DON'T WANT US TO LET TO BE HERE ALL DAY KNOWING WHERE WE'RE GOING I AND UNDERSTOOD I I SUPPORT THE BILL BUT WE JUST NEED TO KNOW HOW TO FUND IT PROPERLY THAT'S ALL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WE'RE RECESSED WE'RE WE'RE NOT RECESS WE'RE GOING TO GO INTO A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE RIGHT NOW SO PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PROCEED TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

NOTE RESOLVED INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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NOTE VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES PRESIDES OVER THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED TO ORDER MATERIALS FOR THE COMMITTEE OF WHOLE ARE IN THE SHARED SESSION GOOGLE DRIVE COLLEAGUES DRIVE FOLDER LABELED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE BILL NOS. 129-37 LS AND I THINK THIS IS THE ONE THAT'S SUBSTITUTED PROPOSED AMENDMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO THE CLERKS VIA EMAIL SESSIONDRIVE@GUAMLEGISLATURE.ORG AMENDMENTS NOT IN WRITING WILL BE CALLED OUT OF ORDER COLLEAGUES THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT THREE ROUNDS FOR DISCUSSIONS WE WILL HAVE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL WITH EACH SENATOR ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES FOR QUESTIONS NOT INCLUDING RESPONSES TIME TO SPEAK MAY NOT BE YIELDED FOR MORE THAN ONE MEMBER TO ANOTHER A MEMBER WHO YIELDS THAT MEMBERS TIME ON A QUESTION YIELDS ALL THAT MEMBERS TIME THAT THAT ON THAT QUESTION AND MAY NOT LATER SPEAK EVEN IF ALL THE TIME MUTED WAS NOT USED AND THIS IS VIA SECTION 1.202D3 AFTER THE COMPLETION OF THE TWO ROUNDS OF QUESTIONS PANELISTS WILL BE EXCUSED AND THE THIRD ROUND IS FOR AMENDMENTS AND COMMENTS AND AFTER WE COMPLETE THE DISCUSSION ON THE BILL I WILL ALLOW THE SPONSOR TO CLOSE AND I WILL ENTERTAIN A MOTION FOR THE RECO RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FOLLOWED BY A MOTION TO WRITE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AT WHICH TIME I WILL REPORT OUT THE BILL AS RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THANK YOU AND I UNDERSTAND WHERE IS JOE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR POINT OF INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN STATE YOUR POINT OF INQUIRY PLEASE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: DOES THIS BILL HAVE A FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED TO IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS THIS NO IT DOES NOT HAVE A FISCAL NOTE TO.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: HOW ARE WE PROCEEDING WITHOUT A WITH APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE WITHOUT A FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED TO IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I AM GOING TO TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS TO GET THE CLARIFICATION FROM OFB.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS COMMITTEE IS BACK IN SESSION I WILL YIELD RIGHT NOW TO SENATOR I MEAN TO OFB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MR. GUERRERO REGARDING THE FISCAL NOTE WAS THERE ONE PROVIDED.

STEPHEN GUERREO – DIRECTOR OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET (OFB): THANK YOU SENATOR CHAIR TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THIS PARTICULAR BILL WAS NOT SUBMITTED TO OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET THEREFORE FISCAL NOTE WAS NOT PREPARED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR DUEÑAS YES.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR I CALL FOR RECESS THEN UNTIL WE GET A FISCAL NOTE WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD WE DON'T EVEN HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE TO EVEN START DISCUSSING THIS BILL PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE RIGHT NOW WE'RE SPREADING FALSE HOPE TO PEOPLE THINKING THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET 500 DOLLARS WE DON'T EVEN AS A BODY ARE ACTING RESPONSIBLY RIGHT NOW WITH A FISCAL NOTE THAT SAYS THAT THE FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE THIS IS A PIPE DREAM IN FRONT OF US RIGHT NOW AND I THINK IT'S REALLY REALLY REALLY INCUMBENT UPON THIS BODY TO ACT RESPONSIBLY AND HAVE THE BARE MINIMUM OF A FISCAL NOTE TO STATE WHERE THE FUNDS ARE GOING TO COME FROM FOR THIS BILL OTHERWISE WE'RE ACTING IRRESPONSIBLY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I'M GOING TO CALL FOR A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS COMMITTEE IS BACK IN SESSION RIGHT NOW WE ARE RIGHT NOW THE POINT OF CHECKING WHETHER THE FISCAL NOTE WAS SUBMITTED OR NOT I'M GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER MOMENT'S RECESS TO CONFER WITH LEGAL TO SEE HOW THIS PROCEDURE CAN GO FORWARD

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS BACK IN SESSION AFTER CONFERRING WITH LEGAL IT WAS INFORMED IT WAS SHARED THAT A FISCAL NOTE CAN BE WAIVED AND AT THIS TIME I WILL RECOGNIZE SENATE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER NOTWITHSTANDING I MOVE TO WAIVE THE FISCAL NOTE REQUIREMENT FOR BILL 129 AS YOU KNOW WE WERE CALLED INTO EMERGENCY SESSION THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT WAS WAIVED FOR THIS BILL THIS BILL WAS INTRODUCED YESTERDAY WHILE WE WERE IN EMERGENCY SESSION OR TWO DAYS AGO WHILE AN EMERGENCY SESSION AND SO IT WAS NOT SENT TO THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET IT WAS NOT SENT TO BBMR TO REQUEST A FISCAL NOTE IN THAT TIME WE ARE IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND WE'RE OH I'M I I APOLOGIZE THE COMMITTEE ON RULES.

SENATOR BARNETT: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR POINT.

SENATOR BARNETT: SORRY SORRY SENATOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OF INFORMATION SENATOR BARNETT

SENATOR BARNETT: THE COMMITTEE ON RULES DID SEND A FISCAL NOTE REQUEST TO BBMR YESTERDAY MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND I THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SECRETARY YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU I MISSPOKE I I APPRECIATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES HOWEVER WE WE MOVED INTO THE EMERGENCY SESSION RATHER QUICKLY AND SO WE KNOW THAT THERE WASN'T ENOUGH TIME FOR THAT TO HAPPEN SO I ASK THAT WE WAIVE THAT REQUIREMENT AT THIS TIME BECAUSE WE HAVE BBMR AND WE HAVE THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET IN FRONT OF US THE HEADS OF BOTH THOSE THOSE OFFICES AND WE CAN ANSWER THE QUESTIONS HERE TODAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SECRETARY SHELTON ON THE MOTION THERE HAS BEEN AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION TO WAIVE THE FISCAL NOTE PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND MOTION CARRIES LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO INTRODUCE THE BILL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* AND THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BILL NUMBER 129-37 LS AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE TODAY THE MEASURE SEEKS TO DELIVER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I DO APOLOGIZE.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES PLEASE SWEAR THEM IN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SECRETARY AT THIS TIME I WILL ASK THAT THE SERGEANT OF ARMS PLEASE PROCEED TO THE PODIUM AND I MEAN TO THE FRONT AND SWEAR IN THE MEMBERS PRESENT THE PANEL MEMBERS PRESENT.

SERGEANT AT ARMS: PLEASE RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY DO YOU 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 MADAM CHAIR THEY'RE UNDER OATH YOU MAY PROCEED.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BILL 129-37 AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR THIS MEASURE SEEKS TO DELIVER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DIRECTLY TO OUR FAMILIES THROUGH FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR CHECKS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE FILED THEIR 2021 TAX RETURNS OR OTHERS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE SUCH AS THOSE WHO DID NOT MEET THE INCOME THRESHOLD TO FILE TAXES FOR THAT INCOME YEAR OR THOSE WHO ARE RECEIVING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND IT ALSO INCLUDES A ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PAYMENT FOR JOINT FILERS IN THIS SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF THE BILL BILL 129 RECOGNIZES THE URGENCY OF DELIVERING MUCH NEEDED HELP TO FAMILIES ACROSS OUR ISLAND MANY OF WHOM HAVE LITTLE TO NO SAFE AND CLEAN WATER DRINKING WATER WATER TO DO THE NECESSARY THINGS IN THEIR HOME TO LIVE AND FOOD SOURCES AND MADAM CHAIR IF APPROVED THIS MEASURE AUTHORIZES THE GOVERNOR TO USE UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND AS WELL AS ALL OTHER LOCAL AND FEDERAL SOURCES FUNDING SOURCES NOT LIMITED TO THE FY 2023 GENERAL FUND RESERVES WHAT WE KNOW AS THE RAINY DAY RESERVES TO FUND THIS FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND MADAM MADAM CHAIR IF THERE WERE EVER A RAINY DAY FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I THINK THAT DAY IS TODAY WE ENDURED A SUPER TYPHOON IN THE LAST WEEK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE ARE STRONG AND RESILIENT WE KNOW THIS BUT WE COULD USE SOME HELP RIGHT NOW THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AS WAS SAID YESTERDAY WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO MAKE THEM BEG AND SO MADAM CHAIR DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAVE ENDURED THROUGH TYPHOON MAWAR THE DISRUPTION THE LIVES TO THE LIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM HAS BEEN ENORMOUS NOT ONLY FAMILIES NOT ONLY OUR FAMILIES ACROSS MADAM CHAIR CAN WE GET SOME ORDER IN HERE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ORDER PLEASE SENA LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER NOT ONLY ARE FAMILIES ACROSS GUAM HAVING TO WAIT IN LONG LINES FOR FOOD FOR GAS FOR WATER THEY'RE STRUGGLING TO CARE FOR THEIR CHILDREN THE *MANÁMKO'* WITHOUT BASIC WATER AND POWER SERVICES MADAM CHAIR WE'RE RECEIVING CALLS IN OUR OFFICE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FALSE PROMISES.

SENATOR SHELTON: WONDERING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MY MIC IS ON.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE OKAY I'M SORRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I DIDN'T REALIZE MY MIC WAS ON SORRY FOR SAYING YOU KNOW FALSE PROMISES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TELO TAITAGUE YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER PLEASE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THEY JUST SAID.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: MY MIC IS ON MADAM VICE SPEAKER SO I JUST TURNED IT OFF DIDN'T REALIZE IT I DIDN'T MEAN TO.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TELO PLEASE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SAY IT STRAIGHT OUT THAT IT'S.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FALSE PROMISES AS USUAL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER THANK YOU VERY MUCH PLEASE COLLEAGUES I ASKED FOR RESPECT IN THIS AUGUST BODY SECRETARY AMANDA YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR IF I COULD JUST ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF RESPECT WHILE WE TALK ABOUT THIS BILL TO AT LEAST GIVE US THE TIME OF DAY TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE SPENT THE LAST TWO DAYS TALKING ABOUT HOW WE CAN GIVE AUTHORITY TO THE GOVERNOR TO SPEND THE MONEY THAT SHE SEES FIT TO RECOVER FOR THE ISLAND WE HEARD DIRECTLY FROM THE MAYOR WE HEARD FROM FEMA RECOVERY IS MOVING SLOWLY WE'RE NOT EVEN IN THE RECOVERY PROCESS YET ACCORDING TO OUR MASTER PLAN FOR DISASTERS AND HERE WE ARE HAVING PEOPLE CALLING OUR OFFICES LOOKING FOR WATER LOOKING FOR FOOD AND WE CAN'T GIVE THEM THE TIME OF DAY TO DISCUSS A SIMPLE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO PEOPLE WHO LOST.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SHELTON: EVERYTHING.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THERE IS NO MONEY AVAILABLE.

SENATOR SHELTON: SOME PEOPLE HAVE LOST EVERYTHING.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: JUST POINT OF INFORMATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: JUST A POINT OF INFORMATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: CAN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AUDIO TURN OFF THE MIC PLEASE SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE OUT OF ORDER YOU WILL HAVE YOUR TURN SECRETARY SHELTON YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM SPEAKER THIS BILL AGAIN PROVIDES A 500 DOLLAR ONE-TIME PAYMENT TO INDIVIDUALS ON GUAM WHO HAVE ENDURED THE TYPHOON THE LOSS THAT CAME ALONG WITH THIS TYPHOON TWO INDIVIDUALS IN MY OFFICE JUST WITHIN OUR SMALL LITTLE CIRCLE LOST THEIR HOMES LOST THEIR ROOFS YOU KNOW THIS YOUR FAMILY HAVE ALSO LOST A LOT PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING AND WE HAVE HAD PHONE CALL AFTER PHONE CALL OF HOW THEY CAN GET ASSISTANCE OF FOOD OF WATER OF GAS OUR *MANÁMKO'* LOOKING FOR THIS AND WE HAVE DIRECTED THEM TO THE RED CROSS TO FEMA TO THEIR MAYORS BUT THERE IS STILL MORE THAN WE COULD THAT WE CAN DO AS A BODY THERE IS WHILE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE SCROUNGING FOR THEIR PENNIES SHAKING OUT THEIR COUCH CUSHIONS LOOKING THROUGH THEIR CARS FOR THEIR SPARE CHANGE THAT THEY NEED TO GET THROUGH THESE NEXT FEW WEEKS BECAUSE MANY ARE OUT OF WORK THERE IS NO POWER MANY ARE AT HOME SPENDING FIFTEEN DOLLARS FOR A CASE OF WATER SO THAT THEY CAN FEED THEIR BABIES INSTEAD OF THE USUAL TWO DOLLARS TO FILL UP THEIR FIVE GALLON BOTTLE OF WATER OR NEEDING THAT TO COOK THEIR FOOD AN ADDITIONAL EXPENSE THAT THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD AND HOW LONG DOES THE CASE OF WATER LAST US NOT VERY LONG ALL OF THESE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES THAT NO ONE SAW COMING 500 DOLLARS IS NOT A LOT OF MONEY SOME PEOPLE HAVE TOLD ME FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS IS EVEN A SLAP IN THE FACE TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO EXPECT THAT 500 WILL GET THEM BACK ON THEIR FEET BUT WE KNOW THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO A LITTLE BIT OF ASSISTANCE TO THEM SO WHILE THEY'RE SCROUNGING FOR THESE COINS A DOLLAR HERE AND THERE TO GET THEM THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE AS THIS BODY WHO CAN MAKE THIS DECISION CAN ALSO SCROUNGE AND LOOK FOR THIS MONEY IN THIS NEW BILL THE SUBSTITUTE VERSION OF THE BILL WE'VE INCLUDED EVERY POSSIBLE FUNDING SOURCE LOCAL FUNDING SOURCE FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE HAVE TO GIVE THE GOVERNOR THE AUTHORIZATION TO PAY THESE ONE-TIME CASH ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS OUT AND SO I KNOW IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT WE WANT TO BE HERE DISCUSSING TODAY WE WISH THAT WE NEVER FELT THIS STORM WE WISH THAT THIS HURT AND THIS SUFFERING NEVER CAME TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT THIS IS OUR REALITY AND THIS IS A WAY THAT WE CAN HELP OUR PEOPLE TODAY AND SO I ASK OUR COLLEAGUES TO AT LEAST GIVE IT THE TIME OF THE DAY TO BE DISCUSSED GIVE IT A FAIR UP OR DOWN VOTE LET'S ASK THE QUESTIONS HERE WHERE CAN WE FIND THE MONEY HOW CAN WE PUT THIS TOGETHER TO PUSH THE DIRECT ASSISTANCE OUT TO THE PEOPLE WE HAVE OUR MAYORS WORKING DAY AND NIGHT 24 HOURS A DAY GPA GWA RESPONDING THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE CAN DO ON OUR END WE'VE GIVEN THE ASSISTANCE THAT'S NOT DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE FOR RECOVERY AND PEOPLE ARE STILL CRYING FOR HELP AND SO LET'S TRY PLEASE COLLEAGUES LET'S AT LEAST TRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR AMANDA SO BASED ON THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT I WILL START THE ROUND SPE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MADAM CHAIR

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN DO YOU HAVE A POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES I DO BUT I ALSO NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE CLARIFY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE POINT OF INFORMATION SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY AS I READ THE BILL IT IDENTIFIED ANY SOURCE AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE IT'S VERY CLEAR THAT THIS BODY HAS APPROPRIATED 50 MILLION DOLLARS OR MORE RECENTLY AND IF THIS BILL IS SAYING THE GOVERNMENT CAN USE ANY ANY LOCAL FUNDS I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE IT'S CLEAR BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SOURCE OF FUNDING AND THE ONLY CURRENT SOURCE OF FUNDING RIGHT NOW IS TO DE-APPROPRIATE WHAT WE APPROPRIATED I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT'S CLEAR AND THAT'S THE POINT OF INFORMATION THAT'S NEEDED TO BE ANSWERED BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE PANEL DO YOU HAVE MONEY THAT'S ANSWERED ALREADY OFB IS GOING TO SAY THERE'S NO MONEY SO WE JUST NEED TO CLEAR THAT BEFORE WE START THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DULY NOTED SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR DUEÑAS STATE PLEASE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YES AND ALSO IN MY CONSULTATION WITH THE FISCAL FOLKS THIS HAS TO BE DONE IN A BUDGET FORMAT JUST SO THE BODY UNDERSTANDS THIS WILL NOT BE DONE WITHIN THIS BILL SO ANYONE WHO'S THE CHAMPION OF THIS EFFORT TODAY AFTER WE FIND OUT WE HAVE NO MONEY BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO FIND THAT OUT MUST INTRODUCE A BUDGET ACT TO DE-APPROPRIATE MONEY JUST LIKE WE DO WHEN WE'RE DOING THE BUDGET TO DE-APPROPRIATE MONEY FROM OTHER FUNDING SOURCES IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DO THIS I'M SURE MR. BIRN IS GOING TO SHARE WITH US TODAY LIKE HE TOLD US A WHILE BACK WHEN WE PASSED LEAP WHEN WE PASSED GAS ASSISTANCE STOP APPROPRIATING THERE'S NO MONEY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO OUR COLLEAGUES BECAUSE SOME OF US HERE HAVE NEVER DONE A BUDGET BEFORE AND SO THE BOTTOM LINE IS IF YOU'RE GOING TO DO THIS GET TO WORK PULL THE BUDGET OUT DE-APPROPRIATE SO YOU CAN FIND THE MONEY THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: MADAM CHAIR POINT OF INFORMATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: FOR THE POINT OF INFORMATION SENATOR DUEÑAS LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SHELTON ON THE POINT OF INFORMATION PLEASE STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IN THIS BILL IT SAYS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW AND SO THIS BILL ALREADY PROVIDES FOR THAT AND THOUGH I HOPE THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO DE-APPROPRIATE FROM ANYTHING BECAUSE WE'LL BE ABLE TO BE CREATIVE AS A GOVERNMENT TO MOVE SOME FUNDS AROUND TO HOPEFULLY PRIORITIZE THE USE OF ARPA FUNDINGS FIRST AND AND MADAM CHAIR CAN WE GET SOME ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ORDER ORDER PLEASE COLLEAGUES ORDER COLLEAGUES PLEASE GIVE THE SECRETARY THE OPPORTUNITY.

SENATOR SHELTON: THAT'S OUR JOB THAT WE'RE HERE TODAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TO STATE HER INFORMATION THANK YOU PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR SHELTON: TO USE THE MONEY HOW WE SEE FIT AND SO I HOPE THAT WE'LL BE ABLE TO YOU PRIORITIZE THE USE OF ARPA FUNNIES MONIES FOR OTHER THINGS THAT WE'VE APPROPRIATED FOR IN THE PAST THE CHAIR OF THE OFFICE OF FINANCE AND BUDGET IS CORRECT WE RECENTLY APPROPRIATED 50 MILLION DOLLARS OVER 50 MILLION DOLLARS TO A BREAK TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM A CREDIT FOR POWER AND WHAT IS THAT MONEY GOING TO DO FOR THEM WHEN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DON'T HAVE POWER RIGHT NOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YEAH SO PLEASE COLLEAGUES ARE YOU FINISHED SECRETARY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM SPE CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU MAY STATE YOUR POINT OF INFORMATION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THIS THIS BILL THAT WE'RE LISTENING TO IS TOTALLY FALSE YOU KNOW.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FALSE PROMISES I'M DOING MY POINT OF INFORMATION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AGAIN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE BILL IS TOTALLY FALSE IT'S GIVING.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: GIVING OUT THIS.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR TAITAGUE HOLD THAT THOUGHT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: HEY SENATOR SHELTON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I GAVE YOU A CHANCE TO SPEAK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A MOMENT'S RECESS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: SENATOR SHELTON SO IT'S MY TURN I'M TELLING YOU THIS BILL IS FALSE AND IT'S HURTING THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THEIR EXPECTATIONS YOU'RE PULLING AT THEIR HEART STRINGS BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO TELL MY PEOPLE OF GUAM.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS BODY IS BACK FROM RECESS SENATOR TAITAGUE ON THE POINT OF INFORMATION YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR ARE YOU DONE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I APPRECIATE IT MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I THINK I'M DONE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU WE WILL START THE ROUND BASED ON THE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT SPEAKER TERLAJE I WILL ASK YOU WILL START THE ROUND DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OR COMMENTS FOR THE PANEL.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ABSOLUTELY CAN THE FISCAL TEAM PLEASE TELL US WHAT IS THE STATE OF THE FUNDING SOURCES LISTED IN THIS BILL AND AND ARE WE ABLE TO PASS IT AS IS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I WILL OPEN IT UP TO THE PANEL FOR THE ADMINISTRATION ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO START.

LESTER CARLSON – DIRECTOR BUREAU OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH (BBMR): THANK YOU AND THANK YOU FOR THE QUESTION SPEAKER TERLAJE THE MEASURE THAT WAS PASSED YESTERDAY DURING THE DISCUSSION I MENTIONED THAT WHERE ALL THE LAST CRER WE ARE SEVEN PLUS MILLION DOLLARS SHORT I GAVE YOU GUYS A SNAPSHOT OF MAY 7.6 MILLION SHORT SO TO TO ADDRESS THE RECOVERY EFFORTS AND AGAIN THANK YOU FOR PASSING THAT MEASURE IT'S IT'S GOING TO TAKE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF FISCAL DISCIPLINE TO FIRST GET THE GENERAL FUND BACK ON AN EVEN KEEL AND THEN TO GET THE FUNDING TOGETHER FOR THE RESPONSE WE WE CAN'T DO BOTH WE JUST I'M SORRY AS MUCH AS I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO SIT HERE AND TELL MY GOOD FRIEND AMANDA THAT WE GOT THIS UNFORTUNATELY YOU KNOW THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS WE DON'T.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU PLEASE SPEAK TO THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE THAT'S LISTED IN THE BILL THE DEFICIT REDUCTION AND THE RAINY DAY FUND.

CARLSON – BBMR: AS I MENTIONED YESTERDAY WE'RE SEVEN EIGHT MONTHS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR WE HAVE A ROUGHLY SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS IN THE RAINY DAY FUND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S THE BALANCE MR. BIRN.

EDWARD BIRN – DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA): YEAH IF I.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PLEASE IF YOU COULD ANSWER ALL THESE QUESTIONS.

BIRN – DOA: IF I COULD CLARIFY ON THAT BASED UPON THE APRIL CRER WHEN WE CATCH UP AND DOA YOU KNOW WE ARE STILL OPERATING WITH A SKELETON STAFF WHEN WE CATCH UP THE BALANCE WILL BE 11.2 MILLION.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN YOU TALK TO ALL THE FUNDING SOURCES LISTED HERE RAINY DAY IS DIFFERENT THAN THIS DEFICIT REDUCTION THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE RIGHT THE DEFICIT REDUCTION IS JUST WHAT YOU HOLD OUT FROM THE AGENCIES FROM THEIR APPROPRIATIONS.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT'S THE SAME SAME.

CARLSON – BBMR: THE DEFICIT REDUCTION RAINY DAY FUND IS THE TWO PERCENT IT'S IT'S LISTED IN THE BUDGET AND WE NET THAT OUT AND FOR THIS YEAR IT'S ROUGHLY 14 MILLION DOLLARS FOR THE ENTIRE YEAR SO WE YOU KNOW AS MR. BIRN'S SAID THE LAST THERE'S SOME POSTINGS AND STUFF BUT YOU KNOW WE'RE NOT DONE WITH THE FISCAL YEAR AND YOU KNOW WE HAVEN'T ACHIEVED THE 14 MILLION BECAUSE IT'S IT'S HE ADDS TO IT ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO IT'S DIFFERENT THAN THE RAINY DAY FUND OR THE SAME.

CARLSON – BBMR: IT'S THE SAME THING.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SAME THING SO THIS IS ONE FUND THE BALANCE IS 11 MILLION IT'S POTENTIALLY 14 MILLION AT THE END OF THE YEAR IF ALL OUR REVENUE COMES IN AS PROJECTED.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO WE'VE GOT 11 OR 14 MILLION AND FROM THE GENERAL FUND YOU'RE SAYING ACCORDING TO THE BETA CRER WE'RE WE'RE NEGATIVE SEVEN OR THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE CARER SNAPSHOT IS 7.6 MILLION SHORT WE PASSED 50 MILLION YESTERDAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: IN ADDITION TO SO THE LAST CRER ARE SHOWED A SEVEN MILLION DOLLAR PLUS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: YEAH SO WE HAD EXCEEDED REVENUE BY 7 MILLION THAT MEANS WE'RE 14 MILLION SHORT TODAY ACCORDING TO THE CRER THEN WE PASS A 50 MILLION AID YESTERDAY I UNDERSTAND AND SO IS THERE ANY OTHER WAY TO FUND THIS

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: CAN WE USE ARP FUNDS AT THIS POINT TO FUND THIS.

CARLSON – BBMR: THE FINAL RULE IS VERY CLEAR ON COVID RELATED INCIDENTS THERE IS NO IN THE CURRENT FINAL RULE NO IS NOT AN ELIGIBLE EXPENSE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IT IS NOT.

CARLSON – BBMR: IT IS NOT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EXPECTING ANY MONEY FROM FEMA THAT MIGHT BE ABLE TO FUND THIS.

CARLSON – BBMR: MEMBER WE WORK ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS SO WE HAVE TO ACTUALLY PAY THEN DOCUMENT THEN GET REIMBURSED THERE'S NO ADVANCE MONEY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WOULD YOU RECOMMEND DE-APPROPRIATING FROM ANOTHER SOURCE TO FUND THIS AND WHICH SOURCE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I WOULD RATHER NOT COMMENT ON THAT BECAUSE THIS IS THE POLICY MAKING BODY IF AS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SUGGESTED I WOULD LEAVE IT REALLY UP TO YOU GUYS I MEAN MY PRIORITY AND YOUR PRIORITY I MEAN WE'RE NOT GOING TO AGREE RIGHT SO IF THE BODY COMES UP WITH SOMETHING THAT YOU GUYS CAN AGREE ON THEN OKAY BUT YOU KNOW.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR THE POWER OF THE PURSE IS HERE WE SHOULD NOT BE ASKING THE ADMINISTRATION DO THAT WE WANT TO DE-APPROPRIATE WE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: EXCUSE ME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SEN.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: DE-APPROPRIATE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S NOT A POINT OF INFORMATION THAT'S NOT GIVING ME ANY INFORMATION THAT WAS NECESSARY WHILE I HAVE THE FLOOR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES YES YOU DO SPEAKER YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR YOU MAY PROCEED.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I AM ASKING IF THERE'S ANY RECOMMENDATION IF THERE'S ANY APPROPRIATION THAT WE HAVE MADE THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN USED OR MAY NOT BE USED UNDER THE CURRENT CONDITIONS OR THAT YOU'RE UNABLE TO USE FOR OTHERS OTHER REASONS FOR EXAMPLE STAFF SHORTAGE OR IT'S JUST NOT YOU'RE NOT ABLE TO USE FOR EXAMPLE ARE THERE VACANCIES AND FUNDING LEFT FROM VACANCIES THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THERE'S NO APPROPRIATION MADE TO ANY AGENCY RIGHT NOW THAT YOU DON'T ANTICIPATE TO USE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T WE'RE EIGHT MONTHS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR WE DO HAVE LIKE FOR EXAMPLE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS WHEN SOMEBODY RESIGNS THERE'S A GG ONE RIGHT BEHIND IT TO FILL THE THE VACANCY SO ONE LEAVES THEY THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO FILL THAT THAT SPOT SO THERE MIGHT BE A LAG IN THAT NEW PERSON COMING ON BUT REMEMBER THAT PERSON THAT LEFT NORMALLY TAKES THEIR LUMP SUM SO THERE'S A OUTFLOW OF CASH FOR THEIR ANNUAL LEAVE OR OTHER YOU KNOW ELIGIBLE LUMP SUM PAYOUTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANY MONEY LEFT FROM MANY OF THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT WE DID DURING COVID THAT MIGHT BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE I MEAN I'M ASKING BOTH OF YOU IF THERE'S ANY FUNDS FROM ANY OTHER APPROPRIATION THAT WE HAVE MADE THAT IS NOT BEING USED.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO MADAM SPEAKER I MEAN LIKE THE GAS TAX RELIEF THE GPA RELIEF THOSE KIND OF THINGS THEY'RE I THINK THE GAS GOT EXTENDED BUT I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THAT WOULD BE AGAIN A POLICY DISCUSSION IF YOU WANTED TO LIKE CUT SHORT A EXISTING PROGRAM TO MAKE MONEY AVAILABLE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S THAT'S WHAT MY QUESTION IS I'M ASKING WHICH ONES HAVE NOT BEEN FUNDED YET THAT THAT WE ANTICIPATED NOT JUST IN THOSE RECENT BILLS BUT IN THE BUDGET ITSELF BUT.

CARLSON – BBMR: WE FUNDED EVERYTHING THAT WE'RE SUPPOSED TO FUND THE MR. BIRN PROVIDES THE LEGISLATURE AND WEEKLY MONTHLY ALLOCATION FOR THE OPERATIONS YEAH SO I MEAN THERE'S A SCHEDULE OF ALLOCATIONS FROM DOA FROM APPROPRIATIONS IN THE GENERAL FUND THAT CONTINUE TO BE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO BE MADE SO TO CUT YOU KNOW ANYBODY'S FUNDING WOULD REQUIRE YOU KNOW A A DECISION OF THIS BODY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OF COURSE THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU THESE QUESTIONS.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I'M ASKING FOR EXAMPLE IF WE HAD FUNDED YOU KNOW A REPLACEMENT OF HARDWARE SOFTWARE THAT DID NOT COME THROUGH BECAUSE OF PURCHASING CAPABILITY DID NOT COME THROUGH BECAUSE OF HIRING CAPABILITY DID NOT COME THROUGH FOR WHATEVER PUR REASON THAT'S WHAT WE THAT'S THE KIND OF INFORMATION THE LEGISLATURE DOES NOT HAVE THAT'S THE KIND OF INFORMATION WE CAN ONLY GET FROM THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU.

CARLSON – BBMR: OKAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SO BUT DIRECTOR DAFNE SHIMIZU FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION IS THIS PROGRAM IT LOOKS SIMILAR TO THE PROGRAMS THAT WE'VE RUN BEFORE WOULD YOUR AGENCY HAVE ANY ISSUE IN IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM LIKE THIS IF THERE WAS FUNDING.

DAFNE MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU – DIRECTOR DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION (DRT): SO OUR TEAM HAS MET TO DISCUSS THE I GUESS THE MECHANICS OF IT IT'S ACTUALLY SIMILAR PERHAPS TO ALL RISE MOST SIMILAR TO ALL RISE WHICH WAS DONE IN 2021 AND SO YOU KNOW I THERE WERE A COUPLE WE DO HAVE CERTAIN RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH WE CAN PROVIDE IN WRITING SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE ALL THE DETAILS WITH REGARDS TO THE THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF IT BUT AND AGAIN I WE DO HAVE CONCERN I THINK IN PARTICULAR ABOUT THE 14 BUSINESS DAYS TO TRY TO TURN THIS AROUND IF IT BECAME EFFECTIVE BUT BUT AGAIN WE BELIEVE IT'S SIMILAR TO THE ALL RISE PROGRAM AND OUR TEAM HAS ACTUALLY AGAIN DISCUSSED IT BUT WE CAN PROVIDE THE DETAILS THE TECHNICAL PIECES OF IT FOR EXAMPLE SOME ITEMS WE DISCUSSED WAS WOULD THESE BE SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT HOW DO YOU ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF PERHAPS DEPENDENTS WHO FILE RETURNS BUT CANNOT CLAIM THEMSELVES RIGHT ALSO PEOPLE WHO ARE MARRIED FILING SEPARATE IF THEY'RE YOU KNOW THEY WOULD ALTHOUGH I THINK THAT IF IT'S 500 AND A THOUSAND IT ADDRESSES THAT ISSUE BUT IF IT WAS 500 FOR ACROSS THE BOARD PEOPLE WHO ARE MARRIED FILING SEPARATE VERSUS PEOPLE WHO WERE MARRIED FILING JOINTLY WOULD BOTH RECEIVE THE 500 SO THEY WERE AGAIN VERY SPECIFIC TECHNICAL ITEMS THAT OUR TEAM HAS ALREADY IDENTIFIED WHICH WE COULD SHARE WITH THE BODY I WAS WE WERE WORKING ON A DRAFT LETTER ALREADY WHICH WE COULD PROVIDE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OKAY I APPRECIATE THAT ESPECIALLY BASED ON THE SUBSTITUTE BILL BECAUSE I THINK IT TOOK CARE OF SOME OF THOSE RIGHT.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU (DRT): YES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT GREAT SO.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF INFORMATION MADAM CHAIR I YIELD MY TIME TO THE SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: OH OKAY THANK YOU IF YESTERDAY THERE WAS A REQUEST OR AN INQUIRY AS TO WHETHER THE LEAP PROGRAM THAT WAS FUNDED BY BOTH OUR ARP AND GENERAL FUNDS IF THAT WAS TRANSFERRED ALL TO ARP THAT'S 14 MILLION RIGHT OR CAN YOU I CAN'T REMEMBER THE AMOUNT BUT THAT THAT WOULD FREE UP THOSE GENERAL FUNDS AND YOU SAID THAT YOU WOULD TAKE THAT TO THE GOVERNOR AND CONSIDER IT BUT ARE THERE ANY OTHER CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS WHERE THAT MIGHT BE DONE AS WELL IF YOU WERE TO DO THAT YOU DON'T REALLY NEED OUR CONSENT OR CONSULTATION TO DO THAT AND I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAY IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR VERY HARD WORK TO FIND 50 MILLION THAT WE APPROPRIATED YESTERDAY BUT THAT'S URGENT AND HAS TO GET OUT AND SO HOW CAN YOU GIVE US AN IDEA OF HOW MUCH YOU ANTICIPATE OF THE EXPENDITURES OF 50 MILLION TO BE REIMBURSED WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T THINK IT'S POSSIBLE MR. ESTEVES SAID THAT THEY'RE STILL IN THE INCIDENT PHASE THEY IT'S GOING TO TAKE A TAKE A WHILE FOR THEM TO ACTUALLY GO OUT AND START PUTTING PROJECTS TOGETHER IDENTIFYING PROJECTS GETTING THE INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE THE CLAIMS FOR US TO THEN PAY FOR THE UPFRONT COSTS AND THEN FOR FEMA THEN TO REVIEW EVERYTHING THAT WE'VE DONE AND REIMBURSE US SO IT'S IT'S GONNA TAKE A LOT OF WORK AND AS HE MENTIONED I THINK SOME AREAS MIGHT BE QUICKER THAN OTHERS AND CERTAINLY WILL ALL HELP BECAUSE A LOT OF THE LIKE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM SPECIFICALLY A LOT OF STUFF THAT WE'RE PENDING ON THOSE FOUR LEGACY PROJECTS IS REALLY DOCUMENTING PERSONNEL COSTS AND WE 'VE WE'VE BEEN MR. BIRN HAS AN OPEN DOOR FOR THEM TO COME AND YOU KNOW GET THE PAYROLL RECORDS TO HELP CLOSE THOSE THINGS OUT BUT YOU KNOW IT SEEMS LIKE IT JUST TAKES A LITTLE BIT MORE EFFORT NO I DON'T ANTICIPATE SEEING VERY MUCH IN SIX MONTHS MA'AM.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: COULD I ASK OFB OFB MR. DIRECTOR STEVE GUERRERO DO YOU SEE ANY SOURCE OF ANY APPROPRIATION THAT WE MADE IN THE RECENT BUDGET BILLS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN USED THAT MIGHT BE A POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCE FOR THIS AID TO THE PEOPLE.

GUERRERO –OFB: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER YOU KNOW FIRST OF ALL I JUST I JUST WANT TO MAKE THE PERFECTLY CLEAR AS FAR AS OFB IS CONCERNED AND IT'S MY OWN PERSONAL FEELING THAT EVERY APPROPRIATION MADE AND PASSED BY THIS LEGISLATURE IS IT IS MY BELIEF THAT IT IS IMPORTANT AND CRITICAL FOR THE PURPOSE IT WAS PASSED THERE ARE SOME APPROPRIATIONS OUT THERE THAT WHEN I LOOK INTO THE RECORDS THEY HAVE YET TO BE EXPENDED BUT THEY HAVE BEEN BASICALLY ALLOCATED IN OTHER WORDS MONEY HAS BEEN SET ASIDE SUPPOSEDLY FOR THEM WHETHER OR NOT THEY'RE EXPANDED TO DATE I DON'T KNOW WE CAN ONLY ASSUME THAT THESE THESE PROJECTS ARE BASICALLY EITHER IN THE PROCESS OF BEING EXECUTED OR IN PREPARATION TO BE EXECUTED I DON'T KNOW YOU KNOW THE ADMINISTRATION IS IN THE BEST POSITION RIGHT NOW TO FIGURE OUT WHAT THOSE APPROPRIATIONS ARE WHAT APPROPRIATIONS ARE AVAILABLE DEPENDING WHAT FUNDS HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THESE APPROPRIATIONS ACTUAL CASH BUT LIKE THE YOU KNOW MR. CARLSON SAID YOU KNOW THE MAY REPORT DIDN'T LOOK SO SO GOOD WHICH I THOUGHT WAS ANTICIPATED BUT YOU KNOW ADDING THAT SEVEN MILLION SHORTFALL TO WHAT WE'VE ALREADY CALCULATED AS WHAT IS NOT WASN'T CONSIDERED IN AS PART OF THE REVENUES THE LAST COUPLE OF BILLS THAT WE WE PASSED THE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSWORD KIND OF LIKE SHORT 14 MILLION AS WE SPEAK TODAY SO I CAN'T REALLY ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS AS MADAM SPEAKER BUT I CAN JUST ASSUME THAT THERE ARE SOME APPROPRIATIONS OUT THERE THAT HAVE NOT BEEN EXECUTED BUT I THINK THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE IN A BETTER POSITION TO DETERMINE WHICH ONES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU AND MY FINAL QUESTION THEN IS MR. BIRN WELCOME BACK I'M NOT SURE IF YOU WERE HERE YESTERDAY SO WE PASSED A BILL YESTERDAY WE WERE ABLE TO REVIEW THAT MY QUESTION IS THAT BILL MENTIONED INDIVIDUAL AID AND OF COURSE THAT WAS A SUBSTITUTE VERSION THAT LANGUAGE IN PARTICULAR CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR IT TALKS ABOUT INDIVIDUAL AID THEY WOULD WORK WITH FEMA SURVEYS AND INDIVIDUAL AID BUT THAT THAT WAS AN APPROVED USE OF THE 50 MILLION THAT WE APPROPRIATED IS THIS TYPE OF A PROGRAM POSSIBLE FROM THAT 50 MILLION.

BIRN – DOA: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER AND THANK YOU IT'S GOOD TO BE HOME I ACTUALLY WAS ON A PLANE YESTERDAY SO I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH ALL THE TERMS THAT CAME THROUGH IN THE FINAL BILL INDIVIDUAL AID IS SOMETHING THAT FEMA DOES DOES OFFER AND LIKE MANY OTHER PEOPLE I REGISTERED ON THE FEMA ONLINE PROGRAM BUT NONE OF US I I DON'T THINK YET HAS BEEN IN POSITION TO ACCUMULATE THE LOSSES THAT WE EXPECT TO CLAIM AND SO I DON'T KNOW THAT THAT INDIVIDUAL CLAIMANTS YET KNOW WHAT THEIR LOSSES ARE IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO CLAIM THAT AID JUST JUST TO PICK UP ON SOMETHING THAT MR. CARLSON JUST SAID THIS IS A REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AND YOU KNOW ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I CERTAINLY NEED TO DO VERY CAREFULLY IS MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THE CASH IN HAND TO PAY OUT THE THE CLAIMS BEFORE WE GET THE MONEY BACK FROM FEMA AND I'LL BE LOOKING VERY VERY CAREFULLY AT THAT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: MR. CARLSON IS IT POSSIBLE PUT THE LANGUAGE PASSED YESTERDAY TO DO A PROGRAM LIKE THIS WITHOUT ANY FURTHER LEGISLATION.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T EVEN KNOW THE EXTENT OF THE RECOVERY COSTS SO REMEMBER MR. ESTEVES HAS A B C D E F G THEY I DON'T EVEN IF HE WAS HERE RIGHT NOW IF HE WAS TO SAY THAT THIS CATEGORY IS ESTIMATED THAT THAT THEY'RE NOT EVEN THERE YET SO I I REALLY DON'T I THINK IT'S PREMATURE TO EVEN LIKE TAKE ANY KIND OF MAKE IT MAKE A STATEMENT TO THE QUESTION SORRY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WELL THE WAY I READ IT IS IF IT'S PART OF THE RECOVERY EFFORTS AND AND IT'S AUTHORIZED BY YESTERDAY'S BILL THAT THAT SHOULD BE A METHOD HOWEVER BECAUSE WE ONLY APPROPRIATED 50 MILLION AND BASED ON SOME OF EVEN THE ESTIMATES WE GOT FROM FEMA AS TO COST FROM THE MAYORS AS THE CAUSE EVEN OF EXCAVATORS PER DAY AND THE YOU KNOW THAT THAT I I'M JUST WORRIED IT'S NOT ENOUGH SO THAT'S WHY I'VE BEEN ASKING YOU ABOUT THESE OTHER SOURCES OF FUNDING LISTED IN THE BILL ANY OTHER POTENTIAL FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND THAT WE HAVEN'T USED YET THAT WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO USE TO TO EXTEND AID TO THESE PEOPLE RIGHT AWAY AS OPPOSED TO WAITING UNTIL RECEIVE THAT 50 MILLION YOU KNOW THERE'S ANYTHING LEFT AND IN FACT I THINK THE ESTIMATES WE GOT WERE IT'S IT'S FAR SHORT RIGHT AND SO I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT IT I I VERY MUCH SHARE THE CONCERNS OF THE SPONSOR OF THIS BILLS THE SPONSORS OF THIS BILL THAT THAT PEOPLE HAVE REALLY INCURRED EXTRA COSTS IN ADDITION TO EXTRA HARM AND EXTRA BUT THE EXTRA COSTS ARE REALLY I YOU KNOW IF WE IF WE CAN'T GET THEM THIS AID YOU KNOW WE HAVE TO WORK VERY HARD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE GOING TO BE MET BY THE SNAP AID THE FEMA AID AND THAT IT HAS TO BE THE THE RED CROSS AID THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AID AND THAT IT'S FAST ENOUGH AND IT'S REALLY ONE OF THE REASONS WHY WHY I APPRECIATE THIS BILL BECAUSE IT LOOKS LIKE IT WOULD BE QUICKER THAN SOME OF THOSE PROGRAMS NOT ALL BUT SOME RIGHT IN IN GETTING THAT AID INDIVIDUALLY TO THESE PEOPLE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH CAN I JUST MAKE ONE A POINT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SURE

CARLSON – BBMR: FOR EVEN IF WE'RE GOING TO DE-OBLIGATE SOMETHING YOU GOT TO DE-OBLIGATE UP TO 15 MILLION DOLLARS BEFORE YOU CAN LIKE LIKE THROW ANYTHING TOWARDS THE PROGRAM BECAUSE WE'RE SHORT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT ARE YOU LOOKING AT ANY OTHER POTENTIAL SOURCES OF A BESIDES FEMA THAT GUAM MIGHT RECEIVE THAT WE COULD USE FOR EXAMPLE ANY ADJUSTMENT IN SECTION 30 OR ANYTHING JUST THAT YOU HAVE ALL BEEN LOOKING AT GRANT PROGRAMS THAT MIGHT BE A SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM.

CARLSON – BBMR: SECTION 30 NO ANY OTHER FEDERAL SOURCES I'M NOT AWARE OF OF ANY DIRECT RELIEF THAT IS AVAILABLE THAT'S WHY FEMA WAS HERE SO I WISH WE WERE BACK UP TO THE 80 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE USED TO GET FOR SECTION 30 THERE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE A RECONCILIATION THAT TAKES SOME OF OUR NUMBERS AS MR. GUERRERO WILL REMEMBER WE PASSED IN THE 23 BUDGET A NUMBER THAT WE THOUGHT WAS GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT ONLY TO FIND OUT THAT OH THERE'S A THREE-YEAR-OLD RECONCILIATION AND SO WE ENDED UP GETTING WHAT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS LESS YOU KNOW AND THAT DESPITE ALL THAT LIKE IF YOU LOOK AT THE CRER YOU'LL SEE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALRIGHT WELL.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU KNOW IT'S NEGATIVE BUT SO NO NOT THE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I'M SURE YOU GET MY GISTS.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE LOOKING FOR ANY OTHER SOURCES AND IT'S YOUR TESTIMONY THE TWO OF YOU THAT THERE IS NO ABSOLUTELY NO OTHER FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE COULD USE FOR THIS.

CARLSON – BBMR: I I DO NOT KNOW OF ANY OTHER FUNDING SOURCE AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR SHELTON: WHAT ABOUT PREVIOUS REIMBURSEMENTS FOR TYPHOONS OR OR COVID OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT ARE WE EXPECTING ANYTHING LIKE THAT.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ALL RIGHT WELL AS I SAID YEAH IT'S UP TO YOU TO HELP US FIND ANY APPROPRIATIONS THAT MIGHT THAT ARE NOT BEING USED FOR OTHER PURPOSES THAT WE COULD USE FOR THIS I KNOW YOU'RE

STRUGGLING ALSO TO FIND THOSE FOR THE USE OF THE 50 MILLION AND SO AND AND WE ARE ACCORDING TO YOU 14 MILLION SHORT ON OUR GENERAL FUND RIGHT NOW NOT EVEN ACCOUNTING FOR THE SPECIAL FUNDS BUT 14 MILLION SHORT ACCORDING TO THE CRERS AND THERE'S SO 11 MILLION IN THE RAINY DAY FUND SO THAT MONEY MAY BE AVAILABLE 11 MILLION ALL RIGHT OKAY I THINK I THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU TO THE PANEL THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON FOR WAIVING HIS TIME.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SPEAKER TERLAJE SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR DEFINITELY SEE THE NEED THE GREAT NEED FOR THIS MEASURE OF THIS BILL 129-37 IS YOU KNOW I TOO AND I'M SURE ALL OF OUR ALL THE COLLEAGUES HERE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE HAVE JUST BEEN INUNDATED AND OVERWHELMED WITH NOT EVEN PRIOR TO THIS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF THIS MEASURE JUST IT OVERWHELMED AND WITH NEED RIGHT I MEAN I HAD A LADY ASKING ME YOU KNOW COULD YOU PUT THE INSULIN IN THE FREEZER I JUST HAD SOMEONE ASK ME TO SUPPORT THIS TEXT ME ASK ME TO SUPPORT THIS BILL BECAUSE THEY DON'T RECEIVE SNAP AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR ALL OF THE SNAP UPGRADES THAT ARE GOING TO BE HAPPENING SO I DEFINITELY SEE THE NEED AND I APPRECIATE THE URGENCY WITH WHICH THE MAIN AUTHOR AND THE CO-SPONSORS INTRODUCED THE MEASURE AND IT WAS SOMETHING THAT I'D ACTUALLY KICKED AROUND IN MY HEAD BUT OF COURSE BECAUSE OF THE THE FUNDING AND IT'S SO EASY TO BE SKEPTICAL HERE YOU KNOW SIX MONTHS INTO MY MY FIRST TERM BECAUSE AND EVEN HAVING PAID A LITTLE BIT OF ATTENTION BEFORE I JUST DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE ANYMORE BECAUSE THESE GUYS WILL COME DOWN TO THE LEGISLATURE WHEN THEY GOT SOMETHING THEY WANT TO DO WITH YOU KNOW A SENATOR THAT THEY LIKE WHATEVER DAY OF THE WEEK IT IS AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S JUST ALL THIS MONEY TO DO IT OR OTHER TIMES IF IT'S A MEASURE WITH YOU KNOW A SENATOR WHO'S NOT ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AISLE OR YOU KNOW MAYBE NOT ONE OF THE *KARIDAS* OR THE *KARIDUS* ALL OF A SUDDEN THERE'S NO MONEY SO I'M JUST NOT EVEN SURE WHAT TO BELIEVE ANYMORE BUT I DID WANT TO ASK DAF MISS DAFNE THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE AND THANK YOU GUYS FOR BEING HERE IF IF WE WERE TO THROUGH SOME MIRACLE PASS THIS MEASURE TODAY AND YOU KNOW WHAT HAVE WE GOT A PHONE CALL FROM THE GOV SHE SAID OH I'M ALL IN WITH THIS YOU KNOW I WANT TO I WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE I WANT TO GIVE THEM 500 DOLLARS THIS IS HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO IT HOW SOON WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ISSUE THE THE CHECKS TO THE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO DESPERATELY NEED THIS MONEY.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: SO AGAIN MY TEAM DID MEET VERY BRIEFLY YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS AND THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF WORK THAT'S INVOLVED IN SETTING UP THIS TYPE OF A PROGRAM THERE'S GOING TO BE PROGRAMMING IN OUR SYSTEM WE HAVE REACHED OUT ALREADY TO DMR TO JUST JUST TO ADVISE THEM THAT THIS IS A POTENTIAL SOMETHING THAT MAY HAPPEN THERE ARE SUPPLIES ALSO LIKE FOR EXAMPLE CHECKS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE ORDERED I THINK REALISTICALLY THE 14 BUSINESS DAYS IS NOT IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN IT WON'T BE POSSIBLE THAT 14 BUSINESS DAYS WOULD BRING US IF IT WERE PASSED TODAY I SUPPOSE INTO LIKE MAYBE THE LAST OR THE SECOND TO THE LAST WEEK OF JUNE WE'RE THINKING PERHAPS BETWEEN 30 TO 45 DAYS I'M NOT TALKING BUSINESS DAYS RIGHT SO THAT WOULD BRING US INTO PERHAPS EVEN MID-JULY AT THE LATEST BUT OF COURSE OUR TEAM ALWAYS DOES WORK REALLY HARD TO TRY TO GET THINGS OUT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND SO AGAIN BUT THE 14 BUSINESS DAYS WE DON'T BELIEVE IS SUFFICIENT.

SENATOR BARNETT: CAN YOU JUST REFRESH MY MEMORY AND A LITTLE BIT FOGGY ON THE THE SO YOU SAID THAT THIS PROGRAM MOSTLY MIRRORS THE THE ALL RISE PROGRAM HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU TO STAND UP ALL RISE.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: SO WHAT REGARDS TO ALL RISE IF YOU RECALL THERE WAS I BELIEVE IT'S PUBLIC LAW 35-136 I THINK THAT WAS PASSED IN THE END OF IT WAS LIKE AN END OF DECEMBER 2020 AND THEN THERE WERE SOME CHALLENGES WITH THAT THERE WAS EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-11 WHICH IS ACTUALLY REFERENCED HERE BUT THEN THERE WAS ADDITIONALLY EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-18 WHICH ISN'T ACTUALLY REFERENCED HERE SO THERE WAS QUITE A FEW ISSUES WITH REGARDS TO THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF BEING ABLE TO TO STAND UP THAT PROGRAM AND SO BUT WE HAD BEEN DISCUSSING OUR TEAM HAD BEEN DISCUSSING THAT SINCE PERHAPS LIKE DECEMBER 2020 ALL THE WAY UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2021 AND SO AGAIN WE HAD THERE WAS A LITTLE BIT MORE TIME INVOLVED.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY SO SO MAYBE I SHOULD ASK HOW LONG DID IT TAKE YOU OR WAS THERE A SECOND ROUND OF RISE.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: NO.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: THERE WAS JUST ONE.

SENATOR BARNETT: BECAUSE I JUST HAVE IT IN MY MIND IF THIS MOSTLY MIRRORS THE THE RISE PROGRAM THAT YOU JUST KIND OF JUMP IN IT AND TURN ON THE IGNITION AND EVERYTHING'S FALLING THAT'S NOT THE CASE THOUGH.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: WELL SO AGAIN WHAT WE'RE HOPEFUL THAT WE COULD DO IS UTILIZE THE TEMPLATE OF THE RISE PROGRAM THAT'S IN OUR SYSTEM AND MAYBE AMEND IT OR ADJUST IT AND AGAIN I JUST WANT TO MAYBE MAKE SURE THAT THE EXPECTATIONS ARE LIKE SAID AND I DON'T WANT TO COMMIT TO SOMETHING THAT WE'RE NOT CAPABLE OR ABLE TO DO WE UNDERSTAND FULL WELL THAT PEOPLE ARE CHALLENGED WITH WATER AND POWER AND YOU KNOW WE OURSELVES OUR AGENCY HAVE PEOPLE WHO'VE LOST YOU KNOW A LOT DURING THE STORM BUT YOU KNOW JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BODY IS AWARE OF THE REALITIES IS THAT THERE IS SOME LEVEL OF PROGRAMMING AND PERHAPS EVEN SUPPLIES THAT WILL NEED TO BE PROCURED TO BE ABLE TO GET THIS PROGRAM GOING AND AGAIN NOT TO SAY THAT WE COULDN'T TRY TO STAND IT UP IN LESS THAN 30 DAYS BUT.

SENATOR BARNETT: BUT DO YOU THINK THAT THE THE ITEMS THAT YOU WOULD NEED TO PROCURE THE CHECKS OR WHATNOT FOR THIS PROGRAM COULD BE PROCURED WITH EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: PERHAPS I COULD JUST.

BIRN – DOA: IF I COULD RESPOND.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: REFER.

SENATOR BARNETT: SURE.

BIRN – DOA: YES THEY CAN THEY OUR EXPERIENCE HAS EVEN IF YOU TRY AND DO THAT IT TAKES ABOUT THREE TO FOUR WEEKS TO GET THE CHECKS THAT MIGHT WELL ALIGN WITH THE SCHEDULE THAT THE DIRECTOR HAS HAS JUST SET OUT BUT WE'VE OBVIOUSLY SAID ABOUT THAT AS SOON AS THIS LAW IF IT HAS PASSED GETS PASSED.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO JUST TO BE CLEAR AND AS I DID APPRECIATE THE URGENCY MISS SHIMIZU IS SAYING THAT IT WOULD TAKE AT THE VERY LEAST A MONTH TO ISSUE A CHECK FOR THIS PROGRAM SHOULD IT PASS.

MANSAPIT – SHIMIZU DRT: I WOULD SAY A MONTH TO MAKE SURE SO A MONTH TO GET IT STOOD UP SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO ACCEPT APPLICATION AND JUST IF YOU RECALL WHEN ALL RISE WAS STOOD UP WE BEGAN RECEIVING APPLICATIONS ON SEPTEMBER ONE WE MADE OUR FIRST PAYMENTS WITHIN 10 DAYS SO YOU KNOW THE 30 DAYS WITH 30 TO 45 DAYS OR SO WOULD ALLOW FOR US TO BE ABLE TO STAND IT UP GET BEGIN TO GET PEOPLE TO GET APPLICATIONS IN SO THAT THAT WAY WE COULD PAY BUT FROM THE TIME LIKE I MENTIONED THAT WE WERE ABLE TO GET IT STOOD UP AND BEGIN TO RECEIVE APPLICATIONS IT ONLY TOOK 10 10 DAYS IT WAS SEPTEMBER 1 WAS THE FIRST APPLICATIONS WERE RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 10 WE MADE THE FIRST PAYMENTS SO YOU KNOW IT'S REALLY JUST THE LAYING OF THE THE THE GROUNDWORK FOR IT THAT REALLY TAKES A LITTLE BIT OF TIME OF COURSE WE WOULD DO OUR BEST TO WORK TO MAKE IT MORE QUICK OR AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE BUT AGAIN WE JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S CLEAR WHAT THE WHAT THE REALITIES ARE AND WE DON'T WANT TO COMMIT TO SOMETHING THAT WE CAN'T YOU KNOW MEET.

SENATOR BARNETT: RIGHT SO JUST JUST JUST FOR CLARITY'S SAKE ARE ALL THREE OF YOU HERE TODAY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNOR AND TESTIFYING THAT THEY'RE ABSOLUTELY NO FUNDS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. BIRN.

BIRN – DOA: I HAVEN'T SPOKE WITH THE GOVERNOR HAVING COME BACK LAST NIGHT BUT THAT'S WHAT MR. CARLSON SAYS.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR. CARLSON ARE YOU ABLE TO SHARE IT ALL THE DID YOU SPEAK WITH THE GOVERNOR ON REGARDING THIS MEASURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: CALLED HER BEFORE I CAME DOWN HERE SO WE COULD MAKE SURE AS WE ALWAYS DO THAT WE'RE ON THE SAME PAGE AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER THE 14 MILLION DOLLAR HOLE PLUS THE RESPONSE RECOVERY THIS ON TOP OF THAT SHE CAN'T DO IT.

SENATOR BARNETT: YOU TALKED ABOUT THE ARP FINAL RULE THERE'S A WAS THERE ANOTHER FINAL RULE THAT CAME OUT.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SENATOR BARNETT: FINAL FINAL

CARLSON – BBMR: NO THERE'S THE FINAL RULE EVERYTHING LIKE REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE TRYING TO DO THE GAS RELIEF THE GAS RELIEF WAS NOT BECAUSE OF COVID SO THERE WAS A REQUEST TO USE ARP MONEY BUT IT'S NOT COVID RELATED.

SENATOR BARNETT: RIGHT AND SO SO HOW MUCH IF IT'S LIKE 200 SOME MR. BURN HOW MUCH ARP MONEY DO WE HAVE PLENTY RIGHT PLENTY OR PLENTY TT.

BIRN – DOA: I'M READING FROM BBMRS APRIL 30TH REPORT THERE'S 228 MILLION.

SENATOR BARNETT: 228 MILLION DOLLARS IN AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDS RIGHT.

BIRN – DOA: AND YES YEAH.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND SO CAN CAN YOU AGAIN REFRESH MY MEMORY WHY ARE WE SITTING ON THIS MONEY AGAIN.

BIRN – DOA: WE WERE WELL SITTING ON IT IS A EMOTIVE TERM THAT I I DON'T KNOW.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHY IS IT.

BIRN – (DOA): I WOULD ENJOIN MYSELF WITH BUT THERE THERE IS.

SENATOR BARNETT: YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

BIRN – DOA: THIS THIS THESE THE FUNDING THAT WAS GRANTED TO US WAS MEANT TO LAST FOUR YEARS WHERE TWO AND A HALF YEARS INTO THAT SO AND AND IF AS MR. CARLSON SAID A FEW MINUTES AGO THIS MONEY WAS INTENDED FOR COVID RELATED PURPOSES AND THAT'S WHAT THE FINAL RULE SAYS SO THE THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT WITHIN THAT PERIOD IT HAS TO BE OBLIGATED BY 2024 IS BEING SPENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THAT PLAN.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO HOW MUCH OF THIS 288 MILLION DOLLARS IS OBLIGATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW HOSPITAL AND IS THAT THAT'S ALLOWABLE OBVIOUSLY RIGHT UNDER THE COVID FINAL RULES FOR ARP.

CARLSON – BBMR: IT IS AN ELIGIBLE EXPENSE IN THE FINAL RULE AND THE NUMBER IS STILL 160 MILLION DOLLARS.

SENATOR BARNETT: 160 MILLION DOLLARS AND IF WE WERE TO USE ANY OF THIS OR ARE WE ABLE TO USE ANY OF THIS ARP FUNDING FOR DISASTER RELIEF OR DO WE GET ANY FINAL DETERMINATION FOR MR. FENTON ON THAT.

SENATOR FISHER: CHAIR I HAVE A POINT OF ORDER PLEASE

SENATOR BARNETT: EXCUSE ME.

SENATOR FISHER: POINT OF ORDER.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES I WILL ADDRESS THE POINT OF ORDER.

SENATOR FISHER: YES MA'AM THANK YOU VERY MUCH I'M REFERRING TO MASON'S MANUAL OF LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURES PARTICULARLY SECTION 101.1 DEBATE MUST BE CONFINED TO THE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE BODY THERE IS NO PROPOSAL BEFORE THE BODY RIGHT NOW ADDRESSING THE HOSPITAL OR THE ARP.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DULY NOTED SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO I CANNOT SAY HOSPITAL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR BARNETT: WHAT'S WHAT IS THE RULE I CAN'T SAY HOSPITAL

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: NO NO NO YOU MAY PROCEED SIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: OKAY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: WITH YOUR QUESTIONING IS STILL IN LINE BASED ON THAT.

SENATOR BARNETT: HE'S JUST SHOWING OFF OVER THERE WITH HIS LITTLE MASON'S BOOK (**MOTION TO STRIKE FROM RECORD**) THANK THANK YOU

SENATOR FISHER: OBJECTION YOUR HONOR OR.

SENATOR BARNETT: GOT YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: EXCUSE ME PARDON ME CHAIR I WOULD LIKE THAT REMARK TAKEN DOWN.

SENATOR BARNETT: WE DON'T HAVE THAT CAPABILITY MA'AM.

SENATOR FISHER: I WOULD LIKE THAT REMARK TAKEN DOWN.

SENATOR BARNETT: I RETRACT IT THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: AND I ASSUME YOU'RE APOLOGIZING.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY.

SENATOR FISHER: AS WELL TO THE BODY.

SENATOR BARNETT: I DIDN'T HEAR YOU GUYS APOLOGIZING WHEN YOU'RE CAUSING A RUCKUS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR BARNETT

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU MUST ADDRESS THE CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR YEAH SO I'M JUST SAYING ARE WE ABLE TO USE THIS ARP MONEY FOR TYPHOON RECOVERY DID WE RECEIVE A FINAL DETERMINATION FROM MR. FENTON WHO WAS HERE THE OTHER DAY AND HE SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED HIS ATTORNEY ASKING ABOUT THAT ARE WE ABLE TO USE DIFFERENT FEDERAL FUNDS AND BE REIMBURSED.

CARLSON – BBMR: OKAY SO I THINK YOUR FIRST QUESTION WAS CAN WE USE ARP FOR THIS DISASTER RELIEF THE ANSWER IS NO THE SPEAKER ASKED THE QUESTION EARLIER MR. FENTON WAS VERY CLEAR THAT WE HAVE TO USE LOCAL MONEY AND TO GET REIMBURSED IF WE USE ANYTHING ELSE FOR DISASTER RELIEF THEN IT'S NOT FEMA REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBLE SO HE MADE THAT POINT VERY CLEAR AS WELL.

SENATOR BARNETT: SO JUST AGAIN THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO WAY WE CAN FIND ANY MONEY TO GIVE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THIS DISASTER RELIEF.

CARLSON – BBMR: SENATOR WE'RE 14 MILLION DOLLARS SHORT WE'RE GOING TO WORK OUR REAR ENDS OFF REALLY REALLY HARD TO TRY TO GET THE RECOVERY MONEY SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEED THIS DISASTER RELIEF MONEY.

CARLSON – BBMR: OH HELL YES I MEAN LOOK I'M NOT HERE TO TO DO ANYTHING BUT YOU KNOW LIKE I SAID I REALLY AM NOT THIS THIS DOESN'T SIT WELL WITH ME BECAUSE I CONSIDER SENATOR SHELTON A VERY DEAR FRIEND SO THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS SIT HERE AND SAY THERE'S NOTHING AND I'M SORRY IT IS WHAT IT IS.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH YEAH NO I AGREE AND I MEAN THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE WE DON'T YOU KNOW I DON'T KNOW HOW TO OPERATE A BACKHOE RIGHT AND THIS IS THE JOB THAT WE HAVE TO DO AND SO YOU KNOW I DON'T I DIDN'T AGREE WITH YOU KNOW TRYING TO KEEP THE BODY FROM FROM HEARING THIS MATTER BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT I WAS ELECTED TO DO YOU PUT SOMETHING IN FRONT OF US WE DO TO THE DUE DILIGENCE WE GO INTO THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WE ASK THE QUESTIONS WE FIND OUT FOR SURE FOR SURE BECAUSE LIKE I SAID I'M SKEPTICAL ONE DAY WE GOT MONEY NEXT DAY WE DON'T SO YOU KNOW I'M JUST GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS HERE.

CARLSON – BBMR: SO.

SENATOR BARNETT: AND I APPRECIATE IT.

CARLSON – BBMR: IF I MAY SIR IF YOU KNOW YOUR PREVIOUS STATEMENT ABOUT SOMETIMES THERE'S MONEY IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE AISLE THE OTHER SIDE ULTIMATELY WHAT COMES DOWN HERE IS APPROVED BY THIS BODY OKAY SO I KIND OF TOOK A LITTLE BIT OF OFFENSE TO THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW A DOG CATCHER PROPOSAL CAN COME HERE AND YOU GUYS CAN PASS IT IT'S YOU HOLD THE PURSE STRINGS NOBODY ELSE DOES SO THE DECISION IS MADE HERE SO I KNOW YOU'RE SIX MONTHS INTO THE JOB.

SENATOR BARNETT: YEAH.

CARLSON – BBMR: BUT YOU KNOW I WOULD IMAGINE YOU WOULD KNOW THAT BY NOW.

SENATOR BARNETT: WE WE KNOW WHAT THE REALITY IS THOUGH LESTER IT IS IT IS WHAT IT IS THE TO QUOTE A PHRASE THANK THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR APPRECIATE IT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR PARKINSON HAS YIELDED HIS TIME THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR I JUST WANT TO START BY TELLING THE PANEL THANK YOU FOR YOUR SOBRIETY FOR YOUR PROPER PRESENTATION OF WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE HERE AND FOR PUTTING US IN A POSITION THOSE OF US WHO ARE INSULTED BY NOT DETERMINING A FUNDING SOURCE BEFORE GETTING OUR PEOPLE 'S HOPES UP I AND I LESTER I AGREE WITH YOU YOU KNOW WE CAN ALL TAKE SHOTS HERE I'VE TAKEN A FEW MYSELF BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS I'M NEW HERE I'M SORRY THAT'S NOT GOING TO CUT IT BECAUSE EVERY FUNDING SOURCE THAT WE'VE DISCUSSED ON THIS FLOOR THAT WE'VE PASSED FOR PAY RAISES FOR LEAP YOU WERE HERE BEEN HERE IN THIS BODY WE GOT OFB HERE WE'VE GOT BBMR HERE THERE'S NOT SOMETIMES THERE'S MONEY AND SOMETIMES THERE'S NOT MONEY WE'VE APPROPRIATED ALL THAT MONEY THIS BODY HAS AND EVERYTHING I'VE HEARD SO FAR FROM THE PREVIOUS PANEL MEMBERS IS THEY DON'T WANT TO DO THE WORK THROWING SPAGHETTI ON THE WALL AND SEEING IF IT'S GOING TO STICK IS NOT OUR JOB THAT'S A POLITICAL MOVE SO GETTING BACK TO BRASS TACKS SO I CAN ASK YOU A RESPECTFUL QUESTION ONCE AGAIN MR. CARLSON BECAUSE YOU DESERVE THE DUAL RESPECT HERE ON THIS ISSUE AS YOU'VE REPRESENTED SO FAR BY BEING 14 CLOSE TO 15 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE HOLE AND THE PROPOSAL OF

THIS BILL FOR 50 MILLION DOLLARS THIS BODY WOULD HAVE TO FIND 65 MILLION DOLLARS IN ORDER TO EVEN THINK ABOUT THIS WOULD THAT BE CORRECT.

CARLSON – BBMR: AS LONG AS YOU'RE 65 MILLION DOLLARS DOESN'T IMPEDE OUR EFFORTS TO FIND THE MONEY FOR THE RECOVERY YEAH.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: EXACTLY BECAUSE IN ORDER TO EVEN BE ABLE TO DREAM ABOUT THIS 50 MILLION DOLLARS YOU'VE JUST PUT ON THE RECORD IS WE'VE GOT TO BALANCE THE BUDGET FIRST NOW DO YOU ONCE AGAIN REITERATE AND PUT ON THE RECORD BECAUSE I LIKE YOUR STATEMENT OF PREMATURE SHOULD WE AND WOULD IT BE INCUMBENT UPON US IF WE WANT TO EVEN BE TRUTHFUL TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TAKE A RECESS INTRODUCE A BILL THAT IDENTIFIES A TRUE FUNDING SOURCE BY DE-APPROPRIATING FROM OTHER AREAS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MAKE THIS A REALITY.

CARLSON – BBMR: I WOULD HOPE THAT IF THAT EXERCISE TAKES PLACE THAT THE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL BRANCHES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM ARE NOT TOUCHED THE MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS SO THE COLA IS DONE THE SUPPLEMENTAL ANNUITY IS DONE SO YOU'D BE LOOKING AT THOSE AREAS AND THOSE AREAS ARE ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ADDRESSED ALREADY THEY'RE NOT LIKE SITTING WAITING FOR SOMETHING TO HAPPEN THERE THERE ARE A COUPLE MEASURES WHEN IS THE AUDIT COMING OUT SO THERE ARE A COUPLE MEASURES THAT ARE THE FUNDING IS IDENTIFIED BUT IT'S CONTINGENT UPON THE VERIFICATION OF WHAT WE STATED AND THE BODY PASSED BUT THEIR FUNDING SOURCES THAT CAN'T BE ACCESSED UNTIL THE AUDIT DETERMINES YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS THAT I'M SWORN TO SAY WHICH THE BODY THANKFULLY WITH MR. GUERRERO FEELS COMFORTABLE ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED IN PASSING THOSE THINGS SO WHEN THE AUDIT COMES OUT IN JUNE IF THERE'S SOMETHING THERE THAT AGAIN SOMEBODY WANTS TO READDRESS THAT'S AGAIN YOUR CALL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CARLSON IN ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE GOVERNOR BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO WE CANNOT OVER EMPHASIZE THIS BECAUSE AS POLITICAL AS THIS IS RIGHT NOW I CAN SEE PEOPLE GOING OUT AND SAYING I TRIED I TRIED AND WE SHOULD USE ARP WITH RESPECT TO THE GOVERNOR I'M SURE YOU CAN MAKE THIS COMMENT IF THE GOVERNOR IN ANY WAY COULD POSSIBLY USE THAT ARP MONEY FOR THIS PURPOSE COULD YOU PUT IT ON THE RECORD TODAY THAT SHE ABSOLUTELY WOULD BUT YOUR REPRESENTATION IS IT'S NOT ELIGIBLE.

CARLSON – BBMR: IF SHE COULD I'M SURE SHE WOULD SHE WOULD FIND SOME AREA TO REDIRECT FUNDS BUT THE THE POINT IS SHE CAN'T.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO ONCE AGAIN ALL FEDERAL SOURCES ALL LOCAL SOURCES ONE MORE TIME THERE IS NO FAIRY DUST IN THE FAIRY DUST CONTAINER.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S A FAIRY DUST STATEMENT TRUE FAIRLY.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM CHAIR AT THIS POINT I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN THIS SESSION SUBJECT TO CALL THE SPEAKER WE'RE WASTING PEOPLE'S TIME WE SHOULD BE OUT THERE HELPING RED CROSS FEED PEOPLE WE SHOULD OUT BE OUT THERE HELPING PEOPLE PROCESS THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE WE SHOULD BE OUT THERE HELPING THE MAYORS AND NOT SITTING IN HERE GETTING PEOPLE'S HOPES UP FOR NOTHING AT THIS TIME I MAKE A MOTION WE ADJOURN THIS RIDICULOUS SESSION.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THERE HAS BEEN AN MOTION PLACED ON THE BODY TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER ARE THERE ANY OBJECTIONS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR PLEASE WHO IN FAVOR TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION FAILS SENATOR FRANK BLAS MINORITY LEADER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO THE PANEL.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE YOU KNOW I I HAVE TO APOLOGIZE MR. CARLSON AND MR. BIRN AND MR. GUERRERO MS. SHIMIZU SEEMS LIKE WE HAVE SOMETHING THAT WE WERE DISCUSSING YESTERDAY JUST WASN'T FALLING THROUGH IT WASN'T IT WASN'T RESONATING IT WASN'T BEING UNDERSTOOD AND SO MY APOLOGIES LESTER FOR HAVING FOR YOU HAVING TO REPEAT A LOT OF THE STUFF THAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYBODY THAT'S IN HERE THAT DOESN'T WANT TO HELP WHERE THEY CAN PROVIDE THE HELP BUT THE KEY THING HERE IS BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE IS THE IS IS THE ROOT WORD HERE'S ABLE LESTOR I THINK YOU'VE BEEN AROUND GOVERNMENT LONG ENOUGH AND AS FAR AS THE EXPERIENCE THAT MR. MR. GUERRERO AS WELL I THINK THE LAST MAJOR STORE MAN MAY

OR MAD NATURAL DISASTER WE HAD TO ENDURE WAS PONGSONA WHEN WE WERE ENDURING PONGSONGA WERE THERE ANY OTHER DISASTERS THAT WE HAD TO IN ENDURE OR WE WERE JUST COMING OUT OF AS WELL OTHER THAN CHATAAN WAS THERE A NO OTHER THAN PONGSONA THE LAST TIME WAS PONGSONA RIGHT THAT WE HAD MAJOR OKAY WE HAD TO DEAL WITH COVID BACK THEN.

CARLSON – BBMR: MEMBER MR. ESTEVES MENTIONED MANGKUT.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH.

CARLSON – BBMR: YUTU.

SENATOR BLAS: BUT BUT BUT BUT IN THE MIDST OF T TRYING TO DEAL WITH PONGSONA DID WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER DISASTER.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO SIR .

SENATOR BLAS: NO.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR BLAS: THIS IS PROBABLY A UNIQUE DISASTER IN ITSELF IN THAT WHILE WE'RE HANDS ARE STILL BEING TIED AND BECAUSE OF ONE CALAMITY WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER AND TRYING TO TRYING TO CROSS THE T'S DOT THE EYES AND MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY'S FALL IN THE SAME CATEGORIES AND DIFFERENT CATEGORIES CAN SOMETIMES BE A CHALLENGE AND I SEE THAT YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THAT WE HAVE ABOUT A 14 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL THAT'S AS OF TODAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: IT'LL BE OFFICIAL ON THE 20TH.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: AGAIN I WANTED THE BODY TO GET AN IDEA SINCE YESTERDAY WAS THE 31ST.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: WHERE WE WERE SUBJECT TO YOU KNOW SOME ADJUSTMENTS BUT THE 14 MILLION DOLLARS IS IS A GOOD WORKING NUMBER OF WHERE WE ARE SHORTING.

SENATOR BLAS: WHEN'S THE NEXT TYPHOON THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE WE WOULDN'T KNOW THAT SO WE WOULDN'T KNOW WHETHER BECAUSE WE'RE DEALING WITH A 14 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL RIGHT NOW IN THE MIDST OF THIS ONE WHAT KIND OF A CATASTROPHE ARE WE GOING TO BE IN IF WE HAVE TO DO THIS AND WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH ANOTHER STORM A COUPLE MONTHS FROM NOW AT THIS SAME MAGNITUDE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I REALLY DON'T WANT TO SAY THIS BUT I'M GOING TO SAY IT BECAUSE MR. ESTEVES SAID IT YESTERDAY WE WE'RE IN TYPHOON SEASON.

SENATOR BLAS: YES WE ARE.

CARLSON – BBMR: SO.

SENATOR BLAS: YES WE ARE OKAY AND YOU'RE THE LAST ONE I THINK THAT I REMEMBER RIGHT I CAN RECOLLECT THAT DURING PONGSONA WHILE THERE WAS SOME FINANCIAL AID THAT WAS PROVIDED TO RESIDENTS IN THE FORM OF FOOD STAMPS RIGHT WHERE'D THAT MONEY COME FROM WHERE DID THAT MONEY COME FROM OR HOW IS THAT PROCESSED.

CARLSON – BBMR: OH THAT THAT'S WHEN MR. ESTEVES TALKED ABOUT PONGSONA AND WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE IS FEMA WHEN THEY MAKE THAT DECLARATION AND ANNOUNCE IT PRONOUNCE IT WHATEVER THAT'S WHEN THE FOOD STAMPS COME OUT.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH.

CARLSON – BBMR: AND IT COMES FROM FEMA.

SENATOR BLAS: SO BUT THERE'S A PROCESS THAT HAS TO HAPPEN.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: AND THAT PROCESS WILL BASICALLY HAPPEN SOMETIME AFTER WE GET OUT OF THIS INITIAL PHASE THAT WE'RE STILL IN EIGHT DAYS INTO THIS THING AND WE'RE STILL IN BASICALLY OUR OUR RESPONSE PHASE.

CARLSON – BBMR: CORRECT.

SENATOR BLAS: RIGHT SO THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND THE ABILITY TO BE ABLE TO APPLY FOR THIS KIND OF THIS THIS THIS ASSISTANCE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY BUT IT COMES IN A LATER STAGE IF.

CARLSON – BBMR: I RECALL AND THERE ARE PEOPLE HERE THAT WERE AROUND THE FOOD STAMP THERE WAS AS EVERYBODY WAS ELIGIBLE.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: I MEAN I GOT IT I STOOD IN LINE.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: AND.

SENATOR BLAS: BUT IT WAS FOR FOOD ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT I HAVE HERE AND WITH THIS BILL IS THAT THIS IS 500 ALSO ALL INCLUSIVE DO YOU FORESEE THAT THIS POSSIBLY CAN CAN DAMAGE OR IT WOULD IT WOULDN'T HELP THE CAUSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS LOOKING FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN OTHER FASHIONS FEDERAL PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IF ALREADY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM HAD ALREADY PROVIDED THEM WITH THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I THINK IT'S SAFE TO SAY SIR IT'S SEPARATE I DON'T THINK FEMA WOULD HOLD IT AGAINST THEIR DETERMINATION OF THE 160000 RESIDENTS WHATEVER THAT FORMULA WAS THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD TO WHEREWITHAL TO DO SOMETHING LOCALLY WHILE FEMA BY REGULATION YOU KNOW SO.

SENATOR BLAS: YEAH WELL WHAT I'M GETTING AT IS FEMA WILL ONLY PROVIDE WHERE THE GOVERNMENT COULDN'T PROVIDE.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO I DON'T FEMA WILL PROVIDE WHAT FEMA CAN PROVIDE IF THE GOVERNMENT WAS ABLE TO DO SOMETHING THEN.

SENATOR BLAS: PROVIDED THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO DO IT IN THE FRONT END BUT THEY DON'T HAVE THE MEANS IN THE FRONT END IT CAN'T BE DONE THAT'S WHAT I'M GETTING AT.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU'RE YOU'RE RIGHT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO AT THE END OF THE DAY IS IS I THINK ONE OF THE CONCERNS THAT YOU BROUGHT UP MR. CARLSON WAS THAT RIGHT NOW IS YOUR CHALLENGE TRYING TO FIND THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE THE MONEY AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE RESPONSE NEEDS OF THIS ISLAND AND YOU'RE TRYING TO DO THAT WITH ALREADY WHAT YOU ANTICIPATE TO BE A 14 MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S CORRECT SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO YOU GOTTA TEACH ME THAT TRICK OF HOW YOU CAN BE ABLE TO SQUEEZE A NICKEL FROM THE TWO PAINTINGS YOU YOU GOT BETWEEN YOUR FINGERS OKAY SO IS IT SAFE TO SAY THAT WHILE YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO FIND THAT READY ALREADY RECOGNIZING YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A SHORTFALL IN THIS THING A MEASURE SUCH AS THIS COMPLICATES FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM I THINK THERE'S MORE YOU

KNOW SUCCINCT TERM THAN THAN COMPLICATED BUT MAKES IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO MEET THOSE FINANCIAL WHAT THE FINANCIAL NEEDS OF BEING ABLE TO PROVIDE THE WATER AND THE POWER AND THE BASIC SERVICES LET PEOPLE LOST IN THE TYPHOON YOU'RE FINDING IT DIFFICULT YOU'RE GOING TO FIND IT DIFFICULT TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT MONEY.

CARLSON – BBMR: AGAIN SIR I SAY THIS WITH THE MOST CONTRITE HEART I REALLY WISH WE COULD DO THIS.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY CAN I USE MY LAST 11 SECONDS TO ASK MR. GUERRERO IF HE FEELS THE SAME WAY ABOUT YOU KNOW THE STRUGGLES AND BEING ABLE TO FIND THE MONEY FOR THE RESPONSE BASED ON EVERYTHING THAT'S ALREADY BEEN APPROPRIATED.

GUERRERO – OFB: SENATOR I WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT ALL THE REVENUES THAT HAVE BEEN GENERATED THUS FAR AT THIS FISCAL YEAR WOULD BE ENOUGH OR AMPLE TO COVER THE COST OF WHAT WE'VE ALREADY EXPENDED WE HAVE ABOUT FIVE SIX MONTHS MORE TO GO INTO FISCAL YEAR AND LIKE MR. CARLSON SAID WHAT WAS WHAT WAS GREAT MONTHS IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS FISCAL YEAR TURNED OUT TO BE SOMETHING NOBODY EXPECTED AND WHILE WE WERE RUNNING ON THE TUNE OF PROJECTING A 45 50 MILLION DOLLAR EXCESS BY THE END OF THE YEAR WE ARE SEVEN MONTHS LATER 14 MILLION DOLLARS IN THE HOLE MIND YOU IN THE FIRST FOUR MONTHS OF THIS FISCAL YEAR WE APPROPRIATED A LOT OF EXCESS MONIES AND NOW AT LEAST FOR ME I'M MORE CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT WE APPROPRIATE IN THE FY 23 BUDGET TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT IS ABLE TO GENERATE SUFFICIENT FUNDS AT LEAST COVER THOSE APPROPRIATIONS LET ALONE ALL THOSE THAT WERE PASSED SUBSEQUENT TO THE BUDGET ACT.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY SO IN THE LAST FIVE MINUTES ALL WE HEARD IS THERE'S NO MONEY RIGHT MR. BIRN.

BIRN – DOA: I WOULD ECHO WHAT MR. CARLSON SAID IF WE YOU KNOW IF THE REASON FOR THE BILL IS WELL UNDERSTOOD AND EVERYBODY WOULD WISH THAT MONEY WERE IN PEOPLE'S HANDS BUT IF THERE IS NONE THAT THAT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU APPRECIATE IT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU YOU'RE VERY WELCOME MINORITY LEADER I WILL GO AHEAD AND START WITH SENATOR LUJAN ON THE SECOND ROW.

SENATOR LUJAN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR GOOD MORNING PANEL HOW ARE YOU ALL DOING THIS MORNING I'D LIKE TO START AS WELL TO APOLOGIZE TO MR. CARLSON AND MR. GUERRERO MR. BIRNS AND MS. SHIMIZU WEREN'T HERE FOR A FEW DAYS BUT I'D LIKE TO APOLOGIZE TO OF COURSE MR. CARLSON FOR HAVING TO ENDURE THIS AS WELL I KNOW TUESDAY YOU WERE THE LAST ONE TO TO BE QUESTIONED AND WE ALL WISH THAT YOU WERE THE FIRST ONE TO BE QUESTIONED BECAUSE WHEN YOU WERE THE LAST ONE WE REASSESSED BECAUSE YOU FINALLY TOLD US THERE WAS NO MONEY AND SO IT RESULTED ON A BILL THAT WAS SUBSTITUTED THAT MADE IT MORE PALATABLE AND HARD BUT MAYBE WORKABLE BUT THANK YOU AGAIN AND I AND IF I IF I CAN READ YOUR MIND MR. CARLSON YOU'RE PROBABLY SAYING HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY NO TO YOU KNUCKLEHEADS FOR YOU TO UNDERSTAND THERE IS NO MONEY.

CARLSON – BBMR: I'M NOT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR LUJAN PLEASE.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S NOT IN MY MIND SIR LIKE I SAID I REALLY REALLY AM BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE BECAUSE I WOULD REALLY LOVE TO SUPPORT THIS BUT.

SENATOR LUJAN: AND WE WILL ALL DO WE ALL DO WE ALL ABSOLUTELY DO AND AGAIN WE'VE BEEN HERE THIS WOULD BE THE THIRD DAY AND LET ME JUST REITERATE AGAIN THE PAST COUPLE DAYS YOU TOLD US WITH THE GOVERNOR'S TRANSFER AUTHORITY THERE'S 11924089 IN HER TRANSFER AUTHORITY THAT IF THAT WERE TO BE USED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WILL BE FACING A PAYLESS PAYDAY RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT WOULD EAT INTO OPERATIONS YES.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY SO LET'S FAST FORWARD AND I'LL ASK YOU THIS SCENARIO IF THIS BILL WERE TO PASS I KNOW IT PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE SIGNED INTO LAW BUT IF IT WERE TO BE OVERWRITTEN AS IS WERE TO PASS WHAT WILL THIS DO TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

CARLSON – BBMR: WELL FIRST THINGS FIRST MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE PRIORITIZATION OF THE MEASURE PASSED YESTERDAY IS MY OUR.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU KNOW PRIMARY FOCUS.

SENATOR LUJAN: AND THAT'S HARD ENOUGH TO DEAL WITH RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH YEAH SO I MEAN YOU'RE I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S FEASIBLE.

SENATOR LUJAN: I MEAN EVEN IT'S UNTHINKABLE RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: IT IT YEAH.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH THANK YOU THANK YOU VERY MUCH YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO ANY FURTHER WITH THAT I THINK MY QUESTIONING IS I THINK IT'S ENOUGH YOU KNOW YOU CAN YOU'RE GONNA BE FINDING DIFFERENT WAYS TO SAY NO NO MONEY AND AND I'M DONE AND THAT'S IT AND YOU KNOW AS THE FORMER COLLEAGUE FROM *TAMUNING* WHO SAID YOU KNOW WHAT ARE WE DOING WE'RE WASTING OUR TIME HERE THERE'S NO MONEY HOW MANY TIMES AFTER WE HAVE DO WE NEED TO BE TOLD THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO MONEY AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO WE WISH WE COULD BUT WE ABSOLUTELY CAN'T AND THAT BEING SAID AND EVEN IF THIS COULD BE DONE AT THIS POINT IT WOULDN'T BE SOMETHING THAT IF IT WAS DONE IT WOULDN'T BE REIMBURSABLE THROUGH THROUGH FEMA RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR JOANNE BROWN YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR I DON'T KNOW YOU KNOW HOW TO START HERE WHEN WE VOTED THIS BILL DOWN YESTERDAY AND WE WERE HERE FOR TWO DAYS WHICH I THINK WE COULD HAVE ADDRESSED THE EMERGENCY THE OTHER DAY AND THEN IN THE MORNING AND HAD MOVED ON SO WE COULD ALLOW THE ACTUAL PEOPLE TO NEED TO DO THE REAL WORK OUT THERE OF RECOVERY TO PROCEED YOU KNOW AND I'VE HEARD THAT MESSAGE I I'M ACTUALLY VERY PLEASED THE ADMINISTRATION NOW IS COMING FORTH WITH WHAT WE ALREADY ANTICIPATED WAS GOING TO HAPPEN BECAUSE YES WONDERFUL WE'RE RECEIVING ALL THIS MONEY BECAUSE OF COVID AND THE MILITARY BUILDUP BUT WE ANTICIPATED THAT THAT AT LEAST CERTAINLY I DID I'VE MENTIONED IT MANY TIMES ON THIS FLOOR THAT WE WERE GOING TO SEE A DECREASE OF REVENUE COMING IN ESPECIALLY WHEN WE CONTINUE TO INCREASE THE OBLIGATIONS ON THE BACKS OF OUR PEOPLE AND NOW WE'RE HERE TODAY BECAUSE SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES WANT TO APPEAR THAT THEY PROBABLY MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE HERE ON GUAM WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE ALL DO THE EMERGENCY MEASURE THAT WE PASSED YESTERDAY WAS A VERY CRITICAL STEP TO DOING THAT THERE'S NOTHING UNIQUE ABOUT THIS TYPHOON WE JUST HAVEN'T BEEN THROUGH ONE IN A LONG TIME HOW THIS LEGISLATURE IS RESPONDING TO IT IS WHAT WERE MY BIG QUESTION MARK IS REALLY IN WHAT OUR PRIORITIES ARE AT A TIME WHEN MANY OF OUR PEOPLE ARE YES CHALLENGED AND SUFFERING AND DEALING WITH VERY ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES BUT THE IDEA THAT WE ARE GOING TO COME HERE AND THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION TO HELP THAT SITUATION IS TO CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE AND APPROPRIATE MORE OF THE PEOPLE'S MONEY EVEN WHEN IT'S NOT AVAILABLE UNDER THE DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP LET'S SPEND SPEND SPEND SPEND AND YET NOT ADDRESS THE CRITICAL IMPACTS THAT WE'RE CREATING AS A RESULT OF THIS WHAT WE THINK THIS BILL IS GOING TO DO WILL ULTIMATELY DO MORE HARM WHEN WE CAN'T FUND CRITICAL OPERATIONS IN THIS GOVERNMENT THAT'S THE REALITY YOU KNOW THAT LITTLE GLITCH OUR EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT FELT AND THERE WERE A NUMBER OF THEM INCLUDING EMPLOYEES HERE AT THE GUAM LEGISLATURE OF WHAT IT'S LIKE TO NOT GET PAID ON TIME I'VE EXPERIENCED THAT OTHERS IN THE GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE BEEN HERE FOR MANY YEARS HAVE EXPERIENCED THAT HAVE GONE THROUGH

PAY CUTS SO YOU TELL ME THE SPONSORS OF THIS BILL WHICH GOVERNMENT OF GUAM EMPLOYEE YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE THE MONEY OUT OF THEIR PAYCHECK MAYBE YOU SHOULD TAKE IT OUT OF YOURS BECAUSE WE WANT TO SHOW AND TELL THE PEOPLE THAT WE CARE FOR THEM SO MUCH DURING TIMES OF ADVERSITY THAT WE'RE THEIR SAVIOR OH WHAT A TANGLED WEB WE WEAVE WHEN WE PRACTICE TO DECEIVE NOT MIGRATE WORDS THIS IS LEADERSHIP I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS BILL BECAUSE I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT THIS BILL SINCE WE GOT CALLED INTO EMERGENCY SESSION BECAUSE OUR SPEAKER THINKS THIS IS AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE WE ARE PRAYING ON THE CHALLENGES THAT OUR PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH RIGHT NOW WITH WANTING TO MAKE THEM THINK THAT OH WE'RE GOING TO GIVE YOU 500 DOLLARS BECAUSE WE REALLY CARE FOR YOU BUT WE CAN'T EVEN GIVE THEM SAFETY IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITY WE CAN'T GIVE OUR KIDS QUALITY EDUCATION IN A SAFE SCHOOL WE CAN'T EVEN GIVE OUR PEOPLE GOOD HEALTH CARE BUT WE WANT TO SAY OH MY DEAR PEOPLE OF GUAM WE'RE GIVING YOU MONEY DURING YOUR TIME OF NEED BECAUSE YOU'RE IN SUCH DESPERATE NEED BUT WE'RE NOT SUPPORTING THE INFRASTRUCTURE AND YES THE REALITY FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE NOT BEEN THROUGH IT BECAUSE YOU DON'T HAVE THE AGE OF EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU GO THROUGH ONE TYPHOON AFTER ANOTHER WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO THE SPONSORS OF THIS BILL MY DEAR COLLEAGUES WHEN THE NEXT ONE COMES OR THE NEXT CRISIS COMES THAT WE WERE NOT ANTICIPATING WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHEN THERE'S NO MONEY LEFT GO BORROW IT FROM THE BANK WHEN WE'RE ALREADY AT OUR DEBT LIMIT THIS IS NOT LEADERSHIP THIS IS NOT LEADERSHIP.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY YOU ARE RECOGNIZED TO THE PANEL.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR THANK YOU FOR THE TEAM THE PANEL FOR BEING HERE TODAY ANSWERING THE QUESTIONS MOST ESPECIALLY TO DRT I KNOW THAT YOU'VE BEEN INUNDATED WITH CALLS WITH MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE YOU KNOW ANTICIPATING THIS KIND OF HELP OR YOU KNOW SHOWING THAT THERE IS A REAL NEED HERE TODAY WE'VE DISCUSSED I THINK THE SPEAKER PREVIOUS SPEAKERS BEFORE ME HERE IN FRONT OF ME HAVE HIT MANY OF THE QUESTIONS THAT I WANTED TO ASK ABOUT ABOUT ARP MONEY ABOUT ABOUT ANY TYPES OF FUNDING AVAILABLE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT HAS NOT BEEN EXPENDED BUT WE HAVE APPROPRIATED AND I WANTED TO ASK LEST MR. CARLSON MR. BIRN IF WE CAN TALK ABOUT BRING BACK WHAT WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY ARP MONEY AND USING THAT FOR THE LEAP YOU SAID YOU WOULD BRING THE QUESTION BACK TO THE GOVERNOR IS THERE ANY ANSWER.

CARLSON – BBMR: CAN YOU RESTATE THAT QUESTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: SURE WE APPROPRIATED RECENTLY 15 MILLION DOLLARS OF GENERAL FUND MONEY FOR THE LEAP PROGRAM IN THE LEGISLATURE THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT GOING BACK TO USING ARP MONEY TO FUND THE LEAP PROGRAM INSTEAD OF THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION THAT WE MADE I KNOW THAT YOU SAID I MAYBE I MAY HAVE HEARD IT WRONG BUT I BELIEVE YOU SAID YOU WOULD BRING THAT COMMENT BACK TO THE GOVERNOR AND ASK WHAT CAN BE DONE HAS THERE BEEN ANY DISCUSSION.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH SENATOR BLAS I THINK ASKED ME I DID SPEAK WITH HER AND SHE SAID NO.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY BUT THERE IS STILL A POSSIBILITY THAT ARP MONEY CAN BE USED FOR LEAP OUR LEAP LEAP PROGRAM WAS CREATED IN RESPONSE TO COVID.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO THAT'S NOT THE HE'S THE LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION IS 15 MILLION.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES.

CARLSON – BBMR: SHE PROMISED A MATCH OR NOT MATCH BUT ADD IN FIVE HIS QUESTION WAS CAN SHE UP IT SO THAT YOU KNOW IT REDUCES THE DEFICIT AND SHE HER ANSWER WAS NO.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY BUT SHE HAS USED ARP MONEY TO FUND LEAP PROGRAM.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY SO IT HAS BEEN DONE IT IS ALLOWABLE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY AND THERE IS STILL HOW MUCH ARP MONEY LEFT YOU GAVE US A GRAND TOTAL I KNOW YOU SAID THERE'S 160.

CARLSON – BBMR: 228.

SENATOR SHELTON: MILLION DOLLARS OKAY SO.

CARLSON – BBMR: 228.

SENATOR SHELTON: 228 THAT IS INCLUSIVE OF THE 160 MILLION FOR THE HOSPITAL.

CARLSON – BBMR: CORRECT.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY WE'VE MADE WE'VE MADE APPROPRIATIONS IN THE BUDGET ACT TO ACCOUNT FOR UTILITIES FOR OUR DIFFERENT AGENCIES AND WE KNOW THAT THE FUEL SURCHARGE IS GOING TO CUT BY BE CUT BY 22 PERCENT IN THIS MONTH WE'RE IN JUNE NOW SO JUNE CAN YOU TALK ABOUT ANY POTENTIAL SAVINGS THERE.

CARLSON – BBMR: IF I'M NOT MISTAKEN FUEL I MEAN THE ENERGY RATES WENT UP NOW THEY'RE GOING DOWN SO IT MIGHT JUST KIND OF STILL BE UNDERFUNDED QUITE HONESTLY.

SENATOR SHELTON: SO NO HOPE THAT THE SURCHARGE WILL GIVE US ANY POTENTIAL SAVINGS FOR OUR UTILITIES.

CARLSON – BBMR: I WE'D HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE BECAUSE AGAIN OUR POWER BILLS WENT UP YOU GUYS THANKFULLY REDUCED OUR POWER BILLS BY A HUNDRED BUCKS BUT IT DIDN'T CHANGE THE RATE THAT WE WERE GETTING CHARGED IS JUST OFFSET YOU KNOW BUT IS IT HUH OH GO AHEAD MR. BIRN IS REMINDING ME THAT IT WAS RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES BUT NOT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES NOT FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM BUT THE THE REDUCTION TO THE SURCHARGE CERTAINLY WOULD APPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T KNOW YOU KNOW YOU KNOW THAT THERE ARE TIERS OF RATES RIGHT AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM FOR GOD KNOWS WHAT REASON PAYS THE HIGHEST RATE FOR POWER MILITARY IS THE LOWEST GOVERNMENT PAYS THE HIGHEST THOUGH I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY SO MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT WOULD HELP AND I HOPE THAT WE COULD GET SOME CONFIRMATION THERE AND SEE IF THERE ARE ANY NUMBERS THAT WE CAN BRING BACK ESPECIALLY FOR OUR AGENCIES THAT ARE NOT RUNNING ON ISLAND POWER MAYBE OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS THAT WE CAN SEE SOME SAVINGS FROM THAT ESPECIALLY THE SCHOOLS THAT WILL BE CLOSED JUST TO KEEP THAT AS A CONSIDERATION FOR US TODAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: OKAY.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES THANK YOU VERY MUCH OKAY YESTERDAY WE PASSED BILL 127 THAT DID NOT DE-APPROPRIATE THE 50 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ANY PREVIOUS APPROPRIATIONS OR AUTHORIZATIONS IN OUR BUDGET ACT WE SIMPLY GAVE AN AUTHORIZATION JUST AS THIS BILL WOULD DO GIVE AN AUTHORIZATION OF MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF MONEY FROM THE RAINY DAY FUND ANY LOCAL OR FEDERAL MONEY THAT COULD BE AVAILABLE FOR THE GOVERNOR TO USE SO 50 MILLION DOLLARS YESTERDAY WHICH ALSO INCLUDED LANGUAGE THAT IT COULD BE USED FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE IF THE GOVERNOR SAW FIT TO DO THAT FOR A RECOVERY EFFORT AND SO TODAY WE HAVE THIS BILL BEFORE US THAT IS ASKING FOR AN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM IT WOULD BE IS IT CORRECT TO SAY THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO USE THIS 50 MILLION DOLLARS IN YESTERDAY'S BILL TO APPLY TO TODAY'S BILL A PORTION OF IT AT LEAST.

CARLSON – BBMR: MA'AM WE REALLY NEED TO SEE THE ASSESSMENT TO UNDERSTAND THE DAMAGES THE AMOUNTS WHAT THIS AMOUNT THAT THE AUTHORIZATION PROVIDED FOR US TO BE ABLE TO HAVE AS MR. ESTEVES MENTIONED THERE WAS ONE PROJECT THAT WAS DE-OBLIGATED BECAUSE THE AGENCY DIDN'T HAVE

THE 25 PERCENT SO WE CAN GO ALL THE WAY UP TO THAT AISLE AND NOT GET MARRIED BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE 25 PERCENT SO IT'S A LITTLE TOO EARLY TO UNDERSTAND THE MAGNITUDE THE DOLLAR AMOUNTS OF THE DAMAGE AND THEN HOW MUCH OF WHAT IT IS THAT WAS AUTHORIZED YESTERDAY HOW FAR THAT GOES TOWARDS THAT SO I'M I'M I DON'T THINK WE'RE THERE YET TO BE ABLE TO SAY WE COULD CUT OUT A PORTION AND NOT ACTUALLY HAVE THAT ADVERSELY EFFECT YOU KNOW THE RECOVERY.

SENATOR SHELTON: OKAY WE CAN'T SAY TODAY WHAT THE FULL RECOVERY TOTAL IS FOR THE ISLAND OF GUAM AND HOW MUCH WE'LL NEED I'M SURE WE'LL NEED MUCH MORE THAN 50 MILLION DOLLARS AS FEMA WAS HERE TO TESTIFY A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO BUT THAT DOESN'T STOP US FROM PRIORITIZING WHAT WHAT PROGRAMS WE WANT TO FUND WHAT WHAT WE DEEM AS RECOVERY EFFORTS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES. **SENATOR SHELTON:** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND I WILL SAVE IT FOR THE NEXT ROUND THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE PANEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU YOU'RE WELCOME LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SENATOR DWAYNE NICHOLAS YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME FOR QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: GOOD MORNING PANEL THANK YOU FOR SHOWING UP I STARTING TO REALIZE THAT EVERYTHING THAT I DO NOW IS POLITICAL AND ALTHOUGH YOU KNOW EVERYTHING I SAY CAN AND WILL BE USED AGAINST ME AND YOU KNOW REALLY WHAT I WANT TO DO IS I WANTED TO ASSIST MY COLLEAGUE AND HOPEFULLY FIND A SOLUTION AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF OF JUST A YOU KNOW PRE-RECA I MEAN THE THE FIRST COUPLE OF DAYS OF RECOVERY AND AND WE ALL WANT TO JUST TRY TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND I YOU KNOW I I WISH THAT HAD A GENIE IN A BOTTLE AND I COULD JUST WISH FOR 50 MILLION DOLLARS BUT YOU KNOW WITH ALL THE INFORMATION THAT IS COMING BACK TO US AND I AND I'VE BEEN LISTENING I GUESS INTENTLY TO THE RESPONSES IN BUT I ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE DOING THIS PRUDENTLY IS THERE ANY IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WE CAN DO OR OH ONE MORE THING I DIDN'T WANT TO ALSO JEOPARDIZE THE PERHAPS THE THE FEMA RECOVERY PROJECTS THAT MIGHT COME ABOUT SO I DON'T I HOPE THAT THIS YOU KNOW THIS MEASURE IF IT DOES GO THAT IT WOULDN'T YOU KNOW HINDER ANYTHING IS THERE ANY ANY WAY WE CAN MAKE THIS WORK I MEAN WE'VE WE'VE APPROPRIATED MONIES 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT IF IS THERE ANY WAY WE CAN TAKE THAT AND USE IT FOR THIS MR. BIRN.

BIRN – DOA: I SEEM TO BE THE THE ONE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YEAH.

BIRN – DOA: LEFT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THE MONEY'S THERE RIGHT YEAH.

BIRN – DOA: YES AS MR. CARLSON SAID EARLIER IN RESPONSE TO AN EARLIER QUESTION THIS BODY CAN DE-APPROPRIATE FUNDS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: RIGHT.

BIRN – DOA: AT ITS AT ITS WILL AND THAT DECISION IS ONLY YOURS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES AND YOU KNOW IT'S JUST BECAUSE NOW THIS IS MORE I GUESS EMERGENT THAN AT THE MOMENT AT THE MOMENT THAT MAYBE OUR PEOPLE MIGHT NEED THE FUNDS ALLOCATED IN THAT FASHION THEN.

BIRN – DOA: WELL IT'S ALWAYS TRUE I MEAN THAT THE AN IMMEDIATE NEED LIKE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT YESTERDAY AND TODAY IS GOING TO RESOLVE IN EARLIER SPENDING THAN A CAPITAL PROJECT THAT TAKES TIME TO TO SPECIFY PROCURE AND INSTALL BEFORE YOU PAY IT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YEAH.

BIRN – DOA: THIS THIS CERTAINLY YOU KNOW IS AN EMERGENT NEED.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES SIR AND IF YOU SO CHOOSE TO CHANGE THE PRIORITIES THAT'S YOUR DECISION AND THE ADMINISTRATION WILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: YES.

BIRN – DOA: ABIDE BY IT.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU SIR I BEG YOUR APOLOGIES AND MY COLLEAGUES YOU KNOW I'M STILL QUITE NEW TO THIS AND I'M NOT I'M NOT ASHAMED TO SAY SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO THE PANEL AND WE'RE YOU KNOW JUST I JUST WANTED TO TRY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE CAN DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO HELP AND ASSIST THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AT THE MOMENT AND THANK YOU SIR FOR SHOWING UP AND I JUST WISH THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE BEST AS WE RECOVER THROUGH THIS THANK YOU SIR THANK YOU PANEL THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR NICOLAS SENATOR JOE SAN AGUSTIN YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AT THIS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TIME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MAYBE ED DOA BECAUSE THAT MR. CARLSON IS NOT THERE SO MR. BIRN WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BILL WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE BILL THE VERY FIRST LINE THREE ON PAGE ONE.

BIRN – DOA: WELL CAN I PREFACE ANYTHING I SAY SENATORS THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO.

BIRN – DOA: IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IT'S JUST YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

BIRN – DOA: THIS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO.

BIRN – DOA: THIS IS THE FIRST TIME WE'VE LOOKED AT THIS BILL AND.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO JUST THAT LINE THE LINE THERE WHEN IT SAYS NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS OF LAW IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED THAT THAT'S ALL.

BIRN – DOA: WELL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I JUST WANTED TO KNOW IF YOU UNDERSTOOD.

BIRN – DOA: ACTUALLY I YOU KNOW THAT'S A VERY DIFFICULT PHRASE TO TO HAVE TO INTERPRET BECAUSE IT'S STARTING OUT A LONG SENTENCE RIGHT AND THIS IS NOTWITHSTANDING AND IN ADDITION TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED THE GOVERNOR IS AUTHORIZED TO UTILIZE UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS SO IT I I GUESS ASSUMING THERE AREN'T OTHER NOTWITHSTANDINGS THAT TRUMP THIS NOTWITHSTANDING YOU COULD CONCLUDE THAT THIS THIS BILL IS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: IS POWERFUL.

BIRN – DOA: IS YES I'M SEARCHING FOR THE RIGHT WORDS BECAUSE I WANT TO GET IT RIGHT THAT THIS BILL NOT NECESSARILY SUPERSEDES BUT BUT PREEMPTS PERHAPS SOME OTHER BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES I I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO ARE LISTENING THAT THIS BILL BASICALLY IS SAYING AND I SPOKE TO LEGAL ABOUT THIS THAT IT

AUTHORIZED THE GOVERNOR THAT IF SHE FINDS ANY BILL THAT WE PASS THAT APPROPRIATES MONEY THAT IS NOT HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN OR HAS NOT BEEN USED SHE CAN USE IT AND WE AND AND MR. CARSON WAS HERE HE CAN GO DOWN THE LISTING OF EVERY APPROPRIATION THAT WAS GIVEN EVERY BILL THAT HAS BEEN APPROPRIATED IF THE GOVERNOR FEELS THAT SHE'S NEVER GOING TO GET TO THIS AND THAT AND THAT SHE CAN YOU PUT THAT MONEY ALL TOGETHER AND ADD UP TO 50 MILLION YOU DO UNDERSTAND THAT RIGHT.

BIRN – DOA: YES SIR BUT I I HOPE THE YOU KNOW THE BODY UNDERSTANDS THAT TO BE THE CASE AND SHOULD THAT DECISION BE TAKEN THAT THEY WILL UNDERSTAND THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE GOVERNOR MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE TAKEN THAT DECISION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT BUT AT LEAST THE OPTION WOULD BE THERE.

BIRN – DOA: YES. **SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN:** AT LEAST WE UNDERSTAND THAT AND YOU UNDERSTAND THAT IS THAT THAT OPTION IS THERE AND THAT'S WHY THAT BILL I MEAN THE BILL IS AS SUBSTITUTED IT'S NOT AS AS ORIGINALLY BEEN AND YESTERDAY YOU WEREN'T HERE BUT THEY BROUGHT UP THE ISSUE OF FEMA ON THEIR ASSISTANCE AND STUFF LIKE THAT AND JUST TO LET MY COLLEAGUES KNOW THAT I I DID REACH OUT TO THAT CON OUR DELEGATE JIM MOYLAN AND ASKED HIM IS THERE ANY WAY HE CAN CONVINCE CONGRESS TO WAIVE OR ALLOW A PORTION OF ARP MONEY TO BE USED TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND HE SAID HE IS WORKING ON THAT I JUST WANTED TO MAKE THAT KNOWN BECAUSE WE YOU KNOW MR. BIRN AND THE REST OF US HERE IS THAT ARP MONEY IS RESTRICTED TO COVID UNDERSTOOD THAT'S THAT'S AN EASY ONE BUT IF CONGRESS CAN WAIVE A PORTION ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CONDITION WE'RE FACED WE COULD PROBABLY THE GOVERNOR COULD PROBABLY USE THAT MONEY. **BIRN – DOA:** IT'S A CONGRESSIONAL LAW AND CONGRESS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT.

BIRN – DOA: CAN CAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: CAN CHANGE IT.

BIRN – DOA: CHANGE IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S CORRECT BUT I ALSO LIKE THE ONE I LIKE TO ALSO MAKE SURE THAT MY COLLEAGUES UNDERSTANDS THAT IF YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING THE NEWS CONGRESS IS ACTUALLY TRYING TO FIND A WAY TO GRAB ALL THE MONEY TODAY BACK YOU IF YOU DON'T USE IT THERE'S NO MORE DEADLINE AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THAT'S WELL KNOWN BUT MY MAIN BECAUSE THAT WAS REALLY THE MAIN QUESTION I I WANT TO MAYBE PASS IT ON ALSO TO TO MR. CARLSON IF HE COULD IF HE UNDERSTANDS IT THAT THAT'S HOW THE BILL IS WRITTEN LE LESTER MAYBE YOU CAN YOU CAN ANSWER GIVE MAYBE THE SAME ANSWER BUT WHAT WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF LINE THREE ON PAGE ONE IF THIS BILL PASSES WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT AUTHORIZED BECAUSE IT'S BECAUSE REMEMBER THIS COULD BE THE LAST BILL FOR A WHILE OR THAT DEALS IN MONEY.

CARLSON – BBMR: ARE YOU ASKING ME IF THE WORD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YOU'RE.

CARLSON – BBMR: NOTWITHSTANDING.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH YOUR OPINION WHAT IS YOUR INTERPRETATION OF THAT BECAUSE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PROVISIONS IS NOT THE LEGISLATURE PASSING AN APPROPRIATION BUT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO DECIDE WHICH APPROPRIATION BECAUSE IT'S NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISIONS WHICH APPROPRIATIONS OUT THERE THAT'S STILL SITTING IN THE BOOKS HASN'T BEEN EXECUTED THAT SHE CAN USE IF SHE CHOOSE TO BECAUSE SHE MAY NOT CHOOSE TO BECAUSE WHY WE'RE IN THE INCIDENT PHASE NOT YET RECOVERY AND I KNOW THAT EVERY PENNY IS BEING USED TO MAXIMUM THE IMPACT OR THE USE OF THE FEMA REIMBURSEMENT OF THE 75 25 OR 90 10 OR WHATEVER SO I WAS JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT I HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING AS I SPOKE TO LEGAL THAT THE GOVERNOR CAN USE THIS AS HER AUTHORITY TO NOT DE-APPROPRIATE BUT USE THE MONEY THAT'S BEEN APPROPRIATE AND UNTIL A LATER DATE THAT IF THERE IS FUND THEN SHE CAN CONTINUE THE APPROPRIATION THAT WAS ALREADY PASSED PREVIOUSLY.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH YES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THAT'S PRETTY MUCH RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: I THINK I MENTIONED THAT YESTERDAY TO SENATOR BLAS.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY I JUST WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT ON THIS BILL NA/ IT'S STILL THE SAME IT'S THE GOVERNOR'S CHOICE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOT.

CARLSON – BBMR: BUT IT DOUBLES THE CHOICE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: UNDERSTOOD.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

CARLSON – BBMR: IN FACT YOU KNOW I'M SORRY I WALKED AWAY BUT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO YOU'RE GOOD.

CARLSON – BBMR: CAN I READ SOMETHING THAT THE GOVERNOR SENT ME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: PLEASE.

CARLSON – BBMR: I WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT FEMA HAD NOT MADE THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE DECLARATION OFFICIAL THAT THEY WERE STILL DOING ASSESSMENTS APPARENTLY THEY HAVE ALREADY GRANTED AND APPROVED THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THERE MR. BIRNS SAID THAT HE ALREADY REGISTERED THE GOVERNOR SENDS THIS MESSAGE FEMA HAS A VERY GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM DIRECT CASH OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HOME AND PROPERTY DAMAGES TO INCLUDE CARS THIS IS DIRECT MONEY VIA CHECK OR DIRECT DEPOSIT CASH GRANTS FOR HOUSE REPAIR UP TO FORTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PLUS OTHER NEEDS UP TO FORTY ONE THOUSAND IN GENERATORS AND PERSONAL OVER FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED THEY'RE OPENING UP AN ASSISTANCE CENTER AND THEY WILL HAVE FEMA PEOPLE HELPING WITH REGISTERING FOR THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM VERY VERY SHORTLY SO THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE PASSED YESTERDAY SO THERE IS A FEMA THE QUESTION EARLIER ABOUT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE APPARENTLY THERE IS BEEN A APPROVAL BY FEMA ON THAT RED CROSS IS GOING TO BE GIVING OUT DON'T ASK ME WHAT A CAP CARD IS CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM CARDS OF 560 DOLLARS IT'S LIKE A CREDIT CARD AND PLUS IF THEY NEED IT FOR HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ADDITIONAL 560 DOLLARS WILL BE LOADED SO THE QUESTION THAT THE SPEAKER ASKED AND MAYBE A COUPLE OTHER SENATORS ABOUT DO I KNOW OF ANY OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THAT IS AVAILABLE I DID NOT KNOW UNTIL SHE CALLED ME TO TELL ME THAT THIS INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED AND I THINK THERE'S AN 800 NUMBER THAT PEOPLE CAN DIAL I DON'T HAVE THAT NUMBER BUT FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES THIS IS A A QUICKER AND MORE GENEROUS PROGRAM AND IT DOESN'T COST THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM A DIME.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR. CARLSON I JUST HOPE THAT THE YOU GUYS CAN GET YOUR COMMUNICATION PEOPLE TO PUBLISH THAT HOT ALL OVER THE RADIO THE NEWS THANK YOU THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE VERY WELCOME SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR ROY QUINATA YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR QUINATA: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR YOU KNOW GOOD GOOD AFTERNOON PANEL THANK YOU GUYS FOR COMING OUT HERE I KNOW YOU GUYS ARE DOING EVERYTHING AND ANYTHING POSSIBLE HUMANLY POSSIBLE YOU KNOW DEBI TA ESPIHA SALÁPPE YAN PEÑU ACHUKA HÁFA NA PRUBLEMA GUE HUYONG ENÃO GI NA MANGAIGE HIT ENÃO GI NA MAMBOTA HIT MA NA'I HIT CHÂNSA PÃO NA POSIBLE MASEHA HÁFA NA PRINIPONI ACHUKA MÂOLEKA ACHUKA TI MÂOLEK AN GUA SUPOTTE SO'TA HA' HUYONG ANGEN TÁYA' SUPOTTE CHULE' TÁTTE BASTA NA MUMU PUT ESTE NA TAIMAMÂOLÃO NA CHE'CHU' TAIMANU TA NA' MÂOLEKI ISLÁ-TA AN TI MÂOLEK I GIMÁ-TA EN TUÑGU NA TODO I TÁTÃO MANCHINATSAGA YAN MANOBLE YAN HÁFA YU BULA SAKRAFISIA PÁ'GO YA MAKAT I TIEMPO-TA YA ANAKKO' I CHALAN PU NA' NA' MÂOLEK I ISLA-TA PARA TODO I TÁOTÁO-TA ENÃO GUE MA SAÑGANI I PRESIDENTE PU NA' HÂNÃO HUYONG FEMA YAN SUPOTTE ESTE NA TÁOTÁO YAN I ISLA-TA MASEHA TAIMANO GAIGE SI UNCLE SAM PA'GO BULA TUMUÑO FEMA UNCLE SAM HÁFA TA CHOGUE PA'GO HIT SO WITH THAT BEING SAID I COMMEND THE AUTHOR OF THIS LEGISLATION ALTHOUGH WE WERE HEATED THIS AFTERNOON OR THIS MORNING THIS IS OUR JOB THIS IS WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO WHETHER WE LIKE THESE LAWS THAT ARE PROFFERED WHETHER WE LIKE THE PROVISION THE FUNDING SOURCE OR WHATNOT IT IT NEEDS TO BE ENTERTAINED THIS IS AN EMERGENCY OUR PEOPLE ARE HURTING AND THIS IS WHAT OUR PEOPLE ELECTED US TO DO WHETHER OR NOT WE GET THE SUPPORT AT LEAST LET IT HAVE ITS DUE PROCESS YEAH MAKE SOME SNICKERS AGAIN SHAME SHAME ON YOU I AM NOT INTERRUPTING YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE THE WHOLE TIME YOU WERE MAKING SNICKERS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATORS PLEASE SENATOR QUINATA YOU STILL HAVE THE FLOOR PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR QUINATA: SO I JUST YOU KNOW WE'RE DOING WHAT WE CAN AS A BODY AND THAT'S ALL I'M ASKING IS THAT WE JUST PUSH FORWARD AND HELP EACH OTHER TO GET OUR ISLAND BACK IN MOTION I COMMEND ALSO SENATOR DUEÑAS FOR WANTING US TO GO OUT THERE AND HELP AS MUCH PEOPLE OUT THERE I THINK THAT'S GREAT LET'S GET OUT THERE TO THE PEOPLE BECAUSE OUR PEOPLE NEED US IF I WASN'T IN CRUTCHES I'D BE OUT THERE SO WITH THAT BEING SAID I I SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE TO HELP OUR PEOPLE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE WHATEVER AND HOWEVER WE CAN I DON'T HAVE ANY COMMENTS FURTHER FOR THE FOR THE FOR THE PANEL I DON'T HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR THEM I JUST WISH THEM ALL THE BEST AGAIN AND WE'LL GET THROUGH THIS ONE DAY AT A TIME THANK YOU MADAM MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *BUEN PRUBECHU* SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR FISHER YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME TO ASK QUESTIONS TO THE PANEL.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU CHAIR I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH A STATEMENT THAT WAS RECENTLY MADE THAT THIS IS WHAT THE PEOPLE ELECTED US TO DO TO PASS A LAW LIKE THIS THE PEOPLE ELECTED US TO ASSIST THEY DID NOT ELECT US TO DECEIVE THEM AND THIS LAW WAS BORN OF DECEIT THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL KNEW THERE WAS NO MONEY AVAILABLE WHEN THEY DRAFTED IT ONE MAY SAY THAT THERE IS A NEFARIOUS REASON ONE MAY SAY THAT I SEE THAT YOU'RE GETTING READY TO LAUNCH ON ME I DON'T KNOW WHY BUT YOU'RE YOU'RE LOOKING LIKE IT THIS IS DECEITFUL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: DON'T ASSUME SENATOR.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: I WILL ASSUME MA'AM I WILL ASSUME I AM FAMILIAR WITH CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE I WILL ASSUME VERY MUCH THAT THIS ENTIRE MEASURE WAS BORN OF DECEIT AND POLITICAL ADVANTAGE THE PEOPLE.

SENATOR SHELTON: POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: STATE YOUR POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY PLEASE.

SENATOR SHELTON: THE SPEAKER IS CALLING ME THE CURRENT SPEAKER IS CALLING ME DECEITFUL A LIAR TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WE'RE HERE TODAY TO DISCUSS THIS BILL AND THE FUNDING SOURCES AVAILABLE SO I ASK THAT HE REFRAINED FROM DOING SO.

SENATOR FISHER: THAT IS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH LEGISLATIVE SECRETARY SENATOR FISHER YOU MAY PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: THAT IS AN IMPROPER USE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: I AM PROCEEDING I AM PROCEEDING IN WHAT SENSE AM I NOT PROCEEDING THAT WAS AN IMPROPER POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: SENATOR ON THE MERITS PLEASE.

SENATOR FISHER: ON THE MERITS MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE TO THE PANEL.

SENATOR FISHER: ON THE MERITS MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: OR TO THE COMMENT WITHOUT ANY INFERENCES PLEASE PROCEED.

SENATOR FISHER: I WILL EXERCISE MY RIGHT TO THIS FLOOR TO SPEAK WITH AND NOW WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO CUT ME OFF ALL RIGHT LET ME DIRECT THIS QUESTION THEN TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAX I READ THIS BILL IT'S JUST A DRAFTING NIGHTMARE IS THERE A MEANS TEST ATTACHED TO THIS BILL OR WILL EVERYONE RICH AND POOR GET FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

MANSAPIT-SHIMIZU – DRT: THERE IS NO INDICATION OF INCOME THRESHOLDS ON THIS PARTICULAR MEASURE.

SENATOR FISHER: SO THE VERY RICH GET IT AND PRESUMABLY THE POOR IF WE CAN FIND THEM BECAUSE THERE ARE MAYBE THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WHO ARE NOW HOMELESS ON ISLAND THAT'S NOT ADDRESSED IT WASN'T MEANT TO BE ADDRESSED THIS BILL WAS NEVER MEANT TO PASS THIS BILL WAS MADE OF MADE AND BORN OF DISHONOR THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU'RE WELCOME SENATOR FISHER SENATOR TAITAGUE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR MR. CARLSON YESTERDAY YOU TALKED TO US ABOUT THE 11 MILLION DOLLARS THAT THE GOVERNOR HAD IN TRANSFER AUTHORITY AND YOU SAID THAT THE 11 MILLION DOLLARS IN HER ABILITY TO TRANSFER AFTER EVERYTHING HAS BEEN PAID OFF THAT MONEY CONSISTED NINETY PERCENT OF WHAT.

CARLSON – BBMR: WHAT I MENTIONED YESTERDAY WAS THE CRER HAD A 265 MILLION DOLLAR GENERAL FUND BALANCE THEN WE WENT THROUGH AN EXERCISE OF REMOVING THE LEGISLATIVELY IMPOSED EXEMPTIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR TO TRANSFER OUT OF AND THAT NUMBER CAME DOWN TO I THINK 189 AND YOU MULTIPLY THAT BY YOU TAKE THAT 265 MINUS 189 YOU COME UP WITH LIKE 71 TIMES 15 PERCENT CAME OUT TO LIKE 11.9 MILLION AND WHAT I WAS SAYING WAS THAT EIGHT MONTHS INTO THE FISCAL YEAR IF SOMEBODY WAS GOING TO GET A CAPITAL ITEM THEY PROBABLY ALREADY GOT IT THAT MONEY WOULD EAT INTO PAYROLL IS WHAT I WAS SAYING AND MR. BIRN'S HERE TODAY AND WE MR BURN AND I EVEN THOUGH HE WAS OFF ISLAND WE SPOKE AT LENGTH NUMEROUS TIMES AND HE CONCURRED THAT IT WOULD HAVE AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU LESTER YOU'RE REPEATING EXACTLY WHAT YOU TOLD THIS BODY YESTERDAY YOU ALSO MENTIONED I MEAN WE WE SAID THIS IS A 50 MILLION DOLLAR APPROPRIATION TO GIVE TO THE GOVERNOR BUT SHE DOESN'T HAVE A CLOSE TO THAT AND THE 11 MILLION IS MOSTLY ON PAYROLL EVERYONE IN THIS BODY HEARD WHAT YOU SAID THERE WAS NO MONEY AT ALL BUT YET SOMEBODY NEEDED TO HAVE SOME KIND OF POLITICAL CLOUT AND AT THE DETRIMENT OF OUR PEOPLE TO USE THEM TO DECEIVE THEM JUST SO THEY YOU KNOW I'M I HAVE TO ADMIT I'M NOT A BIG FAN OF OF THE GOVERNOR EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT YOU KNOW I CALL IT OUT THE WAY IT IS BUT TO COME HERE TODAY JUST SO THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS TO BE LOOKED AT LIKE THE BAD GUY BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY OUT ANY FUNDING IS A

POLITICAL GAME THAT THIS BODY IS PLAYING JUST TO MAKE A POINT OH LET'S LET THE GOVERNOR SAY SHE CAN'T PAY IT OUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE'RE HERE TODAY THAT'S THAT IS UNCALLED FOR LESTER CRER WE ARE SHORT SEVEN MILLION AND BECAUSE OF THIS STORM AND THE RECOVERY AND THE TAXES WE ARE ANTICIPATED TO GET WHAT IS THE FORECAST IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS OH AND BY THE WAY LESTER GVB JUST SAID IT'S GOING TO TAKE 30 MONTHS NOW TO RECOVER IN OUR TOURIST INDUSTRY SO WHAT IS THE FORECAST IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS LESTER.

CARLSON – BBMR: I'M THINKING

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY YEAH I KNOW YEAH PLEASE.

CARLSON – BBMR: BUT FIRST OFF SENATOR TAITAGUE I'M REALLY SORRY THAT I HAVE TO SAY WHAT I HAD TO SAY BUT YOU KNOW I DIDN'T WANT I REALLY WISH I HAD OTHER GOOD NEWS BUT BEING CALLED DOWN HERE TO STATE THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN THE GOVERNMENT I I TOLD EDWARD AND DAFNE I WOULD I WOULD TAKE THE LEAD ON THAT IT'S A IT'S A IT'S A PART I DO NOT RELISH AND I'M STILL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE HAVING TO CONTINUE DOWN THE LINE GETTING BACK TO YOUR QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT FIRST LESTER YOU HAVE NO REASON TO APOLOGIZE WE NEED TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU BECAUSE EVERYTHING YOU'RE TELLING US IS WHAT YOU TOLD US YESTERDAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: GETTING BACK TO YOUR QUESTION I THINK WE'RE GOING TO SEE A DECLINE IN THE MONTH OF JUNE WE DON'T EVEN HAVE ALL OF OUR RETAIL OUTLETS THE BIG ONES LIKE THE *MAITE* PAYLESS OPENED UP JUST RECENTLY WE GET A LOT OF A LOT OF MONEY FROM RETAIL SALES AND WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE EVERYBODY OPEN THAT TAKES I HIT THE GENERAL FUND THE MORATORIUM ON THE THE GAS YOU KNOW THE I DON'T THINK WE ABSOLVED THE FIELD COMPANIES OF THE BPT IS THAT ACCURATE YEAH SO YOU KNOW EVERYBODY'S GASSING LIKE THERE'S NO TOMORROW PROBABLY MORE SO THAN IS NECESSARY BUT I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE SLOW SENATOR I CAN'T GIVE YOU A NUMBER BUT IT'S AGAIN WE'RE ALL IN RECOVERY SO WE'RE GOING TO BE IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT TASK TO KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPERATING AND TO FUND THE RECOVERY BUT WE'RE WE'RE GOING TO GIVE IT OUR BEST SHOT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: FEMA MENTIONED YESTERDAY MR. CARLSON THAT THIS IS THE BEGINNING OF TYPHOON THAT THE WATERS IN THESE AREAS ARE WARM WHICH MEANS THAT'S ANTICIPATED THAT WE MAY GET HIT AGAIN WHAT KIND OF FUNDING WILL WE HAVE IN IN THE EVENT THAT HAPPENS AND IF YOU CAN ANSWER THE QUESTION REGARDING FEMA IF WE'RE THROWING OUT MONEY RIGHT NOW USING OUR GENERAL FUND MONEY AND FEMA SEES THAT WE'RE DOING THIS DO YOU THINK THEY WILL STOP FROM PROVIDING EVEN ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT'S NEEDED BECAUSE HERE WE ARE THROWING MONEY OUT THAT WE DON'T HAVE SUPPOSEDLY NOT SUPPOSEDLY I'M SORRY LET ME RETRACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PEOPLE UP THERE NEED TO SAY IT YOU KNOW IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES MAYBE TO SAY WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY AND EVERYBODY KNEW THAT SINCE YESTERDAY SORRY I REGRESSED GO AHEAD AND LISTER WILL WE HAVE FUNDING IN THE EVENT WE GET HIT WITH ANOTHER TYPHOON IN THE NEXT LET'S SAY TWO MONTHS.

CARLSON – BBMR: WE'D BE SCREWED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: EXACTLY AND HOW ABOUT FEMA IF WE'RE GIVING OUT FUNDING HOW IS FEMA GOING TO INTERPRET THAT.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T BELIEVE THAT HAS ANY BEARING I THINK THEY ARE CAN THEY'RE PARALLEL TRACKS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THEY'LL FOCUS IT BUT IF WE GIVE OUT AND WILL FEMA INTO ANTICIPATE THAT MONEY AS OKAY YOU HAVE A CLAIM OF A THOUSAND DOLLARS YOU GOT 500 FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE'LL GIVE YOU THE OTHER FIVE TO MAKE YOU WHOLE AGAIN COULD THAT HAPPEN.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T BELIEVE SO BUT YOU'D HAVE TO ASK CHARLES.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: I WILL I WILL ASK CHARLES BECAUSE IT'S IT'S TIME WE STOP DECEIVING OUR PEOPLE AND GIVING THEM FALSE HOPE AND MAKING THIS A POLITICAL GAME IN THIS BODY LESTER THE FUNDING THAT WE PUT OUT FOR DOE TO HELP WITH THE INFRASTRUCTURE WHICH THEY'RE TRYING TO DO DURING THE SUMMER TIME BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS SO THEY DON'T GET YOU KNOW A A DEMERIT FROM PUBLIC HEALTH THAT'S STILL

ON THE BOOKS IS THERE ANY MONEY TO HELP DOE TO GET THEM READY FOR THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR SO THAT THEY CAN OPEN.

CARLSON – BBMR: I THINK DOE HAS TOLD THE BODY THAT THEY HAVE OVER A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS THAT THEY'RE WORKING TO TRY TO GET OUT FOR THAT REASON SO YES THEY DO HAVE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND DO YOU BECAUSE OF THIS SPERM AND ALL IS THAT WE COME ABOUT IT WILL PROBABLY COST MORE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU PROBABLY HAVE A GOOD POINT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ADDITIONAL DAMAGE ONE THEY DID NOT ANTICIPATE WHEN THEY WERE GIVING US THAT FIGURE AND THEN WE HAVE A LAW THAT SAYS THEY HAVE TO PASS THE PUBLIC HEALTH HAS TO PASS THEM IN ORDER TO OPEN UP THE SCHOOL LESTER AND AND MR. CARLSON I MEAN MR. BIRN AND DAFNE I AM SO SORRY THEY'RE PLAYING GAMES HERE IN THIS LEGISLATURE THERE'S BETTER THINGS FOR YOU TO DO TO HELP OUR PEOPLE TO GO OUT THERE AND BE THERE FOR THEM THAN US TO PUT OUT A BILL NOT US INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO GET RECOGNIZED AS BEING THE HERO WHEN ALL ALONG THEY KNEW IT'S NOT GOING TO COME TO THE PEOPLE THERE'S NO MONEY THIS IS DISINGENUOUS SHAME SHAME SHAME SHAME.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF ORDER TIME MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH IT IS OH THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON HE'S VERY GOOD AT ENSURING THAT THE TIME HAS BEEN MADE AND I APPRECIATE THAT THANK YOU SO MUCH.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT YOU KNOW LET'S LET'S NOT DECEIVE THE PEOPLE ANY LONGER AND I MAKE A MOTION THAT WE RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO THE SUBJECT RISE OUT OF THIS SESSION TO SUBJECT OF THE CALL OF THE THE SPEAKER I MAKE THAT MOTION TO ADJOURN.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO ADJOURN ARE THERE ANY THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE WHO WISH TO MOVE TO ADJOURN THIS SESSION SUBJECT TO THE CALL OF THE SPEAKER PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND THREE FOUR FIVE SIX MOTION FAILS THANK YOU SENATOR WE ARE ON WE HAVE COMPLETED THE FIRST ROUND AND WE ARE GOING TO ROUND TWO JUST GONNA TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS LEGISLATURE IS BACK IN SESSION WE'RE NOW ON ROUND TWO SPEAKER THERESE TERLAJE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED WE'RE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES RIGHT NOW CAN WE GET THE AUDIO TEAM TO WORK THE MICS PLEASE WE'LL TAKE A MOMENT'S RECESS.

RECESS

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *I MINA'TRENTAI SIETTE NA LIHESLATURAN GUÁHAN* IS BACK FROM RECESS I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE AUDIO TEAM FOR FIXING THE GLITCH SPEAKER THERESE TERLI I'M GOING TO RECOGNIZE YOU AT THIS TIME.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: I WANTED TO KNOW IF IT'S 50 MILLION IS ENOUGH TO FUND IT AT THIS RATE THAT'S LISTED IN THE BILL AND WHAT WOULD 30 MILLION FUND.

MANSAPIT-SHIMIZU – DRT: SO OUR TEAM HOLD ON JUST A SECOND SO WE WENT BACK AND LOOKED LIKE A HISTORICAL NUMBERS OR FILERS AND CAN COME UP WITH OR WE CAME UP WITH A BIT OF A RANGE AND IF WE LOOK AT THE THE MONTHLY TAX INCOME TAX REFUND STATUS REPORT WHICH IS SUBMITTED TO THE SPEAKER'S OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE WE LOOKED THE LAST FEW YEARS 2020 WAS THE HIGHEST HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF TAX RETURNS FORMED 1040 AND DURING IN 2020 WE SAW OVER 87000 TAX RETURNS FILED AND HISTORICALLY THOUGH THAT THAT'S ACTUALLY A LITTLE HIGH WE BELIEVE THAT THE REASON WHY THAT OCCURRED IS OF COURSE BECAUSE WE HAD EIP AT THAT TIME AND PEOPLE WHO DON'T DIDN'T NORMALLY FILE A RETURN SUCH YOU KNOW PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIAL SECURITY RECIPIENTS ONLY RECEIVE LIKE FEDERAL FEDERAL CERTAIN TYPES OF FEDERAL ASSISTANCE THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE THEY ENDED UP HAVING

TO FILE IN ORDER TO RECEIVE EIP AND SO AGAIN WE WE HAD OVER 70000 2021 FILERS BUT AGAIN OVER 87000 2020 FILERS POTENTIALLY BECAUSE OF COURSE THIS PARTICULAR BILL DOES REPLICATE SOME OF THE LANGUAGE FROM WHAT WE SAW AS IN COVET AID AGAIN WITH REGARDS TO A RANGE AT THE 500 OF COURSE WHICH WAS WHAT WE ORIGINALLY THINKING IT WOULD BE WE DIDN'T I WE DIDN'T KNOW THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE THERE WAS GOING TO BE A ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR THAT WAS CONTEMPLATED FOR MARRIED FILING JOINT BUT AT 500 AND 500 MEANING 500 FOR ALL TAX FILERS ASSUMING ABOUT 76000 FILERS OR 75992 BECAUSE I KNOW I DID GIVE SOME NUMBERS TO SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN THAT'S ABOUT 37.9 ALMOST 38 MILLION DOLLARS AND THAT'S AGAIN IT'S A 75 OR 76000 TAXPAYERS BUT SAY THAT ENDED UP BECOMING 87 000 TAXPAYERS OR 87 1000 87159 WHICH IS WHAT WE SAW FOR 2020 AND AGAIN THIS IS ONLY THIS IS AT 500 AND 500 IT WOULD BE ABOUT 44 MILLION IF WE SAY THAT WE'RE GOING TO UTILIZE THE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS INSTEAD AS AS IF 501000 INSTEAD AND A HUNDRED PERCENT OF FILERS FILED THEN I WOULD SAY THE RANGE COULD BE BETWEEN 49 MILLION TO 56 MILLION THAT'S THE RANGE IF IT WAS AT FIVE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: SAY IT AGAIN WITH THE TOTAL.

MANSAPIT-SHIMIZU – DRT: SO AT 500 AND 500 MEANING AT 500 AND 500 THE RANGE IS PROBABLY ABOUT 38 TO 44 MILLION NOT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ANY ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AT 501 000 MEANING 500 FOR SINGLE FILERS 1 000 FOR MARRIED FILING JOINT THE RANGE IS ABOUT 49 MILLION TO 56 MILLION AND AGAIN NOT TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.

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

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SPEAKER TERLAJE.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MADAM CHAIR.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES DO YOU SENATOR DWAYNE SAN NICOLAS.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: MOTION TO RECESS MA'AM.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: ON THE MOTION TO RECESS THERE IS AN OBJECTION ALL THOSE IN FAVOR FOR THE RECESS PLEASE SIGNIFY BY RAISING YOUR HAND ONE TWO ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE TWO FOUR SIX EIGHT WE ARE IN RECESS HOW LONG.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THIS BODY'S BACK FROM RECESS WE WILL TAKE A A RECESS TILL TWO O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CALLED BACK TO ORDER WHEN THE SECOND ROUND GIVE IT A FEW A MINUTE OR SO WE GET THE PANEL IN HERE AND THEN WE'LL BEGIN WITH SENATOR BARNETT IF YOU'RE NOT PRESENT AT YOUR CHAIR WHEN YOUR NAME IS CALLED UP WE WILL SKIP YOU AND MOVE ALONG BE MINDFUL MY COLLEAGUES WERE IN THE SECOND ROUND I THINK THERE WAS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ON THE FIRST ROUND.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE CALL BACK TO ORDER WE HAVE THE PANEL PRESENT WE HAVE MS LLEWELLYN TERLAJE THAT SITS IN FOR THE DIRECTOR OF OFB MR CARLSON YOU HAVE AN UPDATE YOU WANT TO PRESENT BEFORE SENATOR BARNETT STARTS.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH JUST AN UPDATE OH JESUS THE POSTINGS STARTED COMING IN FOR MAY AND THE SHORTFALL NOW IS 1.3 VERSUS A 7.2 WE COLLECTED 6.2 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WERE POSTED BETWEEN YESTERDAY AND TODAY SO THAT TAKES THE TOTAL NO MAYBE ABOUT EIGHT POINT SOMETHING VERSUS 14. THE REVENUE SHORTFALL SO IT GOT BETTER.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR BARNETT WILL BEGIN WITH YOU THE SECOND ROUND.

SENATOR BARNETT: MAYBE WE SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER LUNCH BREAK HUH.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: WHY SO THAT WE CAN GET MORE MONEY.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES EXACTLY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WELL SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE YOU'RE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT.

SENATOR BARNETT: MR CARLSON I I WANTED TO ASK IF YOU COULD KIND OF TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY TO GO OVER SOME OF THE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT AGAIN TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITY AND YOUR KNOWLEDGE ARE GOING TO BE OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE COMING DAYS AND WEEKS.

CARLSON – BBMR: I DON'T HAVE YOUR NUMBER BUT THE SPEAKER SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR BLAS WHAT ELSE DID I SEND IT TO CAN YOU SHARE IT WITH MR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: I DON'T MIND.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR VICE THANK YOU VICE APPRECIATE THAT THANK YOU MR CHAIR I'M GOOD.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SO WE'RE GOOD OKAY SENATOR PARKINSON ANY QUESTION NONE DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PANEL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YES I DO MR CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: A CONTINUATION OKAY GO FOR IT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO LESTER SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES IN THE PRIOR ROUND MENTIONED THAT THE NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISION GIVES THE LATITUDE OF THE GOVERNOR PICKING AND CHOOSING WHICH ITEMS TO FUND JUST TO BEGIN WITH IF THIS BILL PASSES AND FOR SOME REASON BECOMES LAW AND THAT NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISION WOULDN'T YOU BE EXTREMELY DEFICIT SPENDING THEN BECAUSE THIS BILL DOES NOT ADJUST ANY REVENUES I MEAN IF IT'S A NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISION LESTER MR CHAIR I'M JUST GOING TO MAKE AN AMENDMENT TO MAKE IT A BILLION DOLLARS WHY NOT PICK AND CHOOSE GOVERNOR WHAT YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND I MIGHT EVEN ADD A FEW MORE PROGRAMS HERE I MEAN LET ME FURTHER EXPLAIN WHY I'M ASKING THIS QUESTION MR BIRN ESPECIALLY I NEED TO REMIND YOU WHEN YOU WERE HERE LAST TIME AND I AND I TOOK THAT ADVICE TO HEART WHEN YOU SAID TO US GUYS THIS IS TIGHTER THAN A DRUM YOU NEED TO STOP APPROPRIATING THERE'S NO MONEY AND WE'VE NOW GIVEN THE GOVERNOR THE ABILITY AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING THERE WAS A REPRESENTATION EARLIER THAT YESTERDAY'S BILL THAT WE PASSED WAS THE SAME BECAUSE IT DIDN'T DE-APPROPRIATE DIDN'T HAVE TO BE APPROPRIATE BECAUSE WE'RE ANTICIPATING ESPECIALLY SINCE THE MEAGER LIGHT THAT WAS SHED TODAY OF AN ADDITIONAL SIX MILLION WHICH LOWERED OUR DEFICIT TO 8 MILLION NOW THE MEAGER LIGHT THAT'S BEEN SHOWN BUT WE ANTICIPATE ISN'T THAT CORRECT WITH YOUR OPTIMISM LESTER THAT WE ANTICIPATE THAT IF ALL THE GODS COME TOGETHER AND EVERYTHING ELSE THE BALANCE OF THIS FISCAL YEAR WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO REALIZE SOMEWHERE NEAR THAT 50 MILLION AND GIVE YOU THAT LATITUDE FOR EXPENDITURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: SO THIS IS NOT THE SAME COLLEAGUES ON THE FLOOR HERE.

CARLSON – BBMR: THAT'S CORRECT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: AND THIS IS NOT THE SAME AND THAT'S WHY I ASKED FOR A FISCAL NOTE SO I HAVE TO ASK YOU AGAIN LESTER WOULD YOU BE DEFICIT SPENDING BECAUSE THIS NOTWITHSTANDING PROVISION IS NOT MAGIC IT GIVES AN AUTHORITY TO YOU BUT IT DOES NOT CHANGE THE REVENUES SO IF YOU SPEND THIS 50 MILLION DOLLARS WITHOUT CHANGING THE REVENUE SOUNDS TO ME LIKE YOU WOULD BE DEFICIT SPENDING AND THE GOVERNOR HAS ASKED US NOT TO DO THAT.

CARLSON – BBMR: IF AFTER A COUPLE OF WEEKS OF WORKING TO GO THROUGH WHERE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO MOVE MONEY AROUND AND WHAT MAY OR MAY NOT BE IMPLEMENTED WE MIGHT HAVE TO COME BACK TO YOU BUT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YOU WOULD HAVE TO COME BACK TO US LESTER BECAUSE OTHER PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE RIGHT LET'S LET'S GO DOWN THAT ROAD LET'S HAVE A SCENARIO OKAY WHAT WON'T BE IMPLEMENTED LET'S SAY THE POWER CREDIT WON'T BE IMPLEMENTED AND WE GOT 26 MILLION DOLLARS NOT SURE SOME PEOPLE ON THIS FLOOR WOULD LIKE THAT BUT LET'S SAY THE POWER CREDIT DIDN'T GET IMPLEMENTED POWER BILLS ARE GOING DOWN NEVER MIND YOU DON'T NEED THAT PEOPLE YOU THINK THE LINE IS LONG AT THE GAS LINES RIGHT NOW LET'S SAY WE DIDN'T IMPLEMENT LEAP WE'VE GOT BUSINESSES ARE BEGGING US AND NOW THESE

SAME BUSINESSES HAVE A FORECAST OF TAKING 30 MONTHS TO BRING BACK TOURISM TO ANY SEMBLANCE OF OPERATION OF THAT OF THAT THREE YEARS JUST ABOUT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU RIGHT NOW I'M GOING TO GO DOWN A LIMB BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IT WAS MY FIRST LOVE AND THE JOB THAT I DID FOR 16 YEARS THAT PLACE IS GOING TO BE A GHOST TOWN FOR AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS IF NOT THE REST OF THIS FISCAL YEAR THE 30 MONTHS THE 30 MONTHS IS TO HOPE TO GET TO WHAT WE WERE HOPING FOR AND WHAT WE WERE ON TARGET FOR THIS YEAR MAYBE SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND WHICH IS ONE-THIRD YOU THINK PARACEL HAS GOT THAT KIND OF TIME YOU THINK SPORTS FISHING HAS GOT THAT KIND OF TIME YOU THINK FISHEYE'S GOT THAT KIND OF TIME I DON'T KNOW *LAÑI' ESTE GACHONG-HU I ÑUEBO NA SINADOT GI SAN TATTE YA-HU LAI AN HU EKUNGOK NA KUENTOS GI FINO' CHAMORU YA-HU KUENTOS GI FINO' CHAMORU LOKKUE' UN TUÑGO HÁFA I MANÁMKO' MA SASAÑGAN I TÁOTÁO I MANHOBEN BOI CHAGI LÁO MUÑGA MANDAGI I MANDAGI ISÁO-MU SAÑGÁNI I TÁOTÁO MAGÁHET SA' SIEMPRE MA TUÑGO' SIEMPRE MA TUÑGO' YA-HU LAI NA BAI NÁ'I HÁO ESTE LÁO TÁYA' SALÁPPE.* IN ENGLISH I KNOW TIME KEEPER I KNOW YOU'RE READY TO GO NOW YOU'RE READY TO GO GOT YOUR JACKET ALL SET READY TO GO GIVE ME 30 SECONDS TO AT LEAST LET OUR ENGLISH SPEAKERS LISTEN.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF ORDER SIR TIME.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF ORDER THE TIME.

SENATOR PARKINSON: IS UP.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR CHAIRMAN LET ME WRAP UP THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THAT IS I LOVE THE FACT THAT MY GOOD FRIEND IN THE BACK LOVES TO SPEAK CHAMORU I LIKE TO SPEAK CHAMORU TOO.

SENATOR PARKINSON: POINT OF.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: BUT ONE OF THE THINGS.

SENATOR PARKINSON: ORDER MR CHAIR HIS TIME IS UP.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THAT OUR THAT OUR PARENTS TAUGHT US WHEN WE WERE CHILDREN WAS TRY TRY YOUR BEST BUT DON'T LIE YOUR LIE IS YOUR BIGGEST SIN AND THIS BILL IS A LIE *Si Yu'os Ma'áse'* MR CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR BLAS: YES SIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR MR BURN MR CARLSON IS THERE ANY OTHER QUESTION I HAVEN'T ASKED YOU YET TO MAKE IT VERY CLEAR THAT THERE IS NO MONEY.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SENATOR BLAS: OKAY YOU KNOW FOR THE EDIFICATION I THANK YOU MR CARLSON FOR SENDING ME THIS INFORMATION BUT YOU KNOW BECAUSE I'M BEING TIMED AND YOU'RE NOT YOU KNOW THAT THAT INFORMATION ON THE FEMA ASSISTANTS THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED UNDER INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM THAT THAT INFORMATION CAN YOU GO AHEAD AND AND READ IT OUT AGAIN I'LL USE YOUR TIME INSTEAD OF MINE BECAUSE MINE IS OH DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANTS WHAT WHAT'S GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO OUR.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU WANT ME TO START WITH THE RED CROSS YOU WANT ME TO START WITH FEMA.

SENATOR BLAS: LET'S START WITH FEMA FIRST OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: THIS CAME FROM THE GOVERNOR BY THE WAY FOR FOR ME TO MAKE KNOWN TO NOT ONLY YOU GUYS BUT OF COURSE THE PUBLIC FEMA HAS A GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE SAYS FEMA HAS GENEROUS INDIVIDUAL I.A ASSISTANCE DIRECT CASH OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR HOME AND PROPERTY DAMAGES TO INCLUDE CARS THIS IS DIRECT MONEY VIA CHECK OR DIRECT DEPOSIT CASH GRANT FOR HOUSE REPAIR UP TO FORTY ONE THOUSAND PLUS IT NEEDS UP TO 41 000 FOR EXAMPLE GENERATORS AND PERSONAL ITEMS OVER 5 000 PEOPLE HAVE REGISTERED BOOTS ARE ON THE GROUND RED CROSS IS GIVING WHAT'S THAT AGAIN.

BIRN – DOA: CASH CASH ASSISTANCE.

CARLSON – BBMR: CASH ASSISTANCE CARDS OF FIVE HUNDRED AND SIXTY DOLLARS IT IS LIKE A CREDIT CARD PLUS IF THEY NEED FOR HEALTH OR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AN ADDITIONAL 560 WILL BE LOADED GUAM'S BEEN APPROVED FOR FEMA GUAM'S BEEN APPROVED FOR FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANTS THAT'S THE PART I DIDN'T ACTUALLY KNOW ABOUT UNTIL LATER THIS MORNING RED CROSS IS BRINGING IN PROGRAMS THAT

HAVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SDA IS BRINGING DISASTER LOAN SPECIALISTS IN AND I BELIEVE THEY'RE GOING TO BE SETTING UP BOTH THE RED CROSS AND A FEMA CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU I APPRECIATE THAT AND I'M MOST APPRECIATIVE THAT ACTUALLY THIS EARLY IN THE GAME AND STILL IN THE RESPONSE THAT WE'VE ACTUALLY BEEN ALREADY APPROVED FOR THE FEMA AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANTS.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: CONGRATULATIONS ON THAT AND I TELL YOU ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I THINK THIS IS IMPORTANT LESTER IS IT OUR UNDERSTANDING IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING THAT BASED ON THESE PROGRAMS HERE THAT THERE IS GOING TO BE ASSISTANCE THERE IS ASSISTANCE THAT'S GOING TO BE PROVIDED TO OUR PEOPLE IN THE WAYS AND THE MEANS OF BEING ABLE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS GET THE NECESSARY PRODUCTS AND PROV AND GET FOOD WATER SHELTER CLOTHING FOR THEMSELVES.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES AND THERE WAS ANOTHER PIECE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE 550 PEOPLE MANNING THE CALL CENTER TO BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH YOU KNOW GUAM SPECIFICALLY SO I WOULD HOPE THAT PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO CALL AND SPEAK TO SOMEBODY THEY MIGHT THEY MIGHT STILL HAVE TO DO THE ONLINE APPLICATION.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: BUT AT LEAST THEY GET TO WALK THROUGH YOU KNOW AND.

SENATOR BLAS: SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: TO SOMEBODY AND THEN THERE ARE MAYBE IT'S GOING TO BE A LITTLE BIT LESS OF A GHOST TOWN BECAUSE THERE'S APPARENTLY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS FEDERAL AGENCIES THAT ARE COMING HERE TO ASSIST PEOPLE EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR DO ASSESSMENTS SO WE'RE GETTING WE'RE GETTING A LOT OF FEDERAL BOOTS ON THE GROUND TO BE ABLE TO FACILITATE UM GETTING PEOPLE BACK ON THEIR FEET.

SENATOR BLAS: AND AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO PUSH FOR AND STRESS FOR ESPECIALLY IN THESE PROGRESS ESPECIALLY SINCE NOW WE HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE THE PROGRAM APPROVED WE WANTED TO MOVE THIS AND GET AND SHOOT THIS OUT AS QUICK AS POSSIBLE RIGHT WHERE AS OPPOSED TO IF WE GO THIS ROUTE AND PROBABLY NOT HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BE ABLE TO EVEN START A PROGRAM AND THEN WHEN WE DO HAVE ENOUGH MONEY TO BE ABLE TO START A PROGRAM WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO START THIS PROGRAM UNTIL LATE JULY EARLY AUGUST.

CARLSON – BBMR: I THINK THAT'S WHAT DAPHNE SAID YES.

DAPHANE – DRT: I I MENTIONED PERHAPS 30 TO 45 DAYS.

SENATOR BLAS: RIGHT.

DAPHANE – DRT: WHICH WOULD BRING US INTO RIGHT IN THE BEGINNING OF JULY MAYBE OR MID-JULY.

SENATOR BLAS: AND SO ONE OF THE THINGS I CAN APPRECIATE ABOUT THIS CONVERSATION HAVING THIS CONVERSATION TODAY IS THAT WE CAN ASSURE OUR PEOPLE THAT THERE ARE EFFORTS AND THERE ARE THERE ARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ABSENT AND WE FIND THAT THIS PROGRAM THERE ISN'T THE MONEY BE TO BE ABLE TO PUT STATUS STAND THIS PROGRAM UP NOW THERE ARE OTHER PROGRAMS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IT'S JUST A MATTER OF BEING ABLE TO ACCESS THEM AM I CORRECT.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU ARE CORRECT SIR.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TELO DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS FOR THE PANEL I'M I'M MIXING IT AROUND SO THAT THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL WILL BE LAST DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY WELL THANKS FOR THE HEADSUP I DID YOU KNOW.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DON'T WORRY I'M THE CHAIRMAN PLEASE MOVE ON YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS MA'AM MY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WELL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: VICE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: LIKE I SAID YOU COULD HAVE TOLD ME AHEAD OF TIME SO I COULD BE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NOT A PROBLEM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: PREPARED THANK YOU MR CHAIR FOR NOTHING BUT I REALLY APPRECIATE AGAIN YOU BEING HERE AND I APOLOGIZE AGAIN FOR HAVING YOU TO REPEAT THE SAME THING YOU DID YESTERDAY ONE OF MY BIGGEST CONCERNS TOO IS THE CREDITORS AS WE'VE MOVED FORWARD CREATING MORE LEGISLATION THAT APPROPRIATES FUNDING ESPECIALLY FUNDING THAT WE DON'T HAVE SO MY QUESTION TO YOU LESTER WOULD BE DO YOU WANT ME TO PAUSE PAUSE PLEASE WELL THE THE CHAIRMAN IS INTERRUPTING WHO I'M SPEAKING TO.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: ARE WE READY NOW MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE WAS.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: CAN I CONTINUE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: HE WAS HE WAS LISTENING TO YOU.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY SO I KNOW LESTER THAT YOU WERE AT GEDA FOR QUITE A WHILE WHEN YOU GO OUT TO GET YOU KNOW FOR BORROWING ANY KIND OF FUNDS YOU GO THROUGH CREDIT RATINGS WITH GUAM'S CREDIT RATING I I THINK I ASKED MR BIRN NOT TOO LONG AGO WHAT OUR STATUS WAS AND IT WASN'T IN A GOOD YOU KNOW A GOOD LIGHT A REALLY GOOD LIGHT BUT WE'RE STILL FARING PRETTY WELL BUT WHEN WE START PUTTING BILLS LIKE THIS TOGETHER AND THE CREDITORS LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE IN OUR DEFICIT OR RESPONSIBILITIES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN PASSED WHAT KIND OF RATINGS WOULD WE GET IF WE NEEDED TO BORROW IN CASE SOMETHING COMES UP.

CARLSON – BBMR: NUMBER ONE SENATOR THE ABILITY TO PAY DEBTS IS IN THE FRONT WE ALWAYS TAKE THAT OUT OFF THE TOP IT'S WE ONLY APPROPRIATE AFTER WE'VE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT DEBT SERVICE INCOME TAX REFUNDS AND A COUPLE OTHER THINGS THEN WE HAVE NET AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION SO THEY LIKE THAT THEY KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO GET PAID ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE DID RECENTLY WHICH IS WILL BOLSTER OUR INVESTOR BASE IS ACTUALLY HAVING ELIMINATED THE DEFICIT AND HAVING YOU KNOW MONEY IN IN THE RESERVE ALBEIT YOU KNOW IT'S ONE YEAR'S WORTH AND GROWING WE WE DIDN'T HAVE THAT GUAM HAS NEVER HAD A RAINY DAY FUND SINCE IT WAS PROBABLY CREATED SO THAT HELPS BUT WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS AND THEY KNOW WE'RE GOOD FOR OUR BOND PAYMENTS WE'VE NEVER DEFAULTED.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: BUT LESTER DON'T THE CREDITORS ALSO LOOK AT OUR PRIOR YEAR OUR OBLIGATIONS I MEAN THEY LOOK AT EVERYTHING IN ORDER TO RATE US.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH AND WE'RE WE'RE WE'RE PAYING ALREADY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: AND IF WE WERE INTRODUCING LEGISLATION TO PAY FOR THINGS THAT WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE MONEY TO PAY FOR.

CARLSON – BBMR: OK.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT DOES THAT SAY ABOUT OUR OUR STATUS.

CARLSON – BBMR: IF FIRST AND FOREMOST WE WILL GET 127 DONE I WALKED IN HERE SAYING WE CAN'T DO THIS SO CAN'T HAVE BOTH.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OKAY I MEAN YOU YOU YOU CAN SAY IT IN CHINESE TOO LIKE I SAID EARLIER YOU KNOW DIFFERENT LANGUAGES THAT THERE IS JUST NO MONEY THERE WE CAN'T DO BOTH BUT I'M NOT JUST TALKING ABOUT DOING BOTH LESTER I'M TALKING ABOUT BEING IRRESPONSIBLE THAT THIS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM GUAM WHO'S RECOGNIZED BY OTHER YOU KNOW INDIVIDUALS INVESTORS LOOKING AT US BEING IRRESPONSIBLE THAT HERE WE ARE SPENDING MONEY FIRST WE'RE SPENDING EXCESS REVENUE AND IT WAS BEYOND WHAT WE ANTICIPATED IN EXCESS REVENUE SO WE DO THAT AND NOW HERE WE ARE PUTTING LEGISLATION TO YOU KNOW TO DECEIVE OUR PEOPLE ON A BILL LIKE THIS BECAUSE IT'S OBVIOUS WE DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY AND YOU'RE STILL NOT TELLING ME WHAT WE WOULD LOOK LIKE IN THE FACE OF CREDITORS ARE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO INVEST IN BONDS ON GUAM I MEAN YOU TALK ABOUT NOT HAVING A DEBT ANYMORE THAT YOU KNOW WE'VE BEEN DEBT FREE FOR WHAT VERY SHORT TIME LESTER A VERY SHORT TIME BUT IF YOU CALCULATE ALL THE OTHER APPROPRIATIONS THAT WE'VE MADE IN THIS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM THAT GO BACK TO LIKE 2000 FORGOTTEN OR 19 FORGOTTEN WE STILL OWE IN THAT AMOUNT AS WELL WE HAVE LOST MANY PEOPLE WHO HAVE LEFT THIS ISLAND WHICH IS A TAX BASE FOR THIS GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE WERE LOWER IN POPULATION NOW AND NOW WITH THIS TYPHOON AND HEARING FROM FEMA THAT THIS IS JUST

THE BEGINNING THE WATERS ARE WARM OUT THERE THIS WILL PROBABLY HAPPEN WE'RE AT THE BEGINNING OF TYPHOON SEASON YOU CAN BET WE'RE GOING TO LOSE MORE TAX BASE MORE PEOPLE LEAVING THIS ISLAND AND ALL WE'RE DOING IN THIS BODY THAN THIS LEGISLATURE BY A CHAIRMAN ON APPROPRIATIONS TO CONTINUE TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAT WE DON'T HAVE HOW IRRESPONSIBLE IS THAT HOW IRRESPONSIBLE FIRST WE DECEIVE WITH THE BILL AND THEN WE'RE SITTING HERE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE THAT'S SUPPOSED TO OVERSEE THE TAX PAYING THE TAXPAYERS MONEY THIS IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DON'T GO INTO DEBT THAT WHEN WE DON'T RUN THIS GOVERNMENT INTO THE GROUND AND THEN THEN YOU WILL SEE A MUCH BIGGER EXODUS FROM THIS ISLAND THE ISLAND THAT EVERYBODY IN THIS BODY'S CLAIMS THEY I LOVE GUAM BIBA GUAM THIS IS YOUR IDEA OF I LOVE GUAM BIBA GUAM BEING IRRESPONSIBLE WITH THE TAX PAYING THE HARD-EARNED TAX PAYING MONEY OF OUR COMMUNITY AND WE'RE STILL SITTING HERE ENTERTAINING THIS SHAME AGAIN BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER BECAUSE A COUPLE PEOPLE OVER THERE ARE GANGING UP LET'S LET'S GO AFTER THE GOVERNOR LET'S FORCE THE GOVERNOR TO SAY I CAN'T PAY THIS MAKE HER LOOK BAD AGAIN I'M NOT A HERO OF THE GOVERNOR BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO YOU GO AFTER HER YOU'RE GOING AFTER THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SHE GOES AFTER US YOU GO AFTER THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BECAUSE WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HERE TO REPRESENT THEM BUT INSTEAD THERE'S A LOT OF SELF-INTEREST IN THIS BODY A LOT OF SELF-INTEREST DOG GONE IT WHEN'S THE NEXT ELECTION FOR GOVERNOR IN THE NEXT WHAT TWO TO THREE YEARS ARE YOU GUYS GANGING UP FOR THAT THAT PEOPLE ARE NOT SLEEPING AND MAYBE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH WHAT INTERNET OUT THERE FOR EVERYBODY HERE IS BUT THIS IS GOING TO GO OUT THERE YOU CAN MAKE SURE I'LL MAKE SURE IT GOES OUT THERE SO THAT PEOPLE KNOW THE TRUTH WHAT'S HAPPENING IN HERE AND I WILL CALL EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU OUT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU TIME SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR FISHER YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR A QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: A MOMENT SIR JUST A JUST A COMMENT SIR THANK YOU VERY MUCH I THINK WE HAD WORD ON THE PORT THIS MORNING AND I TOLD YOU THIS CONCEPT I WOULDN'T DECEIVE A FAMILY MEMBER LIKE THIS AND LET THEM KNOW LET THEM BELIEVE THEY WERE GOING TO GET A BENEFIT WHICH I KNEW IN MY HEART THEY WERE NEVER GOING TO GET I WOULDN'T DO THAT TO MY NEIGHBOR AND I'M I'M BLESSED WITH GOOD NEIGHBORS AND I KNOW THEY WOULDN'T DO THAT TO ME SO I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT TO THE VOTERS THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR ROY PAST SENATOR DUANE DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR A QUESTION FOR THE PANEL YES NO MAYBE SO.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: HELLO YES THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN SIR ANYBODY FROM THE PANEL AS THE AUDIT FOR 2022 HAVE HAS BEEN DONE YET.

BIRN – DOA: NO SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: ALL RIGHT I I THINK AGAIN I REITERATED WE ARE WE'RE JUST AT THE BEGINNING OF THE THE RECOVERY PERIOD WE HAVEN'T EVEN GIVEN FEMA A CHANCE TO HELP US WITH A RECOVERY AND ALL THE FUNDS THAT MAY WE MAY THAT MAY MATERIALIZE OUT OF THIS AND I THINK I'VE HEARD ENOUGH THAT THERE IS NO MONEY I'VE BEEN TALKING WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE ON THE WAY IN HERE WHEN I RAN FOR OFFICE I I PROMISE HONESTY COMPASSION AND KINDNESS AND I DO KNOW WHERE THE AUTHOR IS GOING WITH THIS AND YOU KNOW YOU WANT TO BE KIND AND EVERYTHING COMPASSIONATE BUT WE ALSO WANT TO BE TRUTHFUL AND HONEST MY WIFE'S ALWAYS GETTING MAD AT ME BECAUSE I WANT TO GIVE EVERYTHING AWAY YOU KNOW I'M JUST A SANTA CLAUS LIKE THAT BUT WE NEED TO ALSO UNDERSTAND THE REALITIES THAT WE'RE FACING AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU AGAIN MR THE GENTLEMAN'S A GENTLEMAN UP THERE CAN WE DO THIS SO HONEST AN HONEST QUESTION.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: AND I KNOW I'VE BEEN IN I'M THE YOU KNOW ONE OF THE CO-SPONSORS FOR FOR THE BILL AND I AND I I DO WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND GET THIS OUT THERE THE HELP THAT THEY NEED BUT I DO UNDERSTAND AS WELL THAT FEMAS HERE AND THE RED CROSS IS HERE AND WE HAVEN'T GIVEN THEM THE OPPORTUNITY TO AT LEAST TRY TO OFFER THE AID THAT WE DO NEED AND THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEEDS SO I JUST WANTED TO HELP OUT THE PEOPLE AND I I HOPE THAT WE WE CAN BE MORE SOBER ENOUGH TO MAYBE COME TO A CONCLUSION ABOUT THIS BILL AND UNDERSTAND THE REALITIES THAT WE ARE FACING I DON'T WANT TO KICK SOMETHING TO THE GOVERNOR AND AND THAT'S NOT FAIR SO I THINK WE'LL TRY TO LET FEMA AND RED CROSS HELP US OUT FIRST AND IF WE DO RECOVER MAYBE SOMEWHERE DOWN THE LINE AND WE CAN PROBABLY OFFER SOMETHING LIKE THIS MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN REVISIT THANK YOU SIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR LUJAN DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES MR CHAIRMAN THANK YOU VERY MUCH THANK YOU GOOD AFTERNOON AGAIN PANEL SORRY THAT WE AGAIN HAVING TO GO TO ROUND ONE AND I MEAN ROUND TWO AND ROUND ONE WAS A KNOCKOUT ALREADY AND SO DOWN TWO IS AGAIN REPEAT THAT BUT LET ME LET ME ASK MISS SHIMIZU A QUESTION HERE PRIOR TO THE TO THE TYPHOON WAS THE TOURISM INDUSTRY IN FULL RECOVERY IN REGARDS TO FINANCIAL TAX COLLECTIONS.

CARLSON – BBMR: BEFORE THE STORM.

SENATOR LUJAN: BEFORE THE STORM YES.

CARLSON – BBMR: THE SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REPORT SHOWED THAT THEY WERE ON TRACK TO SURPASS THE BUDGET AMOUNT BY FIVE OR SIX MILLION DOLLARS.

SENATOR LUJAN: ABOUT HOW MUCH I'M SORRY.

CARLSON – BBMR: PRIOR TO.

SENATOR LUJAN: PRIOR TO THE STORM.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY NOW OKAY THAT THAT BEING SAID AGAIN PRIOR TO THE PANDEMIC WERE THE I KNOW THEY SURPASSED THAT BUT WHAT WAS THAT HOW WAS THAT COMPARED TO PRE-PANDEMIC.

CARLSON – BBMR: STILL PROBABLY 70 PERCENT OF PRE-PANDEMIC LEVELS.

SENATOR LUJAN: 70 PERCENT.

CARLSON – BBMR: REMEMBER WE'RE AT.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: 1.6 MILLION.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE YEAH NO NO AND THEY'RE JUST TRYING TO GET TO THE POINT AT THIS POINT BECAUSE WE HAVEN'T IT IT SHOWING THAT IT WAS ON TRACK TO YEAH BUT WE WEREN'T THERE YET IT WAS TRACKED IT WAS TRACKING YEAH AND EVERYONE CAN GET YOU KNOW WE KNOW THE ANSWERS TO THAT BUT LIKEWISE THIS THIS BLOW THAT THAT WE JUST GOT A WEEK A WEEK AGO WHAT DO YOU PROJECT THAT BLOW WILL BE WHAT DO YOU PROJECT I MEAN AGAIN JUST A ROUGH ESTIMATE ON WHAT'S HAPPENING WE HAVE NOT YOU KNOW WE WERE ON TRACK BUT WE HAVE NOT RECUPERATED FROM FROM THE PANDEMIC AND HERE WE HAVE THIS NOW WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT'S JUST ESTIMATING.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU KNOW SIR I I REALLY CAN'T GIVE YOU ANY INFORMATION WITHOUT LIKE TALKING TO THE AIRPORT PEOPLE YOU KNOW THE AIRPORT WAS CLOSED GVB PEOPLE AND THEIR MARKETING REPRESENTATIVES.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE

CARLSON – BBMR: THERE THERE MAY BE I MEAN OBVIOUSLY THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE MUCH BEAUTY.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: TO TO SEE WHILE WE'RE CLEANING UP.

SENATOR LUJAN: SURE SURE.

CARLSON – BBMR: SO FOR THE NEXT COUPLE MONTHS IT'S IT'S NOT GOING TO BE HIGH ON ANYBODY'S ANYBODY'S LIST.

SENATOR LUJAN: YEAH AND THEY'RE SAYING EVEN JUST FOR THIS ALONE IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE 24 MONTHS THAT'S WHAT I'M SAYING AND AND LIKEWISE WE'RE HEARING WORD WE'RE HOPING AND PRAYING THAT THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE THAT THERE ARE SOME FACILITIES THAT ARE JUST GOING TO CLOSE UP NOT NECESSARILY LEAVE TOWN BUT JUST CLOSE UP.

CARLSON – BBMR: YEAH.

SENATOR LUJAN: THAT'S NOT A GOOD THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SENATOR LUJAN: THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO.

SENATOR LUJAN: SO THAT THAT BEING SAID AND WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED HERE IS I AGREE AGAIN REALLY NOT IN SYNC WOULD YOU AGREE.

CARLSON – BBMR: YES SIR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY AND I KNOW FROM THIS MORNING FROM ROUND ONE FOR THIS WAS THERE ANYTHING MIRACULOUS THAT HAPPENED WITH MANA FROM HEAVEN HAD COME DOWN AND AND CHANGED THINGS AND SO NOW HERE WE ARE IN ROUND TWO AND NOW WE CAN WE CAN MOVE ON WITH THIS BECAUSE I HEARD NO BUT YOU KNOW THERE COULD HAVE BEEN MANA BETWEEN PREVIOUS SPEAKERS AND YOU KNOW YOU KIND OF YOU COULD HAVE RECEIVED THAT IN TEXTS THAT YEAH YEAH WE HAVE FULLY RECAP RECUPERATED BY THE TIME I'VE I'VE COME TO MY QUESTIONING HAS THAT HAPPENED HAVE YOU RECEIVED TEXTS FROM THAT THAT WE HAVE FULLY RECUPERATED.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO BUT I DID I DID SIGNIFICANTLY OUT COLLECT SENATOR BARNETT AND HE'S TALKING ABOUT TWO QUARTERS ON THE GROUND.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY.

CARLSON – BBMR: I TOLD YOU 6.2 MILLION SO I THINK I GOT HIM.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY BUT MY THING IS OKAY NOW YOU GOT HIM IN THAT ONE BUT BUT IT WAS IS IT IS IT GOOD IS IT GOOD ENOUGH THAT THAT THAT THAT THAT THIS BILL CAN CAN SUFFICE.

CARLSON – BBMR: NO SIR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY SO ONE MORE QUESTION I'M JUST GONNA I'M JUST GONNA I KNOW WHAT THE ANSWER IS BUT I NEED TO ASK YOU AGAIN RIGHT I NEED TO ASK YOU AGAIN OR MAYBE MAKE A STATEMENT AND YOU CAN ANSWER THIS BILL IS IMPOSSIBLE TO TO MOVE ON AND BE AND BE IMPLEMENTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: AS MUCH AS IT PAINS ME TO SAY IT AND YOU KNOW SENATOR SHELTON I'M SORRY BUT WE CAN'T DO IT.

SENATOR LUJAN: CAN'T DO IT IMPOSSIBLE RIGHT.

CARLSON – BBMR: WE CAN'T DO IT I'D RATHER JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT SIR.

SENATOR LUJAN: OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH VERY MUCH MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS QUESTIONS ON THE PANEL.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIRMAN I DO WANT TO ASK AND I I CERTAINLY YOU KNOW UNDERSTAND OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE ASKED THIS QUESTION TO MAKE THE POINT BUT I MEAN IF THIS WERE TO BE IMPOSED IF THE GOVERNOR WERE TO I WOULD ASSUME SHE WOULDN'T SIGN IT BUT IF SHE LET IT LAPSE INTO LAW I MEAN WHERE ELSE WOULD THEY BE ABLE TO GET REVENUE I MEAN IF YOU AS YOU RELATE OVER THE LAST TWO DAYS WHEN WE'RE DEALING WITH THE PREVIOUS BILL YOU'RE ALREADY LITERALLY YOU KNOW JUST ALMOST TOUCHING PAYROLL YOU'D BE AFFECTING PAYROLL WHAT WHAT OTHER COURSE WOULD BE I MEAN THE RAINY DAY FUND I MEAN HOW MUCH IS ACTUALLY YOU MENTIONED EARLIER BUT HOW MUCH IS ACTUALLY CURRENTLY IN THE RAINY DAY FUND RIGHT NOW.

CARLSON – BBMR: SENATOR I ANSWERED THAT EARLIER TODAY YES THERE'S ABOUT SEVEN MILLION CURRENTLY IN THERE WHEN WE CATCH UP WITH THE REQUIRED AMOUNT BASED UPON THE REVENUES IT'LL BE 11.2.

SENATOR BROWN: OKAY AND THAT'S CERTAINLY NOT ANYWHERE NEAR ENOUGH TO PAY FOR WHAT THIS WOULD BE I MEAN AND THEN EVEN IF YOU WERE TO START PAYING OUT I MEAN COULD YOU PAY OUT TO EVERYONE WHO'S ELIGIBLE THAT'S A TAXPAYER ON GUAM AT THIS AMOUNT.

CARLSON – BBMR: YOU MEAN THE 11 MILLION.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I I UNDERSTAND THAT 11 MILLION IS NOT GOING TO BE ENOUGH.

CARLSON – BBMR: RIGHT.

SENATOR BROWN: I MEAN SO EVEN IF YOU COULD PAY FOR THE FIRST YOU KNOW 11 MILLION DOLLARS I I DON'T KNOW THAT IT'LL BE FAIR IF YOU DIDN'T PAY EVERYBODY HOW COULD YOU PAY A FEW AND NOT EVERYONE I MEAN IT WOULD SEEM INEQUITABLE.

CARLSON – BBMR: WELL YOU'D HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE TO PRORATE EITHER PRORATE THE AMOUNT OR BASE IT ON SOME OTHER CRITERIA IN ORDER TO KEEP IT WITHIN THAT LIMIT.

SENATOR BROWN: I WANTED TO ASK BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN HEARING TALK GOING AROUND AND YOU KNOW TALK CAN BE TALK BUT WHERE WE ARE LIKE WITH GMH ARE WE CURRENT WITH ALL THE THINGS WE NEED TO PAY TO THE EMPLOYEES ARE WE CURRENT WITH PAYMENTS TO THE RETIREMENT FUND.

BIRN – DOA: WELL THAT'S REALLY A MATTER FOR GMH BUT THE LAST STATEMENT THAT I SAW YES THEY WERE.

SENATOR BROWN: WELL I HOPE SO BECAUSE I MEAN YOU KNOW WE'RE STARTING TO HEAR THAT THERE MAY BE SOME LAG WITH REGARDS TO THESE THINGS BEING PAID AND THAT WAS ALWAYS A PERENNIAL PROBLEM THERE'S NOTHING NEW ABOUT THAT THAT'S SOMETHING OVER THE YEARS THAT WE'VE ALWAYS HEARD ABOUT BUT WE CERTAINLY WOULD NOT WANT TO BE IN THAT SITUATION WHERE WE'RE NOT TAKING CARE OF CURRENT OBLIGATIONS YOU KNOW AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER YOU KNOW AN EMPLOYEES INCLUDING EMPLOYEES HERE FROM THE GUAM LEGISLATURE ON FRIDAY WITHOUT POWER WE'RE CHECKING AND FINDING OUT THAT THERE YOU KNOW MONEY WASN'T DEPOSIT IN THEIR ACCOUNT WE KNOW WE HEARD THE EXPLANATIONS TO WHY THAT MAY BE THE CASE BUT I'M SURE THAT WAS A VERY UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING ESPECIALLY WHEN FOR MANY FAMILIES THERE WAS SUCH A NEED TO HAVE ADDITIONAL MONEY ON HAND ESPECIALLY CASH ON HAND BECAUSE A LOT OF VENDORS ONLY WANTED TO ACCEPT CASH AND THAT FEELING OF NOT BEING ABLE TO GET YOUR PAYCHECK EVEN IF IT IS AND IN SOME CASES SOME DIDN'T GET PAID TILL MONDAY IT'S NOT A VERY COMFORTABLE FEELING BUT I THINK IT'S A REALITY THAT'S FINALLY COME UPON US BECAUSE THAT'S JUST YOU KNOW THAT'S ACTUALLY BEEN THE REALITY OF GOV GUAM FOR MOST OF ITS LIFE EXCEPT FOR A VERY PERIOD OF TIME DURING THE ADA BLAS ADMINISTRATION WHEN WE HAD THE REVENUES COMING IN AND WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED AS A RESULT OF THIS PANDEMIC AND THE MILITARY BUILDUP WHICH IS NOT GOING TO SUSTAIN INDEFINITELY AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE RESPONSIBLE I NEED TO SAY THAT AGAIN BECAUSE I'VE NOT SEEN IT I'VE SEEN THIS DESIRE TO TO APPROVE YOU KNOW ESPECIALLY RECENTLY I MEAN IT'S JUST MR BIRNS A MONTH AND A HALF AGO YOU WERE TELLING ME WE GOT THE MONEY TO ADDRESS THIS 50 MILLION DOLLAR PAY RAISE I REMEMBER WE WERE HERE I ASKED YOU THOSE QUESTIONS AND YOU SAID OH THE REVENUES WILL BE THERE TO COVER THIS INCREASE AND HOW NOW WE'RE TALKING ABOUT DEFICIT SPENDING AND NOW THAT THERE'S OTHER PROPOSALS FOR APPROPRIATION NOW THERE'S NO MONEY TO DO IT AND I THINK THAT'S A REALITY CHECK WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF HERE BECAUSE THERE'S NOT INDEFINITE AMOUNT OF MONEY AND WE'RE NOT DOING GOOD BY OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS THAT WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT WE CERTAINLY ARE NOT DOING NOW I MEAN EVEN THE COMMENT EARLIER ABOUT OH WE CAN TAKE MONEY WELL YOU KNOW IF WE DON'T IF WE DON'T FILL A POSITION AT DOC MAYBE WE CAN USE THAT DOC'S COME BEFORE US AND TOLD US THEIR THEIR CRISIS SITUATION WITH THE LACK OF PERSONNEL THAT THEY HAVE THERE THEY'RE UNDERSTAFFED TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS AND RESPONSIBILITIES THEY HAVE AT DOC SO EVEN THAT'S PREPOSTEROUS BUT YOU KNOW THE PROBLEM'S NOT OUTSIDE THE HALL IT'S RIGHT IN HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE MEMBERS HERE THAT WANT TO PLAY THE POLITICS AND AS I CALL IT THE POLITRICKS AND NOT BE TRUTHFUL WITH OUR PEOPLE BECAUSE THIS THIS ISSUE GOSH WE CAN'T WRITE THE PRESS RELEASES FAST ENOUGH ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO TO HELP OUR DEAR PEOPLE BECAUSE SOME OF US THINK WE ARE MORE CARING AND MORE LOVING AND MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PEOPLE AT GUAM THAN ANYONE ELSE IN HERE AND I THINK WE'RE DOING THEM MORE DAMAGE LONG TERM WE'RE DOING OUR PEOPLE MORE DAMAGE BY NOT BEING FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE NOT BEING HONEST AND UPFRONT BECAUSE WE WANT TO PRETEND THAT WE'RE DOING THE HEAVY LIFTING YOU KNOW THE MOST JUNIOR EMPLOYEE IN THIS LEGISLATURE COULD HAVE WRITTEN THIS BILL ANYBODY COULD IN THIS BODY COULD HAVE WRITTEN THIS BILL AND WENT ON A BANDWAGON ABOUT HOW WE'RE HERE TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE AND I THINK WE KNOW THE TOUGH THE TOUGH LEADERSHIP ROLE TAKES WORK IT'S NOT JUST HANDING THE MONEY OUT IT'S GENERATING THE MONEY AND GETTING THE MONEY AND GETTING IT TO WHERE IT NEEDS TO GO AND THERE'S CERTAINLY FAR MORE RESPONSIBLE PLACES WE NEED TO ADDRESS FOR OUR PEOPLE THAN THIS PARTICULAR BILL BUT THANK YOU THANK YOU FOR ASKING MY QUESTIONS AND I'M NOT GOING TO THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE I MEAN IT'S YOUR JOB TO BE HERE AS IT IS OUR JOB TO BE HERE EVEN THOUGH WE'VE BEEN ACCUSED OF NOT WANTING TO WORK I'VE NEVER MISSED A SESSION SO THANK YOU APPRECIATE IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BROWN VICE SPEAKER DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS QUESTIONS FOR THE PANEL.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YES MR CHAIR I I DO AND MAYBE I'M STUCK BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE AND I HAD TWO QUESTIONS IN MIND AND ONE WAS FOR ED AND ONE WAS FOR LESTER AND MAYBE THE FIRST QUESTION WOULD BE IF LESTER AS MUCH AS I WANT AS MUCH AS I REALLY WANT TO VOTE YES BECAUSE I UNDERSTAND THAT THE PEOPLE OUT THERE I MEAN I'M GETTING PHONE CALLS AND PEOPLE OUT THERE SAYING HELP US HELP US HELP US AND AND I I I WON'T TAKE IT AWAY FROM MY COLLEAGUES AS I KNOW A LOT OF THEM ARE ARE GETTING CALLS BUT I WANT TO ASK YOU ARE YOU TELLING ME THAT EVEN IF WE PASS THIS BILL WE WON'T DO SO BECAUSE THE MATH JUST DOESN'T PERMIT IT TO AND IF THIS BILL PASSES WOULD YOU NEED WHAT WOULD YOU NEED TO DO TO FUND THIS AND MAKE IT HAPPEN.

CARLSON – BBMR: SO NOW YOU'RE PUTTING ME BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS WAS VERY HONEST YOU KNOW EVERYBODY HERE WANTS TO BE HELPFUL I WANT TO BE HELPFUL I DON'T LIKE HAVING TO GET TO LIKE AD NAUSEAM SAY WE CAN'T DO IT YESTERDAY YOU PASSED SOMETHING THAT IS OUR PRIORITY THE RECOVERY I WISH WE COULD DO MORE I REALLY WISH WE COULD BUT WE CAN'T.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I GUESS I GUESS THEN I'M GONNA ASK ED THIS QUESTION AFTER HEARING FROM MR CARLSON IS IF THIS DOES PASS AND CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHEN DEFICIT SPENDING BEGINS AND I KNOW THAT'S A HARD ONE TOO BUT CAN YOU JUST TRY.

BIRN – DOA: I WAS KIND OF EXPECTING THAT QUESTION SENATOR IT'S NOT AN EASY QUESTION TO ANSWER AS AS YOU INDICATED MAYBE IN THE PAST IT WAS EASY BECAUSE WE HAD A BIG DEFICIT AND WE WERE STILL SPENDING AND THAT'S WHY WHY THE REASON THE DEFICIT GREW BASICALLY OUR BUDGETS ARE SUPPOSED TO BE BALANCED BUDGETS THAT OUR EXPENDITURE EQUALS OUR REVENUES OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS WE'VE MANAGED TO REPORT SURPLUSES NOT HUGE SURPLUSES BUT CERTAINLY ACCEPTABLE SURPLUSES WHICH HAS PUT US IN THE POSITION OF NOT HAVING TO LOOK AND SEE WHERE ALL OUR CASH HAS TO COME FROM YOU KNOW WHEN I FIRST CAME INTO THIS JOB AT DOA SOME DECISIONS HAD TO BE TAKEN SOMETIMES I THINK I MENTIONED BEFORE THREE TIMES A WEEK AS TO WHAT BILLS WHAT PAYROLL GOT PAID BECAUSE THE PAYROLL HAD TO BE FIRST SO WHAT BILLS WERE WERE LEFT UNPAID AND BASICALLY IT'S THE VENDORS WHO FINANCE THE DEFICIT BECAUSE THE VENDORS WEREN'T PAID THE VENDORS WERE LENDING THE GOVERNMENT MONEY THAT'S NOT THE CASE NOW WE DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO THAT SITUATION WHERE WE'RE RELYING UPON OUR VENDORS TO FUND THE GOVERNMENT SO I GUESS THAT WOULD BE MY ANSWER THOUGH VICE SPEAKER WHEN THE VENDORS FUND THE GOVERNMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: YOU KNOW MR CHAIR SEE YOU THERE AS ONE WHO'S BEEN NAMED THE PORT BARREL QUEEN FOR WANTING TO GIVE MONEY TO ALL THE NON-PROFITS OUT THERE AND ALL THE FOLKS WHO REALLY COULD USE RESOURCES AND DO A LOT OF THE GOVERNMENT WORK FOR LESS BUT AND LITERALLY GIVE FROM THE HEART AND WHEN I SAID THAT I WAS BETWEEN A ROCK AND OUR HARD PLACES HOW HOW CAN WE REALLY FIND A WAY TO HELP THOSE THAT ARE REALLY IN NEED AND IT'S MAYBE GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT THERE ABOUT WHERE ARE WE AT FINANCES ONE WEEK AS NOTED EARLIER THE MONEY RESOURCES ARE COMING IN REVENUES ARE COMING IN THINGS ARE LOOKING GOOD WE HAVE A MILITARY BUILDUP TOURISM IS IS IS IS IS IS IS BOUNCING BACK BUT WE DIDN'T EXPECT THIS WE DIDN'T EXPECT THIS TYPHOON TO HIT US AND WE WERE PRAYING FOR HIM MAYBE THAT IT WOULDN'T HIT US FOR ANOTHER FIVE DECADES OR SO BUT IT HAS AND I KNOW IN MY HEART THAT OUR PEOPLE REALLY NEED SOME KIND OF RESOURCE EVEN IF IT'S A LITTLE I'VE SAID THAT BEFORE I HAD SOMEBODY TELL ME LAST NIGHT THAT EVEN TWO TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EVEN THAT WILL HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE HOW CAN YOU GIVE SOMETHING THAT YOU DON'T HAVE RIGHT AND AND AND HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH THAT SO I JUST KNOW THAT THIS JOB IS NOT EASY FOR ALL OF US IN THIS ROOM TODAY AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IF THERE IS ANY MIDDLE GROUND OR ANYTHING THAT WE CAN LOOK AT LET'S LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED AND LET'S TRY I I DON'T KNOW MAYBE THIS IS TIME WHERE WE COULD USE THE MIRACLE RIGHT OR A STONE THAT HASN'T BEEN TURNED YET THAT COME UP AND WE CAN FIND SOMETHING TO HELP ALL OUR RESIDENTS THAT REALLY NEED IT BECAUSE I MYSELF I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT I DON'T LEAVE ANYBODY THAT'S HERE ON THE ISLAND OF GUAM THAT HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY THIS SUPER TYPHOON THAT THEY DON'T GET THE RESOURCES BECAUSE IF YOU GIVE ONE YOU GOT A GIFT FOR ALL AND RIGHT NOW I EVEN KNOW THAT BASED ON HOW THE SYSTEM HAS WORKED OUT WE ARE STILL MISSING OUT ON A LOT OF PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND I HAVE WRITTEN LETTERS ASKING NOT HERE NOT TO TAKE FROM PETER TO PAY PAUL BUT FROM UNCLE SAM AND SEE WHERE ELSE I CAN GET TO HELP EVERYBODY HERE ON THE ISLAND SO MR CHAIR I YIELD BACK TO YOU AND I WILL CONTINUE TO TO HEAR THE QUESTIONS AND SEE HOW I CAN LOOK AT THIS LEGISLATION AND SEE WHERE IT'S GOING TO TAKE ME TO HELP OUR TO HELP OUR RESIDENTS THAT ARE HURTING REAL BAD TODAY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM VICE SENATOR SHELTON.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR AGAIN THANK YOU TO THE PANEL FOR THE INFORMATION TODAY I THINK ONE THING THAT I TOOK AWAY IN THIS LAST ROUND IS THAT IT'S NOT IMPOSSIBLE TO DO THIS VERY DIFFICULT BUT IF THERE'S A WILLINGNESS FOR US TO DO IT EVEN IN A SMALLER CAPACITY PERHAPS AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER MENTIONED THERE IS A WAY FOR US TODAY TO HELP OUR PEOPLE SO I KNOW THAT SOME OF OUR COLLEAGUES HAVE BEEN SPEAKING OVER LUNCH DISCUSSING SOME OTHER COMPROMISES THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO COME TO TO ALLOW FOR US TO ROLL OUT A PROGRAM TO GIVE DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO THE PEOPLE AND AS THE AUTHOR I'M OBVIOUSLY VERY OPEN TO ANY OF THOSE SUGGESTIONS SO THAT WE CAN MAKE THIS HAPPEN I THINK WE'VE FOCUSED A LOT ON THE THE NUMBERS WHAT'S GOING ON ALL OF THE THE COLLECTIONS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS AND MAYBE THE DOOM AND THE CONCERN THAT WE HAVE FOR THE MONTHS AHEAD AHEAD AS WE WERE IN THE MIDST OF COVID RECOVERY BUT WHAT I THINK WE'RE FAILING TO FOCUS ON AT THIS MOMENT IN TIME ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING TODAY SUFFERING TODAY WITHOUT A HOME SUFFERING TODAY WITHOUT POWER WITHOUT WATER GOING ON SEVEN DAYS WHO HAVE LOST ALL THE FOOD IN THEIR HOMES WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING SO I ASK THAT WE TAKE A MOMENT AND WE REALLY THINK ABOUT THESE PEOPLE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM WHO HAVE ELECTED US WHO HAVE WE'VE ASKED FOR HELP MANY TIMES OVER WE'VE GONE TO THEM TO ASK FOR HELP AND NOW THEY'RE ASKING US FOR THIS HELP AND SO I HOPE THAT WE ARE ABLE TO COME TO SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT TODAY THAT OUR COLLEAGUES CAN SUPPORT THIS EFFORT TO SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NEED MAYBE WE'RE FARING OKAY HERE SITTING COMFORTABLY IN THIS SESSION HALL WE HAVE WI-FI TO DO OUR WORK WE HAVE A RESTROOM WITH RUNNING WATER BUT THERE ARE FOLKS OUT THERE WITH ABSOLUTELY NOTHING AND HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO GET BACK TO RE TO REBUILD THE LIVES THAT THEY LOST AND WE ARE THANKFUL FOR THE FEMA ASSISTANCE FOR THE RED CROSS ASSISTANCE AND MANY OTHER NON-PROFITS THAT I'M SURE WILL COME IN THE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS TO ASSIST OUR PEOPLE BUT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO JUST THAT TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS TO PROVIDE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO IN THIS NEXT ROUND I HOPE THAT THERE WILL BE A CHANGE OF HEART THAT THERE WILL BE SOME SOME UNDERSTANDING HERE FOR US TO BE ABLE PUT THIS DIRECT ASSISTANCE OUT INTO OUR COMMUNITY THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SHELTON AT THIS POINT WE COMPLETED THE SECOND ROUND THE PANEL WILL BE NOW RELEASED WE WILL TAKE A QUICK RECESS AND THEN WE WILL GO INTO THE AMENDMENT AND COMMENTS AND FAIR WARNING SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS YOU BE FIRST WOULD GO AROUND AND THEN SENATOR SHELTON BE LAST BUT WE WILL START FIRST WITH THE AMENDMENTS AND THERE IS ONLY ONE AMENDMENT SO THANK YOU PANEL FOR PARTICIPATING TODAY WE HAVE A QUICK RECESS THANK YOU.

RECESS

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE IS CALLED BACK TO ORDER MY COLLEAGUES WE ARE IN THE THIRD ROUND FINAL ROUND WE ONLY HAVE ONE AMENDMENT WE WERE INTERESTED IN THE AMENDMENT AND THEN WE WILL START THE THIRD ROUND FOR FOR COMMENTS AND MOVE ON OKAY THE AMENDMENT IS FROM SENATOR THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL SENATOR AMANDA SHELTON IT'S IDENTIFIED IF YOU'RE GOING EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE THE HARD DRIVE SO I MEAN THE HEART DOCUMENT SENATOR SHELTON PLEASE INTRODUCE YOUR AMENDMENT AND WE CAN MOVE ON ON THIS ONE.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR THESE AMENDMENTS THAT YOU CAN FIND IN THE DRIVE OR THE HARD COPY IT'S SB129ALS L1-2-1 P2 THESE ARE AMENDMENTS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION TO HELP WITH THE PROCESS OF PAYING OUT THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND THEY ARE TO HELP LOGISTICALLY SO THE FIRST PART IS TO STRIKE OUT THE YEAR 2020 FOR INCOME TAX RETURNS SO IT'LL ONLY BE 2021 THE MOST RECENT YEAR AND THEN TO INCLUDE TO ADD A LINE THAT READS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS ACT ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS MUST BE RESIDENTS OF GUAM IN 2023 AND PAYMENTS SHALL NOT BE SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THIS IS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE WHO ARE RECEIVING THIS ONE-TIME PAYMENT ARE FOLKS WHO WERE ON ISLAND DURING THE STORM WHO EXPERIENCE THE LOSS AND THE EFFECTS OF TYPHOON MAWAR AND TO INCLUDE A PROVISION NOT TO BE SUBJECT TO GARNISHMENT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WE KNOW THAT THERE ARE I'M SURE FOLKS WHO HAVE SOME OBLIGATIONS THAT ARE YET TO BE PAID BUT DURING THIS DIFFICULT TIME THIS IS AN EMERGENCY PAYMENT GOING TO FOLKS WHO WHO HAVE SUFFERED A GREAT DEAL WE DON'T WANT TO CAUSE FURTHER A SUFFERING OR ANXIETY CONCERN BY HAVING THEM WORRY WHETHER OR NOT THIS WILL BE GARNISHED FOR A A PRIOR TAX OBLIGATION OR ANY OTHER OBLIGATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THEN LASTLY TO INCLUDE EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-18 FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROGRAM AND THIS IS THE THE EXECUTIVE ORDER THAT SPEAKS TO THE ALL RISE PROGRAM THAT WE ARE MIRRORING FOR THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR POST TYPHOON MAWAR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR SHELTON ON THAT LAST PART OF THE AMENDMENT THAT'S FOUND ON LINE 14 OF PAGE TWO DOES ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT TO THAT AMENDMENT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: JUST A.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: POINT OF.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YES MADAM VICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: INQUIRY.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: INQUIRY.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: AS IT STATES ON HER AMENDMENT FOR THOSE THAT ARE OFF THOSE THAT ARE THAT HAVE A RES A HOME THAT GOT DAMAGED BUT ARE OFF ISLAND FOR MEDICAL REASONS MAYBE THAT'S THAT'S THE QUESTION I WANTED TO POSE BACK MR CHAIR TO THE AUTHOR BECAUSE AS I SEE IT TODAY THERE ARE SEVERAL FAMILIES WHO'VE LOST A LOT BUT HAD TO LEAVE BECAUSE THEY'RE GETTING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: BUT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: BUT BUT BUT WEREN'T HERE ON THE DAY OF THE TYPHOON BUT LEFT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I DON'T I DON'T.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: A LITTLE BIT BEFORE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I DON'T THINK THIS IMPACTS AT ALL AS I READ THE BILL ANYBODY IF YOU LEFT FOR MEDICAL THE POINT HERE IS IS GIVING RESIDENTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: I.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND EVEN IF YOU'RE OFF ISLAND YOU'RE STILL RESIDENT IT'S JUST YOU'RE NOT HERE.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MR CHAIR IF I MEAN YES THE THE INTENT IS OF THIS LINE ADDING THIS LINE IS TO ENSURE THAT YOU ARE A RESIDENT OF GUAM IN 2023 SO IF THERE'S AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS OFF ISLAND RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT THEY DID NOT CHANGE THEIR RESIDENCY FROM BEING ON ISLAND THEY'D STILL BE ELIGIBLE YES AS THE VICE SPEAKER SAID FOR DAMAGES THEY MIGHT HAVE INCURRED TO THEIR HOME OR OTHER EXPENSES FOR THE TYPHOON SO I DON'T THINK THAT WOULD AFFECT THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: TRULY APPRECIATE IT MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM VICE.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: DOES ANYONE ELSE LIKE THE COMMENT SENATOR TAITAGUE I KNOW I SAW YOUR HAND SENATOR FISHER YOU'LL BE NEXT.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR CHAIR I HAVE A QUESTION TO THE AUTHOR OF THIS AMENDMENT DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH FINDING MONEY REAL MONEY TO PAY OUT THESE THESE CLAIMS DOES THIS AMENDMENT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WILL AUTHOR YIELD TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: YEAH THAT'S.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THE QUESTION IS DOES THIS AMENDMENT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO TO CHANGE THE SITUATION THAT THERE IS NO MONEY TO PAY FOR THIS BILL THAT'S A SIMPLE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SHE DOESN'T YIELD TO THE QUESTION SO WE CAN MOVE ON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH SHE WON'T ANSWER TO THE QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: NO BECAUSE IT ONLY ADDRESSES THE THE RESIDENCY OF THE FILING THAT'S ALL.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THAT'S WHAT I WAS JUST ASKING MR CHAIR IF THIS AMENDMENT HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH CHANGING THE SITUATION THAT THERE'S MONEY TO SPEND TO TO GIVE THE PEOPLE THAT'S THAT WAS MY QUESTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR SHELTON.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: WHAT LET SENATOR BARNES WHAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO ANSWER IT LET HER SPEAK FOR HERSELF SENATOR BARNES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: YEAH SHE DOESN'T YIELD TO THE QUESTION SENATOR.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: OH OKAY SO SHE REFUSES TO ANSWER THE QUESTION THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR FISHER.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU MR CHAIR I TO THE AUTHOR OF BOTH THE ORIGINAL BILL AND THE AMENDMENT I'M HAVING TROUBLE HARMONIZING PAGE ONE'S REQUIREMENT THAT ACCORDINGLY THE DEPARTMENT OF DRT SHALL ESTABLISH A POST TYPHOON ETC FOR EACH TAXPAYER WHO FILED SO THERE'S AN AFFIRMATIVE REQUIREMENTS THAT IT MUST BE A TAXPAYER WHO FILED SO I'M TRYING TO HARMONIZE THAT SECTION WITH THE AMENDMENT AND ALSO IN THE ORIGINAL BILL WHICH DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES DOES NOT REQUIRE YOU TO HAVE FILED WHICH IS IT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR SHELTON DO YOU YIELD TO THE QUESTION MA'AM.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MR CHAIR SO THE BILL PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FILED TAXES AND THOSE ARE INDIVIDUALS WHO RECEIVE SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS AND THOSE WHO DO NOT MEET AN INCOME THRESHOLD AND SO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE AND TAXATION HAS A MECHANISM AS IN THE ALL RISE PROGRAM TO TO RECOGNIZE THESE PEOPLE TO FIND THESE PEOPLE TO TO ALLOW THEM TO RECEIVE THIS BENEFIT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: I HOPE THAT SUFFICE THE QUESTION.

SENATOR FISHER: WELL IT IT DOESN'T QUITE BECAUSE THERE'S AN AFFIRMATIVE REQUIREMENT IN THE BILL THAT IT BE A FILER IT SAYS SPECIFICALLY WHO FILED A GUAM FORM I MEAN YOU KNOW YOU CAN FIX THIS IN DRAFTING BUT.

SENATOR SHELTON: MR CHAIR.

SENATOR FISHER: THAT WOULD BE MY COMMENT THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: STAND BY SENATOR SHELTON IF YOU MAY PROVIDE FURTHER COMMENTS PLEASE.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES THANK YOU IT SAYS THAT IT REQUIRES IT IS FOR THOSE WHO FILED A GUAM TAX FORM OR FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NOT FILED AND MEET THE OTHER ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS SO IT IS PROVIDED FOR IN THE BILL.

SENATOR FISHER: MA'AM I WOULD JUST POINT OUT TO YOU THAT THAT IS NOT WHAT THE LAW SAYS ON PAGE ONE LINES 10 THROUGH 14. THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER ANYONE ELSE WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE AMENDMENT ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION TO THE AMENDMENT THERE BEING NONE AMENDMENT PASSES NOW WE'LL PROCEED WITH THE LAST ROUND WE'LL BEGIN WITH SENATORS SAN NICOLAS WILL PROCEED DOWN AND THEN WE'LL COME UP TO SENATOR BLAS TO THE SPEAKER AND THEN TO SENATOR LUJAN AND FINISH OFF WITH THE AUTHOR OF THE BILL.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MR. CHAIRMAN AT THIS TIME I CALL THE PREVIOUS QUESTION RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO VOTE ON THIS BILL.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY THERE THERE'S A MO THERE'S A MOTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: OBJECTION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THERES BEEN AN OBJECTION.

SENATOR BARNETT: YES THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL IN FAVOR THE RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ONE TWO THREE FOUR FIVE SIX SEVEN MOTION FAILS THANK YOU NOW SENATOR SAN NICOLAS IF YOU WOULD PLEASE PROCEED WITH YOUR FINAL COMMENTS ON THE BILL.

SENATOR SAN NICOLAS: FINAL COMMENTS ON THE BILL THANK YOU MR CHAIR A ROCK AND HARD PLACE I DO WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA HOWEVER WE'VE BEEN HEARING TIME AND TIME AGAIN HOW MAYBE FISCALLY UNRESPONSE IRRESPONSIBLE THIS MAY BE BUT I DID PROMISE THE AUTHOR THAT I WAS GOING TO SUPPORT HER BILL AND SHE HAS MY SUPPORT FOR THE BILL AND IF IT DOES PASS YOU KNOW THE PASSAGE IF IT DOESN'T I'M VERY WELL WITH THAT I DO BELIEVE THAT ALSO FEMA AND THE RED CROSS ARE STILL OUT THERE AND STILL WORKING TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND I THINK THAT'S THAT'S THE MAIN THING IS WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO IS TRYING TO GET AID AND TO THE PEOPLE WHERE WE SHOULD I GUESS FOR NOW AT LEAST LEAVE THAT TO THE PROFESSIONALS OR ARE REALLY OUT THERE BUT I DO SUPPORT THE BILL AS I PROMISED IT'S DIFFICULT TO I KEEP MY PROMISES SO I DO SUPPORT THE BILL PROBABLY TO MY THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR QUINATA NO COMMENTS SENATOR FISHER DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS THANK YOU.

SENATOR FISHER: THANK YOU I DO NOT SUPPORT THE BILL I THINK IT IS DECEPTIVE AND IT IS BROUGHT FOR AN IMPROPER REASON IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT WE ARE DOING THIS TO PEOPLE WHEN SO MANY OF US HAVE JUST BEEN THROUGH THE WORST ONE OF THE WORST WEEKS OF OUR LIVES TO SET THEM UP LIKE THIS IS IMMORAL I DO NOT SUPPORT THE BILL THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR FISHER SENATOR TAITAGUE ANY COMMENTS MA'AM.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR CHAIR MR CHAIR I THINK THAT EVERYONE HERE IS HOPING THAT THAT WE RECOVER FROM THIS AND PREPARE BETTER PREPARE IN THE EVENT THERE'S A NEXT TYPHOON THAT COMES OUR WAY OR ANY OTHER KIND OF DISASTER WE ALL WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM I'M VERY GRATEFUL THAT FEMA IS HERE AND THEY'RE ALREADY STARTING TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO OUR PEOPLE IT'S GETTING DONE BUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THIS LEGISLATURE RIGHT NOW IS PLAYING POLITICS THIS IS NOT HELPING ANY OF OUR PEOPLE OUT THERE AND YOU CAN BET THOSE WHO DO HAVE INTERNET SERVICE OR DO HAVE AN OPTION TO LISTEN TO WHAT WE'RE SAYING TODAY IT'S BLUNTLY OBVIOUS THAT CERTAIN PEOPLE IN THIS BODY HAS BEEN PLAYING POLITICS AND IT'S REALLY REALLY NOT IN THEIR BEST INTEREST WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY THOSE WHO PAY THEIR TAXES THAT WE REQUIRE THEM TO TAKE PAY THEIR TAXES THAT WE MAKE SURE WE SPEND THIS SPEND THIS IN THE BEST POSSIBLE MANNER AND NOT PUT US THIS GOVERNMENT INTO DEBT I I CAN'T THE WORD THAT KEEPS COMING TO MY HEAD IS SHAMEFUL SHAMEFUL ALL MORNING YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN SAYING THAT I GOT A TEXT FROM SOMEONE WHO SAID THAT'S RIGHT CALL THEM OUT BECAUSE I TELL YOU WHAT I DON'T OWE ANYBODY IN THIS BODY I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY BUT I DO OWE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THE TRUTH THE TRUTH THAT'S THE ONLY OBLIGATION I HAVE IS FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND IF I NEED TO SHED A TEAR TO SHOW HOW MUCH I MEAN THAT THEN I'LL DO THAT BUT UNFORTUNATELY YOU KNOW I I DON'T HAVE THAT HOLLYWOOD ATTITUDE TO BE ABLE TO SHED A TEAR BUT IT COMES FROM MY HEART AND I TRULY BELIEVE THAT THE PEOPLE FEEL FEEL WHAT WHERE I'M COMING FROM THAT I'M FIGHTING FOR THEM THAT I'M GOING TO GIVE THEM THE TRUTH THEY CAN COUNT ON ME TO CALL OUT ANYBODY IN THIS BODY WHO'S LOST THEIR TRUST IT'S OUR RESPONSIBILITY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A SENATOR AND YOU WANT TO BE SELF-SERVING AND WANT TO BE SOME KIND OF HERO AND WEAR A CAPE AND PUT OUT BILLS THAT ARE DECEIVING THEN BE PREPARED NOT ONLY KARMA IS GOING TO COME YOUR WAY BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE GOING TO MEET YOU IN THE STREET AND GIVE YOU THAT ATAN BABA LOOK WE NEED TO WORK ON RECOVERING WE NEED TO WORK ON PREPARING FOR THE NEXT DISASTER WE NEED TO WORK ON OUR FINANCES WE NEED TO WORK ON OUR SCHOOLS WE NEED TO LOOK AT ALL THE BILLS THAT WE'VE PASSED WITH EXCESS REVENUE WHERE SOME OF THEM CAN'T EVEN BE AFFORDED THE GPA CREDIT THAT THOSE OBLIGATIONS THAT WE PUT OUT THERE MOVES FORWARD SENATORS THIS IS NOT WHAT THE PEOPLE EXPECTED OF YOU THEY DID NOT EXPECT YOU TO DECEIVE THEM A VOTE NO ON THIS BILL IS FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE A VOTE ON THIS ON THIS BILL A VOTE NO ON THIS BILL MEANS THAT YOU'RE FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE AND YOU'RE LOOKING OUT FOR THE PEOPLE'S MONEY A YES VOTE ON THIS BILL DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE OH I WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE BECAUSE YOU KNOW DOGGONE WELL THERE'S NO MONEY DON'T TELL ME THAT.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR TAITAGUE.

SENATOR TAITAGUE: THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: SENATOR FRANK BLAS COMMENTS.

SENATOR BLAS: THANK YOU MR CHAIR YOU KNOW MR CHAIR SAT HERE FOR ALMOST TWO DAYS HOW LONG YOU SAID ALMOST A DAY ACTUALLY THREE DAYS WELL JUST TODAY I'M ALREADY LOST HERE I'M LOST

BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY TIMES WE HEARD WHEN ASKED THE QUESTION WE HEARD THE ANSWER NO YOU KNOW I LOOK AROUND THIS ROOM YEAH OKAY ANYBODY EVER BEEN TO THE EYE OF A STORM OR TRY BEING WHILE WORKING IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NO ANY ANYBODY EVER BEEN IN THE EYE OF A STORM OR AFTER A STORM WHEN YOU'RE TRYING TO HELP PEOPLE OUT OF THE HOMES NO OKAY ONE YOU AND ME ANYBODY WHO'S EVER HAD TO GO OUT AND TRY TO FIND EQUIPMENT TO BE ABLE TO MOVE RUBBISH RUBBISH FROM THE FRONT OF A HOME SO THAT HER AMBULANCE CAN ENTER INTO THE HOUSE TO BE ABLE TO GET AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS INJURED IN THE STORM OR NEEDED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE I COULDN'T GET TO THE HOSPITAL AFTER THE STORM OKAY SO I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE WHEN YOU'RE TASKED TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND AND NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO BE ABLE TO DO SO AND TO MAKE THOSE DECISIONS QUICKLY OR A LIFE COULD BE LOST I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE AS WELL TO BE HEARTBROKEN WHEN YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD TO TRY TO GET SOMETHING OR YOU EXPECTED SOMETHING AND YOU CAN'T GET IT BECAUSE IT'S JUST NOT THERE BUT I ALSO KNOW HOW IT IS DECEITFUL WHEN YOU SAY WE'LL GET YOU THE MONEY OH BUT YOU KNOW WHAT DON'T WORRY WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE THE ONES TO HAVE TO CHOOSE US TO WHAT SERVICES OR WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE PROMISED YOU TO GET BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET ANYMORE BECAUSE WE NEED TO FULFILL THIS OTHER PROMISE YOU KNOW WHAT WAS MISSING IN THIS CONVERSATION TODAY THIS BILL WAS TO PASS WHAT WAS MISSING IN THIS CONVERSATION TODAY IS OKAY WHAT'S GOING TO SUFFER AFTERWARDS OR WE'RE JUST GOING TO KICK THAT CAT DOWN THE ROAD BECAUSE WE JUST WANT TO BE ABLE TO GO OUT LATER ON TONIGHT AND SAY WE PASSED THE BILL TO GIVE YOU YOUR 500 YOU WANT TO GO AND TELL THEM THAT THE 500 IS PROBABLY NOT GOING TO COME FOR ANOTHER CUP FEW MONTHS OR THAT YOU'RE PROBABLY GOING TO BE NOT THE FIRST PERSON IN LINE TO BE ABLE TO GET IT BECAUSE THERE'S NOT ENOUGH MONEY OVER THE NEXT 30 DAYS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE IT TO YOU BECAUSE YOU WANT TO FULFILL A PROMISE I WOULD HOPE THAT YOU ONLY PROMISED THE PEOPLE ONE THING THAT YOU DO THE BEST THAT YOU CAN AND YOU BE TRUTHFUL WITH THEM IT'S EASY TO MAKE PROMISES IN THIS HALL IT'S EASY TO MAKE PROMISES TO WANT TO STAY IN THIS HALL BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY FOREIGN JUST REMEMBER THIS WHAT'S RIGHT IS NOT ALWAYS POPULAR AND WHAT'S POPULAR IS NOT ALWAYS RIGHT WHAT SIDE ARE YOU GOING TO BE ON THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BLAS SENATOR DUENAS SIR.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR CHAIRMAN GOD FORBID WE SPEND ANOTHER FAKING MOMENT IN THIS BODY *FA'GA'GA'ING* THE PEOPLE *BÁSTA MANFA'GA'GA' I TÁOTÁO* YOU KNOW SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES SO SURPRISING COMING OVER SAYING YOU KNOW I JUST WANT TO HEAR THE BILL I JUST WANT TO HEAR IT *OMBE* THAT'S OUR JOB *OMBE* TO HEAR IT *NAI LAÑIA GACHONG* YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR THE BILL YOU WANT TO HOPE IT SQUEAKS BY AND PASSES SO THAT YOU CAN LIKE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE LIKE MY GOOD COLLEAGUE TELO SAID GO OUT THERE AND PUT ON YOUR SUPERMAN CAPE *YON SAÑGANI I TÁOTÁO* NA HELPS ON THE WAY *LÁO TÁYA' HELP TÁYA' SALÁPPE* IF YOU WANTED TO HEAR THE BILL AND YOU SAT HERE AND YOU HEARD THE BILL YOU HEARD EVERY SINGLE FISCAL MANAGER SITTING DOWN THERE SAYING THERE'S NO MONEY AND YOU STILL VOTE THEN YOUR *FA'GA'GA'ING* THE PEOPLE AND PEOPLE WON'T FORGET PEOPLE WON'T FORGET THAT FOR ONCE HONESTLY I FEEL SORRY FOR ADELUP AND ALL THIS *FA'GA'GA'ING* GOING ON BECAUSE WHEN THIS BILL AND PASSES YOU THINK THE GAS LINE ARE LONG MR CHAIRMAN THE LINE IS GONNA GO FROM ADELUP ALL THE WAY DOWN TO AGAT DOWN TO *UMATAC* AROUND THE HORN TO *MALESSO'* UP THE DOOR IN *YONA* RULES DOWN ROUTE FOUR INTO *CHALAN PAGO SINAJANA, HAGTANA, MANGILAO BARRIGADA, YIGO DEDEDO* AND IT'S GONNA *WRAP ALL THE WAY RIGHT BACK DOWN TO ADELUP YA TODO I TÁOTÁO MU PÁO FAISEN I GOBETNU I MAGA' MAGA'HÁGA MANMÁNGI I SALAPPE-HU MANÑGALANG ESTE I FAMAGUON MANMÁNGI I SALAPPE-HU LÁSTIMA NA PÁO YOÑA GAS PA ENÁO PA TA FATACHONG GI LINE UN TUŃGO' HÁFA PU MA DISCOVER ÁHE' TI DISCOVERY DAY ESTE KUÁNTTO NA KARETA PARA U PARK TODO AROUND THE ISLAND PA TA NANGA I MAGA'HÁGA PÁI NÁ'I CHEKŃGA 500 PAT 1000 SA' MA FA'GA'GA' ESTE I TÁOTÁO I LAÑI MAN PÁOEKUŃOK I BILL OMBE CHE'CHO'-TA OMBE PÁO EKUŃGOK ESTA KÁO UN EKUŃGOK KÁO UN EKUŃGOK NA TÁYA' SALÁPPE PAT EKUŃGOK BUT TI HONGGE' LAÑIA LAI ONE OF MY FAVORITE MAYORS CALLED ME UP SENATOR WHAT'S GOING ON DOWN THERE GETTING ALL THESE CALLS GETTING ALL THESE TEXT *LÁLU TODU I TÁOTÁO* THE REPUBLICANS THAT REPUBLICANS ARE THE ONES SAYING NO *HU SAÑGANI I MAYOR ÁHE TI I REPUBLICANS I REPRESENTATIVE GI IYA ADELUP MÁTTO YA ILEKŃA TÁYA' SALÁPPE SAÑGANI TODO I YO-MU PUMALU SIHA NA TÁYA' SALÁPPE TI REPUBLICANS MU SAÑGANI ENÁO SI LESTER CARLSON HA SAÑGANI SI EDWARD BIRD HA SAÑGANI SI STEVE GUERRERO HA SAÑGANI ÁHE TI I REPUBLICANS BÁSTA MAFA'GA'GA' TA'LO YÁO MA BLAME I REPUBLICANS PARA POLITOKO LAÑI GACHONG PU MA SAÑGAN NA POLITOKO POLITIKO ENÁO SAÑGANI I TÁOTÁI MAGÁHET IF YOU HAVE THE PUT ENÁO.**

SENATOR PARKINSON: TIME CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU THANK YOU SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR PARKINSON YOUR TIME FOR COMMENTS SIR.

SENATOR PARKINSON: HEY EVERYBODY HOW'S EVERYONE DOING TODAY I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT EVERYBODY ON GUAM IN THIS BODY EVERYONE JUST NEEDS TO TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF A CHILL PILL GUAM IS GOING TO BE FINE GUAM HAS THE SPIRIT OF SURVIVORS AND WE WILL BE OKAY SOME PEOPLE CHOSE NOT TO ENGAGE IN THIS PROCESS TO MAKE THIS BILL WORK AND I FEAR THAT MAYBE WE DON'T HAVE THE VOTES TO GET THE PEOPLE THE HELP THEY NEED BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT REALLY THIS IS ABOUT WE'VE HEARD BIG TALK ABOUT LIKE THIS IS THE WORST THE CATASTROPHE THAT'S HAPPENED TO PEOPLE IN DECADES AND I SUPPORTED THIS BILL BECAUSE I BELIEVE THAT HEY ANY WAY WE CAN TO HELP THESE PEOPLE LET'S DO IT AND YOU KNOW I WAS HOPING THAT WE COULD START THIS AS A STARTING POINT FOR HOW TO GET THIS DONE THAT WE WOULD HAVE SOME GOOD AMENDMENTS TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE IT WORK BUT IT SEEMS THAT AT LEAST SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO PREJUDGE THIS AND DISMISS IT OFFHAND WITHOUT REALLY YOU KNOW ROLLING UP OUR SLEEVES AND SEEING IF WE COULD FIND THOSE EXTRA PENNIES IN THE COUCH TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN BUT SO WHETHER THIS PASSES OR NOT I JUST WANT TO SAY TO THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT WE'RE TRYING WE'RE GOING TO BE FINE WE'RE GOING TO WORK THROUGH THIS TOGETHER WHETHER WE DO IT IN THIS BODY OR WHETHER WE DO IT AS NEIGHBORS IN THE STREET HELPING EACH OTHER WE WILL BE FINE SO LIKE EVERYBODY LET'S JUST CALM DOWN A LITTLE BIT WE'RE WE'RE HURT BUT WE'RE NOT VICTIMS HERE EXCUSE ME SIR WOULD YOU LIKE TO SPEAK SOME MORE ON MY TIME OKAY YEAH I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY SOME OF US ARE REALLY TRYING TO HELP HERE AND WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO TRY TO HELP HOWEVER WE CAN AND I JUST WANT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM TO KNOW THAT DESPITE HOW EMOTIONAL SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES ARE WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO DO THIS WITH LEVEL HEADS OVER THE LONG TERM DESPITE WHAT BUMPS IN THE ROAD YOU MIGHT SEE NOW THIS AIN'T OUR FIRST TYPHOON LET'S LET'S MOVE FORWARD AND SALLY FORTH LIKE IT ISN'T AND TRY TO DO BETTER WE GOT THIS GUAM THINGS ARE GOING TO BE OKAY THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR BARNETT.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MR CHAIR IT'S AN EMOTIONAL TIME SO WE JUST GOT DEVASTATED BY TYPHOON MAWAR AND WHEN I LOOKED AT THIS BILL YEAH I SUPPORT OF COURSE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE RIGHT WE ALL AGREE WE ALL WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE THE QUESTION WAS ALWAYS CAN WE ARE WE ABLE TO SO YES I WANTED TO HEAR THE BILL BECAUSE IT IS OUR JOB I KNOW SOME OF MY COLLEAGUES WANT TO GO SAVE KITTENS OUT OF FALLEN TREES BUT THIS IS WHAT WE WERE ELECTED TO DO AND SO I WANTED TO HEAR HOWEVER MANY TIMES THEY SAID WE DON'T HAVE THE MONEY AND WE ASKED THE QUESTIONS WE WENT THROUGH THREE ROUNDS AND I I HEARD A LOT AND IT'S A TOUGH DECISION IT'S TOUGH DECISION BEFORE US BUT YOU KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WHEN FEMA WHEN THE AMERICAN RED CROSS WHEN THE THE MIGHTY MIGHTY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PACKS UP THE LAST CONTAINER AND FLIES OUT OF OF GUAM AND WE PASSED THIS BILL AND ALL THAT FEDERAL AID COMES DOWN AND THIS THIS LOCAL AID THAT THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PASS HERE COMES DOWN AND WHEN THE FEDS LEAVE WHAT ARE WE GOING TO BE LEFT WITH FAILING PUBLIC SAFETY FAILING HEALTH CARE FAILING EDUCATION SYSTEM OH THAT'S NOT WHAT WE'RE LEFT WITH THAT'S WHAT WE ALREADY HAVE AND I GET THAT PEOPLE ARE ARE HOPEFUL AND I UNDERSTAND THE INTENT OF THE AUTHOR AND THE CO-SPONSORS OF THIS MEASURES WAS TO PROVIDE THAT HOPE TO OUR PEOPLE TRUST YET VERIFY THAT'S WHY I WANTED TO HEAR WHAT WAS WHAT WAS THE DISCUSSION GOING TO BE FOR THIS BILL I DON'T WANT TO GIVE THE PEOPLE A GUAM 500 I WANT TO GIVE THEM A THOUSAND FIFTEEN HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND ONE OF MY FRIENDS SAID *TI NAHONG* 500 DOLLARS AND A BIG PART OF WHAT'S INFORMING MY DECISION AND EVENTUALLY MY VOTE WAS THE TESTIMONY OF THE REVENUE AND TAXATION DIRECTOR DAPHNE SHIMIZU BECAUSE LIKE THE THE AUTHOR OF THIS BILL SAID VERY ELOQUENTLY AND VERY TRUTHFULLY OUR PEOPLE ARE SUFFERING TODAY RIGHT NOW THEY'RE SUFFERING THEY'RE HURTING TODAY FOR THE LAST WEEK THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE SUFFERING BUT THIS BILL IF WE PASS THIS BILL TODAY *DISPENZA LAI* I AM SORRY BUT IF WE PASSED THIS BILL TODAY IT'S NOT GOING TO HELP THEIR SUFFERING TODAY IT'S JUST NOT GOING TO HELP THEIR SUFFERING TOMORROW OR EVEN NEXT WEEK DAPHNE SHIMIZU WAS WAS CLEAR THAT IF WE PASS THIS TODAY THEY WON'T EVEN SEE THE FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS UNTIL JULY AND BY THAT TIME AMERICAN RED CROSS FEMA INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANTS FORTY ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR HOME REPAIR OUR PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE ALREADY GOT THAT AND THEN THEY'RE GOING TO GET OUR CHENCHULI OUR 500 CHECK IN THE MAIL ON TOP OF ALL THE OTHER ASSISTANTS THAT THEY'RE GOING TO RECEIVE IF WE IF THERE IS A WAY THAT WE COULD GIVE THIS 500 TO OUR PEOPLE TOMORROW EVEN IN IN TWO WEEKS NEXT WEEK I WOULD SUPPORT IT ALL THE WAY BUT WE CANNOT COMPETE WITH THE THE MIGHT AND THE MONEY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I'M SORRY BUT WE CANNOT UNCLE SAM IS A BOTTOMLESS BANK ACCOUNT AND IF WE GIVE OUR PEOPLE 500 AND REMEMBER THE GOVERNOR IS GOING TO GET 5 500 WE'RE GOING TO GET 500 A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO MAYBE DON'T EVEN NEED 500 THEY'RE GONNA GET IT BECAUSE WE CAST SUCH A WIDE NET WITH THIS MEASURE AND AT WHAT COST A HEAVY COST A VERY HEAVY COST WE'RE GOING TO GIVE 50 MILLION DOLLARS 500 AND AID AND WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT FROM THE SCHOOLS WE'RE GOING TO TAKE IT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS THAT'S ALREADY IN A CRISIS I'M SORRY BUT MY DEAR PEOPLE AT GUAM YOU'RE

GOING TO GET THE HELP THAT YOU NEED BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO COME FROM THIS BILL IT'S GOING TO COME FROM UNCLE SAM AND IT'S GOING TO COME BEFORE WE WERE WE WOULD BE ABLE TO GIVE YOU THIS CHECK AND SO YEAH IT'S HEARTBREAKING OF COURSE WE WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT I AM SORRY I DON'T THINK THAT WE CAN WITH THIS BILL THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU SENATOR BARNETT MADAM SPEAKER COMMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU MR CHAIR IT'S A VERY HARD DECISION YEAH A LOT OF THIS DECISION DEPENDS ON WHO YOU TRUST TO GIVE YOU THE RIGHT INFORMATION RIGHT AND IT IS VERY DISAPPOINTING TO HEAR THAT SUCH A PROGRAM COULD NOT BE ROLLED OUT FOR 45 DAYS THAT'S A BIG CONCERN FOR ME BECAUSE DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT WE HAVE DONE AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO TO PLAN FOR EMERGENCIES IN ADVANCE WHEN THERE IS ONE THAT IS RIGHT ON US THEN THEY NEED THE FOOD NOW AND SAVING OUR MONEY FOR THE FUTURE EMERGENCY I MEAN WITH ALL REASON IS JUST THEY NEED THE FOOD NOW AND I'M TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO GET THAT TO THEM I HAVE A LOT OF HOPE IN WHAT WE DID YESTERDAY I MEAN I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THAT BECAUSE YOU KNOW I'M TORN ABOUT THAT TOO WE'RE THROWING MONEY AT THEM BUT IT SEEMS LIKE MONEY'S NOT EXACTLY THE ISSUE TO GET THESE THINGS TO MOVE AS FAST AS WE WANT THEM TO MOVE THERE ARE OTHER THINGS FOR EXAMPLE YEAH ROLLING OUT A PROGRAM TAKES 45 DAYS BRINGING A BUSH CUTTER DOWN TO OR A CHAINSAW TAKES OVER NINE DAYS IT THAT KIND OF STUFF BUT WE DID HEAR TESTIMONY THAT THAT OFB CANNOT TELL US FOR EXACTLY YOU KNOW WHAT APPROPRIATIONS ARE NO LONGER NECESSARY WHAT APPROPRIATIONS THEY MIGHT NOT SPEND THAT ALWAYS HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE YEAR THERE'S ALWAYS SOME THEY CAN'T TELL US AND SO WE YOU KNOW WE LISTEN TO THE GOVERNOR'S FISCAL TEAM AND THEY'RE TELLING US OH NO THERE'S NOTHING THERE'S NO MONEY AT ALL NO MONEY AT ALL BUT WE KNOW FOR A FACT THAT AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR THERE'S ALWAYS SOME MONEY THAT THEY COULD HAVE FOUND AND THERE OR THEY DID FIND AND USE FOR SOME OTHER PURPOSE SO WE KNOW NOW FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS THAT THERE'S 11 IN THE RAINY DAY FUND THIS PROGRAM ACCORDING TO THE BILL COST 50 MILLION DOLLARS THERE'S 11 MILLION IN THE RAINY DAY FUND IF THE GOVERNOR DID WHAT WAS SUGGESTED BY MY COLLEAGUE FROM BARRIAGADA MOVED THE MONEY FOR THE LEAP PROGRAM AND GET THAT 15 MILLION OUT OF THE ARP INSTEAD THAT WOULD BE 15 MILLION PLUS 11 MILLION STILL ONLY 26 MILLION OUT OF A 40 50 MILLION DOLLAR COST FOR THIS PROJECT I FEEL LIKE BECAUSE THEY HAVE ALL THE INFORMATION TO PUT IT ON THEM AND LET THEM REALLY LOOK HARDER AND FIND IT OR OR NOT FIND IT BUT WE ARE BUT I BUT I AGREE SO THIS IS A UNIQUE SITUATION WE'RE IN WHERE WE ARE WE WANT EVERYONE TO APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE WE WANT FEMA ASSISTANTS TO COVER EVERYBODY I THINK IT'S A IS WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK HARD TO MAKE SURE EVERYBODY HEARS ABOUT THOSE PROGRAMS EVERYBODY IS ASSISTED IN APPLYING FOR THOSE PROGRAMS SO THAT'S THE WORK THAT WE CAN HELP WITH AND IT'S WE JUST CAN'T PREDICT RIGHT I'M TRYING TO PREDICT HOW IS IT GOING TO END UP DO YOU THINK WE'RE GOING TO COVER MORE PEOPLE IN 45 DAYS BY JUST I DON'T KNOW I DON'T KNOW HOW FAST THEY'RE GONNA PAY I DON'T KNOW HOW FAST THEY'RE GOING TO GET THAT AID TO THESE PEOPLE EITHER THOSE QUESTIONS ARE NOT ANSWERED FOR ME I'M NOT SURE WE KNOW THE AUDIT'S NOT DONE FOR FY 22 THIS IS ANOTHER THING I FEEL LIKE IT'S AN IMPEDIMENT IF IT WAS DONE WE WOULD KNOW FOR SURE IF THERE WERE ANY MORE REVENUES THERE THAT'S POSSIBLE TO USE BUT NOTHING'S BEEN DELAYED AGAIN SO I DON'T KNOW ALL I KNOW IS THAT THERE'S NOT A SINGLE FAMILY ON GUAM THAT HAS NOT INCURRED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES BECAUSE OF THE TYPHOON THEY MIGHT GET THEIR EXPENSES REIMBURSED BY FEMA OR YOU KNOW SOME AID FROM FEMA COMING UP AND AND I HOPE THEY DO I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW FAST THAT'S GOING TO BE I HOPE IT'S GOING TO BE FAST I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH OF WHAT THEY'VE LOST THEY WILL BE I DON'T KNOW THOSE THINGS BUT THAT'S THE GOAL AND I KNOW THE 500 I WOULD I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE THEM THIS I DON'T THINK IT'S GOING TO BE ENOUGH FOR THE CAUSE THAT THEY'VE INCURRED EITHER BUT BUT IT'S FRUSTRATING TO ME THAT THAT TOO IS GOING TO SIT AROUND FOR 45 DAYS THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER SENATOR LUJAN YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS ON THE BILL.

SENATOR LUJAN: YES MR CHAIRMAN THANK YOU YOU KNOW AGAIN THE PAST THREE DAYS WE HAD HEARD THAT THERE WAS NO MONEY WE ALL KNOW AND IT'S BEEN REITERATED TIME AND TIME AGAIN THAT YES WE ALL WOULD LOVE TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO AS THIS BILL HAD SAID BUT AGAIN IT'S IT'S NOT REALITY IF WE HAD BROKEN OUT THE AGAIN THE MEDIA THE WHOLE THE FOLKS THAT RUN THE DIFFERENT AGENCIES THE ONES THAT ARE IN CHARGE THEY'RE THE EXPERTS THAT HAVE SAID THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHO TO TRUST WELL IF WE DON'T TRUST THEM THEN I GUESS WHO DO WE TRUST BUT TIME AND TIME AGAIN AND DIFFERENT BILLS WE WERE TOLD THERE WAS NO MONEY THERE'S NO MONEY THAT BEING SAID THEY'RE THE ONES THAT CONTROL THE MONEY AND YOU KNOW HEY IT'S FUNNY BECAUSE I I GOT A MESSAGE AND I TELL YOU THIS MESSAGE COMES FROM A DEMOCRAT A STRONG DEMOCRAT A PERSON THAT HAS SEEN AND BEEN WITH THE PEOPLE THROUGH TIMES OF TURMOIL TIMES JUST LIKE THIS EVEN WORSE GOVERNOR CARL GUTIERREZ AND HE

SAYS TO ME WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU GUYS DOING LEGISLATURE YOU GUYS SHOULD BE OUT WITH THE PEOPLE HELPING THE DAMN PEOPLE THE HELL ARE YOU DOING IN THERE YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU DO YOU HAVE TO BE TOLD THERE'S NO MONEY AND SAID IF THERE THERE IS MONEY WHAT THE HELL IS THIS 500 GOING TO DO IT'S THROWING MONEY AT ANY SITUATION AND YOU THINK THE PROBLEM IS GOING TO BE SOLVED HE SAID LET ME TELL YOU WHAT I WOULD DO IF I HAD 50 MILLION DOLLARS IF I HAVE 50 MILLION DOLLARS AT MY DISPOSAL WHAT I WOULD DO I'LL BUILD HOMES AND THE CLTC LOTS INCLUDING WATER SEWER AND POWER AND PAVED ROADS THAT'S WHAT I WOULD DO YOU GUYS ARE NOT DOING A DAMN THING IN THERE YOU'RE NOT HELPING THE PEOPLE BY SITTING THERE BECAUSE THERE'S NO MONEY *TĀYA' SALĀPPE KUĀNTTO BIHAHI PĀO MA SĀŃGANI NA TĀYA' SALĀPPE* YOU CAN'T TAKE THAT LIGHTLY HE'S BEEN THROUGH THIS SO IF YOU DISPUTE WHAT I'M SAYING GIVE HIM A CALL ASK HIM HE'LL TELL YOU WHAT A KNUCKLE HEAD WHO AHEAD YOU ARE BECAUSE AGAIN THIS REGARDLESS HOW WE TRY TO MAKE IT WORK WE YEAH WE WANT TO DO IT BUT IF THERE'S NO MONEY YOU CAN'T GET IT DONE I WOULD LOVE TO DRIVE A LAMBORGHINI AS WELL I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE ONE *TĀYA' SALĀPPE* CAN'T AFFORD IT REGARDLESS HOW I TRY SO AGAIN MY COLLEAGUES BEEN HERE FOR THE PAST THREE DAYS TIME AFTER TIME WE'VE BEEN TOLD HOW MANY ROUNDS HOW MANY ROUNDS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT *TĀYA' SALĀPPE* FIRST ROUND KNOCKOUT WE KEEP ROUND AND ROUND AND ROUND HOW MANY TIMES HAS PACQUIAO NEED TO PUNCH YOU OUT AND AROUND AND STILL INSIST THAT YOU STILL HAVE AN YOU KNOW ANOTHER LIFE TO LIVE IN THE NEXT ROUND SO AGAIN IT'S NOT IT'S YES DO WE WANT TO HELP ABSOLUTELY BUT DO WE WE HAVE THE FINANCIAL MEANS TO BE ABLE TO HELP THEM OF COURSE NOT WE DON'T WE DON'T IF WE DID WE WOULD HAVE BEEN IN AND OUT OF THIS THIS HALL ALREADY AT THIS POINT THE FIRST TIME THEY WOULD HAVE TOLD US THERE'S MONEY AND ALL THAT WE WOULD HAVE GONE AND VOTED ON IT ALREADY RIGHT AWAY BUT WE KEPT GOING ROUND AFTER ROUND THINKING THAT THE NEXT ROUND WOULD BE DIFFERENT THINKING THE NEXT ROUND WILL BE DIFFERENT IT DIDN'T HAPPEN DID IT AND AGAIN ONE MORE QUOTE THAT GOVERNOR GUTIERREZ SAYS GET OUT THERE AND HELP THE PEOPLE OF GUAM THAT'S WHERE YOU GUYS SHOULD BE *SA' ENĀO HA' BIDANMIMI-YU GUENĀO HĀLOM PURU HA' HAMYU FABILAS DI CHISPAS* THANK YOU VERY MUCH MR CHAIRMAN.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU PRIMO SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR BROWN YOUR COMMENTS PLEASE.

SENATOR BROWN: THANK YOU MR CHAIRMAN THAT SEEMS LIKE A VERY VERY LONG DAY HEARING THE SAME THING PLAY OVER YOU KNOW SIR CHRIS MY COLLEAGUE HERE IN FRONT OF ME TALKED ABOUT YOU KNOW WE'RE WE'RE ESSENTIALLY NOT BEING HONEST WITH THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW THAT OUR PEOPLE ALSO SAY YOU KNOW *AI MANDAGI I TALO* THEY'RE EXPECTING TO BE DISAPPOINTED BECAUSE YOU KNOW THAT'S WHY POLITICIANS HAVE SUCH A BAD REPUTATION BECAUSE WE'RE SO GOOD AT LYING THAT'S WHAT DISAPPOINTS ME ABOUT THIS BILL NOBODY NOBODY HERE DOES NOT WANT TO SERVE THE PEOPLE I MEAN I THINK THAT'S WHY WE ALL RAN THAT'S WHY WE TOLD THE PEOPLE WE RAN FOR OFFICE BUT IT'S WHEN WE PLAY ON THEIR EMOTIONS DURING A TIME OF TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE AND I DON'T KNOW ANYONE HERE WHO HASN'T WHO'S LIVED HERE FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME HASN'T GONE THROUGH THE ADVERSITIES OF TYPHOONS AND SUPER TYPHOONS BUT WHEN WE PLAY ON THEIR EMOTIONS AND THEIR NEED THAT SOMEHOW IT'S GOING TO BE OUR GREAT OUR OUR GREAT CARRYING BECAUSE WE CARE MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE HERE AND YET WE KNOW THE FINANCIAL RATE THIS WAS INEVITABLE WE KNEW THIS I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS FOR HOW LONG IT'S COMING WELL COLLEAGUES HERE JUST KEEP EYEING KEEP VOTING FOR APPROPRIATIONS LEFT RIGHT UP AND DOWN YOU KNOW APPROPRIATING IN THE GOVERNMENT IT'S NOT THAT DIFFERENT FROM APPROPRIATING OUT OF OUR OWN PERSONAL FINANCES IT'S JUST BIGGER FIGURES WHEN YOU HAVE THE MONEY YOU CAN AFFORD THINGS WHEN YOU DON'T YOU DON'T IT'S THAT SIMPLE BUT WHEN YOU TRY TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT OH IF YOU DON'T VOTE FOR THIS BILL YOU DON'T SUPPORT THE PEOPLE WHY I WAS HERE WHAT ALMOST THREE YEARS AGO OUR SPEAKER PUT FORTH THE FUNDING OF OF THE BOND THE REFINANCING OF THE BOND TO BUY FOOD FOR PEOPLE ARE PEOPLE DURING THE PANDEMIC HABA WHERE ARE WE THREE ALMOST THREE YEARS LATER DID THEY PROCESS ANY OF THAT FUNDING IT WAS UP TO FIVE MILLION DOLLARS DID THE PEOPLE GET THE FOOD BECAUSE THAT'S EVEN A MORE DIRECT NEED THAN THE MONEY THE PAPER CASH DID IT HAPPEN OH HECK NO IT DIDN'T HAPPEN DID IT AND THAT WAS LOOKED AT AND VIEWED AT THE TIME AS AN EMERGENCY I KNOW SENATOR COLLEAGUES LIKE SENATOR BLAS OVER HERE STANDING IN LINE HANDING OUT FOOD THAT DIDN'T COME FROM THE GOVERNMENT WASN'T FUNDED FROM THE GOVERNMENT DID THAT FOOD GET OUT TO THE PEOPLE SENATOR BLAS BUT THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM AND THE ADMINISTRATION COULD NOT DELIVER AND STILL TO THIS DAY IS NOT DELIVERED ON THAT SO COLLEAGUES WHO ARE WE KIDDING YOU KNOW THE PEOPLE GUAM ARE PRETTY SMART SOMETIMES WE THINK WE'RE SMARTER THAN THEM H BECAUSE OH MY GOSH THEY PUT US IN OFFICE AREN'T WE JUST GRAND I THINK A LOT OF PEOPLE WILL SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE ALREADY SEEING THROUGH THIS WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT IT WE SHOULDN'T BE PLAYING ON THEIR EMOTIONS DURING SUCH A CHALLENGING TIME NOT ONLY ARE YOU NOT GOING TO HEAR THE MONEY'S NOT HERE TODAY THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS COMING UP IN THIS BUDGET THAT WE'RE GOING TO BE IN IF YOU SHOW UP AT THE HEARINGS I'D LOVE TO SEE YOU ESPECIALLY WHEN WE HEAR LITTLE COMMENTS AND AREN'T YOU HERE TO WORK WELL YOU

CHAIRPERSONS LOOK AROUND WHO'S SITTING NEXT TO YOU TO PUBLIC HEARING MOST TIME IN ANCIENT DEMOCRATIC COLLEAGUES SITTING THERE BACKING YOU UP IT'S PROBABLY GOING TO BE ME BECAUSE THAT'S THE REALITY MR CHAIRS A LOT OF TIMES JUST YOU ME AND SENATOR TELLO BACK THERE SO LET'S CALL IT FOR WHAT IT IS I DON'T WANT THEM *MANDAGI* THE PEOPLE *MA FINA'GA'GA' I TÁOTÁO* THE PEOPLE I'M NOT HERE TO DO THAT I HAVE NO INTEREST IN THAT I THINK THAT'S THE WORST TYPE OF THING YOU CAN DO IS LIE TO YOUR OWN PEOPLE LIE TO YOUR FAMILY LIE TO PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT ARE IN NEED DURING THEIR TIME OF NEED BECAUSE YOU THINK THAT'S GOING TO ADVANCE YOUR CAREER YOUR AGENDA BECAUSE REALLY AT THE END YOU'RE DOING THE PEOPLE THE BIGGEST DISSERVICE BY BEING DISHONEST TO THEM I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING MORE TO ADD MR I DON'T SUPPORT THIS BILL I'M SADDENED BY THE END I'M SADDENED THAT WE EVEN HAD TO SPEND THE TIME TODAY AND I DON'T MIND SPENDING THE TIME I HAVEN'T MISSED A SESSION HOPE ALL OF YOU CONTINUE TO SHOW UP ON TIME FOR SESSION BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO NEED TO BE HERE TO SET YOUR QUORUM WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT OUR COLLEAGUES NOT SHOWING UP BECAUSE WE'RE GENERALLY HERE ANYTIME CALL ME I'LL BE HERE TILL THE SUN COMES UP TOMORROW I DON'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM WORKING I TOOK THIS ON TO DO THAT BUT I DON'T WANT TO BE DISHONEST IN THE PROCESS SO WITH THAT MR CHAIR I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENT ON THIS BILL THANK YOU.

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

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

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ANY COMMENTS.

VICE SPEAKER MUÑA BARNES: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MR CHAIR YOU KNOW WHEN YOU HEAR COMMENTS ABOUT WHO'S COMING TO SESSION AND WHO'S HEARING THERE FOR HEARINGS AND ALL THAT I WANT TO SAY THERE'S SOME OF US WHO LITERALLY HAD NO CHOICE RIGHT SOME OF US HAD TO TAKE CARE OF WHETHER IT BE MEDICAL ISSUES FAMILY ISSUES FAMILY EMERGENCIES AND ALL THAT MR CHAIR I I WASN'T MINCING WORDS WHEN I SAID I'M BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE AND I EVEN TOLD THE GO OD SENATOR FROM *IPAN TALO'FO'FO* THAT WOW MAN WHEN I HEARD YOU IN THE BACK SPEAKING I SAID I REALLY AGREED WITH YOU AND HE SAID MAN I AGREE WITH YOU ON A LOT OF THINGS WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE MR CHAIR WHERE BECAUSE AS MUCH AS I WANT TO GIVE THIS MONEY BECAUSE I KNOW IT COULD HELP TODAY WHAT ARE THE TIMELINES WHAT OTHER PROGRAMS THAT WE CAN WORK WITH UNCLE SAM WE'RE NOT BEGGING WHAT CAN BE AFFORDED THIS WAY FOR BEING A PART OF A JURISDICTION WHAT CAN THEY AFFORD TO GIVE MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE HAD NEED TO LOOK AT MORE IMPORTANTLY MAYBE WHAT WE NEED TO DO AS AN AUGUST BODY IS TO LOOK AT OUR OFFICES OPEN OUR DOORS TO OUR PEOPLE AND SAY IF YOU NEED HELP IN IN IN IN WORKING THE APPLICATIONS OR MAKING THE CALLS OR LOOKING AND GETTING DOCUMENTATIONS TO MAKE YOUR PACKAGE PUT IN ORDER TO SUBMIT TO FEMA TO SUBMIT TO WHEREVER YOU NEED TO SUBMIT MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO I KNOW PUBLIC DEFENDER THANK THANK YOU PUBLIC DEFENDER BECAUSE I KNOW THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT WE'VE DONE IT IN THE PAST AND IT WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL AND THAT'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO AGAIN OPEN OUR OFFICE AND SAYING IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE IN IN APPLYING FOR ALL THESE GRANTS OUR OFFICE IS OPEN BUT I'M SO TORN MR CHAIR I ALWAYS SAY I HAVE TO LOOK AT THE PRESENTATION THAT'S IN FRONT OF ME AND WHAT IS REALLY BEEN PROVIDED OR PRESENTED TO US SO MR CHAIR I WANT WITH ALL MY HEART TO SAY YES BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO GO OUT THERE AND WHILE SOME OF US ARE PASSING FOOD SOME OF US ARE OUT ON THE LINES GIVING WATER THERE'S SOME OF US WHO ARE ALSO HELPING OTHERS REBUILD AND CLEAR FROM THEIR FALLEN ROOFS THERE ARE BROOKS THAT FLEW AWAY THEIR BATHROOM ROOFS THAT JUST SMASHED IN TO THEIR WHOLE HOUSE BUT IF I THOUGHT I HAD A PROBLEM WITH TWO FEET OF FLOODING I'M NOTHING COMPARED TO MY NEIGHBORS SO YOU KNOW WHAT WE SHOULDN'T EVEN BE FIGHTING ABOUT THIS WE SHOULD SAY HOW CAN WE COME TOGETHER TO MAKE IT WORK AND IF OPENING OUR DOORS COULD HELP AND SEEING OKAY WE CAN'T GIVE YOU THE CASH LET US GIVE LET'S SEE HOW WE CAN HELP YOU FILL OUT APPLICATIONS AND GET GRANTS TOGETHER ASSISTANCE OUT THERE THEN MAYBE THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND THAT DEFINITELY DOESN'T NEED LEGISLATION SO YES MR CHAIR I'M TORN AND I'M REALLY HOPING THAT THERE'S MORE OUT THERE THAT WE CAN DO AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED AND IF THERE IS A POSSIBILITY FOR US TO GET RESOURCES FROM ANYWHERE THEN LET'S GET IT I KNOW MY TIME IS UP SOON MR OH I GOT A MINUTE LEFT BUT PLEASE NO I'M SORRY I I SAW ZERO ZERO ZERO AND I THOUGHT MY TIME WAS UP I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT THIS IS HARD THIS IS REALLY REALLY REALLY HARD THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM EVERYBODY SPEAKER SENATOR AMANDA YOUR COMMENTS ON YOUR BILL AND THEN YOU WOULD DO YOUR CLOSING AND THEN THE MOTION OKAY ARE YOU GONNA DO THE CLOSING OR YEAH AND JUST WRAP IT UP AND THEN GIVE YOUR MOTION TO RISE OR OKAY THANK YOU.

SENATOR SHELTON: UNDERSTOOD MR CHAIR *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS DISCUSSION TODAY ON BILL ONE TWO NINE AS SUBSTITUTED AND THEN THE FURTHER AMENDMENT

THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND FOR EVERYONE HERE TODAY WHO REALLY RECOGNIZES THE STRUGGLE THAT OUR FAMILIES ARE GOING THROUGH AND FOR AT LEAST HAVING US GIVING US THE TIME TO DISCUSS WHAT STEPS WE NEED TO RECOVER FROM THIS DEVASTATING TYPHOON MR CHAIR I THINK WHILE THERE ARE SOME MEMBERS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO QUESTION WHETHER OR NOT 500 IS ENOUGH TO HELP OUR FAMILIES THIS BILL RECOGNIZES THAT WE GIVE WHAT WE CAN WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES AND OBLIGATIONS WE HAVE AVAILABLE AS A GOVERNMENT AND WHAT I HEARD TODAY WAS THAT AS THINGS ARE WE CAN'T YESTERDAY WE PASSED A BILL AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO USE 50 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH INCLUDES INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WE HAVE A RAINY DAY FUND WITH SEVERAL MILLION DOLLARS THERE FOR EXACTLY A PURPOSE LIKE THIS A RAINY DAY THE DEVASTATION OF A SUPER TYPHOON AND FOR THOSE WHO WERE SPEAKING ABOUT THE TIMELINE OF HOW THIS MONEY COULD GET OUT TO THE PEOPLE THOUGH DRT DID EXPRESS THAT THEY'D LIKE MORE TIME TO HAVE TO SET UP THIS PROGRAM IT WASN'T IT WAS NOT AMENDED IN THE BILL IT STILL PROVIDES FOR 14 DAYS TWO WEEKS FOR THIS MONEY TO START BEING DISSEMINATED TO TAXPAYERS AND ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS AND I HOPE THAT THEY CAN DO IT FASTER BECAUSE THEY SAID THE ALL RISE PROGRAM WENT OUT IN 10 DAYS SO I BELIEVE THAT OUR GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ARE CAPABLE OF DOING SUCH A THING THIS BILL AS WAS DISCUSSED HERE TODAY DOES GIVE THE GOVERNOR DOES GIVE THE ADMINISTRATION THE LATITUDE TO IDENTIFY THE FUNDING FOR THIS EFFORT AND IT'S INCUMBENT UPON US TO MANDATE WHAT WE PRIORITIZE FOR OUR PEOPLE AND I THINK THAT WE ALL AGREE WE WANT TO HELP OUR PEOPLE AND SO THERE MAY BE FEMA MONEY AND RED CROSS MONEY AND ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANTS ALL WERE MENTIONED HERE TODAY WE DON'T KNOW THE TIMELINE THAT THESE THINGS WILL COME IN BUT WE HAVE A BILL BEFORE US THAT WILL ENSURE IN TWO WEEKS TIME OUR COMMUNITY THE PEOPLE OF OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE SUFFERED WILL START RECEIVING THESE ONE-TIME 500 DOLLAR PAYMENTS AND WE'VE HAD OUR WE WENT THROUGH SO MANY DIFFERENT FUNDING SOURCES AND THERE ARE MANY OTHERS THAT WE CAN TALK ABOUT AND GO THROUGH LINE BY LINE EVERY APPROPRIATION TO LOOK FOR EVERY PENNY THAT HAS NOT YET BEEN SPENT THAT CAN BE PLACED BE REPLACED WITH ARPA MONEY IT IT WAS SAID IT CAN'T BE DONE IT WAS NOT SAID THAT IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO DO IT WOULD BE TOUGH IT WOULD BE A HARD TIME BUT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE GOING THROUGH A HARD TIME SO THIS IS OUR CHANCE TO ROLL UP OUR SLEEVES I'VE HEARD MANY COMMENTS ABOUT SITTING HERE FOR THREE DAYS SITTING HERE IN THIS HALL IS WHAT OUR JOB IS TO DISCUSS TO DEBATE TO DELIBERATE TO CREATE THE POLICY THAT HELPS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO AGAIN I AM GRATEFUL THAT WE HAD THIS OPPORTUNITY AND AS ONE OF OUR COLLEAGUES HERE MY GOOD FRIEND FROM TO MONGMONG TOTO MAITE HIS HIS CAMPAIGN SLOGAN WAS WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY AND I THINK THAT IF WE HAVE THE WILL TODAY TO PASS THIS BILL THERE WILL BE A WAY TO PAY OUR PEOPLE AGAIN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS NOT A LOT OF MONEY WE KNOW THAT WE COULD USE THAT MONEY REALLY QUICKLY THE AMOUNT OF LOSS IS GREATER THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS BUT I'M PLEADING WITH OUR COLLEAGUES TO RECOGNIZE TO REMEMBER THE SUFFERING THAT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM ARE GOING THROUGH TODAY AND NOT WAIT FOR TOMORROW NOT WAIT FOR UNCLE SAM NOT WAIT FOR THE FEDERAL ASSISTANCE TO KICK IN BECAUSE OUR PRIORITY HERE IS THE PEOPLE OF GUAM SO I'M SORRY TO EVERYONE WHO THINKS THAT THIS HAS BEEN A WASTE OF TIME TO TALK ABOUT THE PEOPLE OF GUAM AND THE SUFFERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GUAM BUT I HOPE THAT OUR COLLEAGUES TODAY WILL SEE THAT WE CAN DO SOMETHING AND I PLEAD WITH YOU ALL TO VOTE IN SUPPORT OF THIS BILL THANK YOU MR CHAIR.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU AND YOU HAVE A MOTION.

SENATOR SHELTON: YES MR CHAIR I MOVED TO RISE OUT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO PLACE BILL 129-37 AS SUBSTITUTED AND FURTHER AMENDED ON THE FLOOR IN THE THIRD READING FILE FOR CONSIDERATION.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: MY COLLEAGUES ON THE MOTION THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE BILL 129 THAT'S 37 LS A SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR AND A MAN IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLE ON THE THIRD READING FALL ARE THERE ANY OBJECTION HEARING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES NOW NOW TO RISE NOW YOU HAVE TO ASK ME THE RISE.

SENATOR SHELTON: I BELIEVE IT WAS IN MY MY INITIAL MOTION BUT MR CHAIR I MOVED TO RISE FROM THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

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

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NO OBJECTION MR CHAIRMAN BUT JUST TO CLARIFY WE'RE GONNA VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT PLEASE.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: OKAY WELL WHEN WE GET TO THAT.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: YEAH THANK YOU..

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: WHEN I REPORT IT OUT

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THANK YOU.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: ALL RIGHT THANK YOU NO OBJECTION WE'RE GOING TO RECESS AT THIS TIME.

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SPEAKER TERLAJE: WE'RE BACK FROM RECESS WE'RE NOW IN THE CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE ONLY HAVE ITEMS IN THE THIRD READING FILE I'M SORRY WE'RE STILL IN SECOND READING AS SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I WISH TO REPORT BACK TO THE BODY AFTER THE DELIBERATION ON BILL 129-37 LS AS SUBSTITUTE ON THE FLOOR AND AMENDED IN THE COMMUNITY OF THE WHOLE WITH A RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO PLACE ON THE THIRD READING FILE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING THE OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES.

SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN: AND IF POSSIBLE MADAM SPEAKER THAT WE VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO VOTE WITHOUT ENGROSSMENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES ALL RIGHT WE'RE NOW ON THE CONSIDERATION OF DAILY FILE THE THIRD READING FILE IS ONE ITEM THAT IS BILL NUMBER 129-37 LS CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE SENATOR SENATOR MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT FOR THE VOTE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ON THAT MOTION TO EXCUSE MEMBERS NOT PRESENT IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING AN OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES CLERKS PLEASE READ THE TITLE.

CLERKS: BILL NUMBER 129-37 LS AS SUBSTITUTED ON THE FLOOR AND AMENDED IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE INTRODUCED BY AMANDA L SHELTON ROY A B QUINATA WILLIAM A PARKINSON DWAYNE TD SAN NICOLAS AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE *I MAGA'HÁGAN GUÁHAN* TO UTILIZE UP TO 50 MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR A POST TYPHOON MAWAR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR OUR GUAM FAMILIES.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: ROLL CALL.

CLERKS: SENATOR BARNETT SENATOR BARNETT NAY SENATOR BLAS SENATOR BLAS NAY SENATOR BROWN SENATOR BROWN NAY SENATOR DUEÑAS SENATOR DUEÑAS NAY SENATOR FISHER SENATOR FISHER NAY SENATOR LUJAN SENATOR LUJAN NAY VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES PASS SENATOR PARKINSON SENATOR PARKINSON AYE SENATOR PEREZ SENATOR PEREZ EXCUSE SENATOR QUINATA SENATOR QUINATA AYE SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN SENATOR SAN AGUSTIN NAY SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS SENATOR SAN NICHOLAS AYE SENATOR SHELTON SENATOR SHELTON AYE SENATOR TAITAGUE SENATOR TAITAGUE NAY SPEAKER TERLAJE SPEAKER TERLAJE AYE VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES PASS VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES VICE SPEAKER MUNA BARNES PASS/NAY.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: BILL NUMBER 129-37 LS RECEIVED FIVE AYES NINE NAYS AND ONE EXCUSED BILL NUMBER 129-37 LS FAILED BY THE BODY THAT CONCLUDES OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE DAILY FILE WE'RE NOW ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS WOULD ANYONE LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR PARKINSON YOU ARE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR PARKINSON: WELL THAT WAS A FUN SESSION VERY INTERESTING A LITTLE DISAPPOINTED WE WEREN'T ABLE TO GET THE THE LOCAL STIMULUS DONE FOR PEOPLE I KNOW THERE'S TALK UP AND DOWN THAT WE CAN'T DO IT WE CAN'T AFFORD IT WE CAN'T DO IT BUT I MEAN THIS IS A BODY THAT YOU KNOW QUESTIONED HOW SMART IT WOULD BE TO GIVE STRIP CLUBS AND ROLEX DEALERS A HANDOUT AND WE ALL UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO GIVE THEM A HANDOUT BUT WHEN IT TIMES TO HELP THE PEOPLE WE HAVE NO WAY TO GET CREATIVE AND SO FOR ME THAT'S A LITTLE BIT DISAPPOINTING BUT I KNOW THAT WHEN I PURSUED THIS OFFICE I HAD PROMISED THE PEOPLE THAT IF I HAD EVER BEEN AN OPPORTUNITY TO PUT MONEY IN THEIR POCKET THAT I WOULD GO TO IN SUPPORT OF THAT AND I HAVE DONE SO TODAY I HOPE THAT MAY BE IN THE FUTURE WE COULD RECONSIDER THIS BILL BECAUSE YOU KNOW RECOVERY IS NOT GOING TO HAPPEN OVERNIGHT AND IF WE DO FIND THE FUNDS I WOULD LIKE YOU KNOW JUST LIKE I'D LIKE TO GIVE THE LAND BACK TO ORIGINAL

LANDLORDS I'D LIKE TO GIVE THE MONEY TO THE PEOPLE BUT YOU KNOW NOBODY GOVERNS A LOAN AND THIS BODY CHOSE AS A WHOLE NOT TO DO IT AND WE GOT TO RESPECT THAT YOU KNOW WE'LL GUAM IS GOING TO BE FINE WE'RE ALL GOING TO BE OKAY WE'RE ALL GOING TO WORK TOGETHER AND SO LET'S ALL JUST RELAX A LITTLE BIT LET'S RELAX AND REMEMBER WE'RE ALL TRYING TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GUAM EVEN THOUGH WE MIGHT DISAGREE ON HOW TO GET THERE BUT WE GOT THIS GUAM WE GOT THIS THIS TOO WILL PASS THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME MADAM SPEAKER.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR PARKINSON ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IS THERE ANYONE WHO'D LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED SENATOR BARNETT YOU'RE RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR BARNETT: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I'D LIKE TO THANK THE PANEL THAT WAS PRESENT TODAY AND I'D LIKE TO ALSO THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR AS MUCH AS I KNOW SOME OF THEM DIDN'T WANT TO FOR SITTING THROUGH THIS PROCESS AND BRINGING US TO THE END HERE I KNOW WE ALL WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE THERE'S NO DOUBT IN MY MIND THAT EVERYBODY ON BOTH SIDES OF THIS I WANT TO HELP THE PEOPLE AND I THINK THAT WE HAVE HELPED THE PEOPLE WE'VE HELPED THE PEOPLE WITH A GREAT ENERGY CREDIT RELIEF PROGRAM EXTENSION WE'VE HELPED OUR BUSINESSES WITH THE LEAP PROGRAM WE HELP THE HARDEST WORKING EMPLOYEES IN THE GOVERNMENT OF GUAM WITH A LONG OVERDUE 22 PERCENT PAY RAISE SO I CAN CONFIDENTLY SAY THAT THIS BODY HAS HELPED THE PEOPLE BUT THE THE PRICE THE COST OF US HELPING YOU TODAY WITH THIS BILL I JUST FEEL WOULD BE TOO GREAT TOO RISKY AND JUST NOT SECURE ENOUGH BECAUSE AGAIN OF THE TIMELINES THAT WE HEARD AND AND REALLY THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHERE THIS MONEY WOULD COME FROM I FEEL LIKE THE FIRST PLACE THEY WOULD TAKE WOULD BE FROM THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AS WE WE HAVE HEARD FROM THIS ADMINISTRATION'S OWN MONEY MAN AND DIFFERENT HEARINGS THAT THEY FELT LIKE THAT 20 MILLION DOLLARS THAT WE WORKED HARD TO GIVE TO THE GUAM DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHOULD BE USED IN IN OTHER WAYS AND IN OTHER PLACES AND I COMPLETELY DISAGREE ESPECIALLY NOW THAT THE STATE OF OUR SCHOOLS IS THE WORSE OFF THAN IT WAS BEFORE THE TYPHOON AND THAT 20 MILLION DOLLARS COULD GO A LONG WAY TO HELPING REPAIR OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM BECAUSE IF WE USE THAT 20 MILLION DOLLARS TO REPAIR DAMAGES FROM TYPHOON MAWAR AND WE GET THAT 75-25 SPLIT WITH FEMA OR THAT 90 10 SPLIT WITH FEMA WE CAN END UP MULTIPLYING THAT MONEY SO AGAIN I WASN'T TRYING TO *FAGAGA* ANYONE EVERYONE WHO ASKED ME ABOUT THIS 500 AND WHETHER OR NOT WE WOULD GET IT DID NOT GET A YES FROM ME WHAT THEY GOT WAS THAT WE'RE GOING TO GO IN THERE AND WE'RE GOING TO ASK THE QUESTIONS AND WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT IF IT'S DOABLE BECAUSE THE LAST THING I WANT TO DO IS GIVE YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TODAY AND TAKE A THOUSAND FROM YOU TOMORROW TO GIVE YOU 500 TODAY AND AND HAVE TO TAKE BACK YOUR ENERGY CREDIT TO GIVE YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TODAY AND HAVE TO TAKE BACK YOUR LEAP TO GIVE YOU FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS TODAY AND WHEN THE SMOKE CLEARS AND UNCLE SAM AND FEMA AND RED CROSS AND ALL THESE PEOPLE ARE HERE TODAY WHEN THEY GO TO HAVE TO TAKE BACK YOUR 22 PERCENT SO WE HAVE WE HAVE A GOOD RECORD IN THIS BODY THIS LEGISLATURE OF HELPING THE PEOPLE WE HAVE HELPED THE PEOPLE TO THE TUNE OF TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN IN DIFFERENT TYPES OF RELIEF BUT I'M SORRY LAI I'M SORRY THAT WE CANNOT HELP YOU TODAY BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT HELP IS NOT ON THE WAY AND THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF HELP ON THE WAY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT I'M HEARING AS AS EARLY AS NEXT WEEK THEY'RE GOING TO SET UP THESE SATELLITE STATIONS WHERE OUR PEOPLE CAN AVAIL OF ASSISTANCE THEY CAN AVAIL OF AID FROM A SOURCE THAT WILL NOT GO UNDER BY HELPING THEM AND IF WE COULD HAVE GOT YOU THIS 500 QUICKER THAN UNCLE SAM I WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY SUPPORTED THIS MEASURE BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT THE URGENCY BUT LANYAT IF WE'RE GOING TO BANKRUPT THE GOVERNMENT TO GIVE YOU 500 AFTER YOU'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THOUSANDS FROM UNCLE SAM AND THEN DOWN THE ROAD WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO TO 32-HOUR WORK WEEK FURLOUGH LAYOFFS RESCINDING THE APPROPRIATIONS THE PROGRAMS THAT WE WORKED HARD TO PASS FOR YOU I DON'T THINK THAT'S HELPING YOU I THINK THAT'S HURTING YOU AND SO AGAIN I WANNA I WANNA COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES FOR SITTING THROUGH THIS PROCESS BUT I ALSO WANNA BE CRITICAL OF THEM BECAUSE I I DIDN'T LIKE THE THE WAY WE DEALT WITH EACH OTHER IN THIS WEEK YOU KNOW AT A TIME WHEN THE THE PEOPLE OF GUAM DESERVE TO SEE UNITY EVEN IF WE DISAGREE WITH THE POLICIES AND THE IDEAS THAT WE'RE PUTTING FORTH WHEN THE PEOPLE OF GUAM NEEDED TO SEE UNITY WHAT THEY SAW WAS DIVISION WHAT THEY SAW WAS HECKLING WHAT THEY SAW WAS YELLING WHAT THEY SAW WAS ONE THING TO DISAGREE BUT TO TURN IT PERSONAL I DON'T THINK IS WARRANTED AND I'M A CRITICAL PERSON BUT JUST NOT COMFORTABLE WITH SOME OF THE THE BULLYING AND THE NAME CALLING THAT IS THAT HAS GONE ON YOU KNOW IF WE'RE GONNA DISAGREE LET'S DISAGREE IN A IN A PROFESSIONAL WAY I THINK THE PEOPLE AT GUAM DESERVE THAT SO THANK YOU AGAIN MADAM CHAIR AND AGAIN THANK YOU TO THIS BODY FOR ALLOWING US TO DO OUR JOB THIS WEEK *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*'.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE*' SENATOR BARNETT ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS SENATOR DUEÑAS YOU ARE RECOGNIZE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* MADAM CHAIR I WAS HOPING TO GO JOIN MY STAFF FOR HELPING THE MAYORS WHO ARE PROCESSING PAPERWORK WHO ARE GOING AND VISITING EVERY MAYOR'S OFFICE TOMORROW I WANT TO GO FIND WHEREVER I CAN GO TO HELP THE PEOPLE I DIDN'T WANT TO MAKE A COMMENT BUT I'M JUST GOING TO SAY BECAUSE OF THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER'S COMMENTS LISTEN IT'S NOT DISRESPECTFUL WHEN WE GO BACK AND FORTH HERE AND THIS BODY WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING THAT'S PRESENTED TO THE PEOPLE AND WE SAY WE'RE DOING OUR JOB BUT WE KNOW FULL WELL THAT WE CAN'T DO IT THERE'S NOTHING WORSE AND THE PASSION THAT AROSE IN ME TO ARGUE ABOUT THIS IS BECAUSE PEOPLE HONESTLY ARE EXPECTING THIS THAT'S THE MOST DISRESPECTFUL THING THAT WE CAN DO YOU KNOW I'M PROUD OF THIS BODY BECAUSE SOMETIMES I'VE SEEN THIS BODY SIT DOWN AND SIT ON THEIR HANDS AND TRY TO FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO BECAUSE IT'S SO POLITICALLY TERRIBLE TO SAY NO TO SOMETHING THAT'S SO ATTRACTIVE AND A LOT OF TIMES MADAM SPEAKER PEOPLE WOULDN'T SPEAK UP BUT THEN DEFICITS STARTED TO MOUNT AND WE SPEND BEYOND OUR MEANS AND WE RUN THIS GOVERNMENT INTO THE GROUND AND WE HAVE ALL THIS MONEY MADAM SPEAKER FOR OPERATE OR FOR FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS BUT THE SCHOOLS FALL APART WE HAVE ALL THIS MONEY FOR SALARIES AND BENEFITS BUT OUR INFRASTRUCTURE SUFFERS WE HAVE ALL THIS MONEY TO CONTINUE TO TELL PEOPLE I WANT TO HELP YOU I'M GONNA GIVE YOU MORE GIVE YOU MORE GIVE YOU MORE IT IS THE MOST SATISFYING CANDY THAT WE CAN EVER DO UNDER THE GUISE OF WE'RE GOING TO HELP YOU BUT IN THE BACKDROP ALWAYS KNOWING THAT WHAT'S GOING TO SUFFER THERE'S GOING TO BE NO MONEY FOR OPERATIONS THERE'S GOING TO BE NO MONEY FOR EQUIPMENT THERE'S GOING TO BE NO MONEY FOR SUPPLIES THERE'S GOING TO BE PUBLIC WORKS THAT USED TO HAVE A THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY EMPLOYEES THAT TODAY HAS 270 EMPLOYEES AND A HUNDRED OF THEM ARE BUS DRIVERS AND A LOT OF THEM SPEND THEIR OWN MONEY FOR TOOLS TO FIX THINGS *PURA MA PROMESA* I'M PROUD OF THIS BODY FOR FINALLY STANDING UP AND SAYING *BÅSTA* YES I SAID IT WITH PASSION YES I WAS DISAGREEABLE IN THIS TERM I'VE SEEN EVERYBODY BE DISAGREEABLE DON'T TELL ME THAT BUT ALSO DON'T TELL ME THAT YOU THOSE YOU DON'T ELICIT THOSE THINGS FROM YOUR FROM YOUR MEMBERS WHEN YOU MAKE *PROMESA* ONLY TO KNOW THAT YOU'RE COVERING YOURSELF BY SAYING *OBMRE CHAGI* I TRIED NO THAT'S WRONG THIS BODY'S GOT TO STOP THAT WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO INTRODUCE A BILL MAKE SURE YOU HAVE A FUNDING SOURCE MY GOODNESS AT LEAST HAVE THE RESPECT TO HAVE A FISCAL NOTE ATTACHED TO IT THAT'S WHY YOU SAW THIS HAPPEN HERE MADAM SPEAKER BECAUSE EVERYBODY KNOWS IF THE MONEY WAS HERE DOG GONE IT WILL ALL BE LINING UP TO DO IT BUT IT WASN'T THERE FROM THE BEGINNING SO I TAKE EXCEPTION TO MY COLLEAGUE WHO I THINK I'VE WORKED WELL WITH SINCE WE'VE BEEN IN THIS BODY BUT IF WE'RE GOING TO KEEP THIS UP I'M GOING TO KEEP ON STANDING UP AND I HOPE THE REST OF US DO TOO TO KEEP ON STANDING UP TO THESE CHRISTMAS TREE APPROPRIATIONS ALL THE TIME THINKING THAT EVERYTHING IS WONDERFUL AND BEAUTIFUL AND THEN WHAT DO WE DO IT'S WHAT THIS BODY IS ABOUT IT'S A THIS DELIBERATIVE BODY IT'S DEBATE THIS IS THE KITCHEN IT'S GONNA GET HOT A LOT IT'S GONNA GET REALLY HOT AND IT'S GOING TO STAY *MAIPE MAIPE* GUAM IS HOT *MAIPE* LEGISLATURE *MAIPE* SO YOU WANT TO HANG IN THE KITCHEN GET READY FOR THE HEAT THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

SENATOR BARNETT: I'M SORRY MADAM SPEAKER CAN I TAKE A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY WHAT I MEANT I I'M NOT SURE IF THE SPEAKER WHO JUST SPOKE UNDERSTOOD MY COMMENTS I'M FINE WITH DEBATE I'M FINE WITH DISAGREEING BUT I'M NOT WHAT I'M NOT OKAY WITH IS IS PEOPLE TALKING OFF MIC PEOPLE JEERING WHEN PEOPLE ARE TALKING JUST GENERAL RUDENESS AND DISRESPECTFUL IT'S ONE THING TO DISAGREE IT'S FINE RIGHT AND I ACTUALLY VOTED THE SAME WAY AS THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER BUT I JUST WANT TO STATE FOR THE RECORD THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT AND THE VIEWERS WHO ARE WATCHING THEY MIGHT NOT HEAR IT BECAUSE YOU KNOW A LOT OF THIS HAPPENS OFF THE MIC AND YOU DON'T CATCH IT ON THE AUDIO STREAM BUT I'M JUST THAT'S WHAT I'M.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU SENATOR.

SENATOR BARNETT: REFERENCING MADAM SPEAKER WITH ALL DUE RESPECT.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU ANY OTHER.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: POINT OF PRIVILEGE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: THERES THERES NOBODY WITH THE ANGEL WINGS AROUND HERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: PARDON.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: MADAM SPEAKER WITH ANGEL WINGS AROUND HERE I FEAR JEERING AND COMMENTS.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: THANK YOU.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: IT'S NOT UNPRECEDENTED THERE'S.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANYONE.

SENATOR DUEÑAS: NO ANGELS HERE.

SPEAKER TERLAJE: IS THERE ANYONE ON BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS ANYONE IT'S BRIEF EXTENSION OF REMARKS IF NOT THEN ARE THERE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS IF NOT MAJORITY LEADER SENATOR SHELTON YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

SENATOR SHELTON: THANK YOU MADAM SPEAKER I MOVED 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 IN TODAY'S EMERGENCY SESSION IS THERE ANY OBJECTION SEEING NO OBJECTION MOTION CARRIES WE ARE ADJOURNED *SI YU'OS MA'ÁSE'* COLLEAGUES.